

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting of June 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Brian Clark at 7 p.m. at the UU center. The Flag salute was recited.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved

Treasurer Dorothy Yetter chaired the election for election of Chair. Nominations were open. Brian Clark was nominated. No one else was nominated. Brian was elected Chair.

Dorothy asked that Howard Owens name be removed from the Bank of Cascades account and Brian's name be added.

Dixie so moved. Motion was carried. Control of the meeting returned to Chair Brian Clark.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chair. David Smith was nominated and refused nomination. Gary Eby was nominated. He was elected.

An alternate is needed for State Central Committee delegate. Anita Savio, Precinct Committee person from Cave Junction and Co-chair of Resist volunteered. She was elected. She also recommended THE RIGHTEOUS MIND by Haidt.

Precinct Committee Persons Linda and Don Demsher were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RESIST: Gary Eby said "It's not just being against things. We take a stand on human rights, March for Truth and transparency and much more." He encouraged everyone to write or call their state legislators to pass the National Popular Vote H.B. 2927. It is blocked in the Senate Rules Committee. Contact members to bring it to a vote.

ILLINOIS VALLEY ACTIVITIES: Nicole Rensenbrink reported that Indivisible and Resist meet the last Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition

Sheri Morin has stepped down as Precinct Committee Persons Chair. She reported that the Democratic float and group of 19 in the Boatnik parade were well-received. Re: Fair Booth: She will bring a sign-up sheet to the July meeting and sign up volunteers. "We will be bold and loud. We will need bumper stickers, shirts caps, etc. (Shirts are available at today's meeting.)

Jean Mount reported on gold mining along Graves Creek. Placer mining is being done in Brimstone Gulch in Sunny Valley. Full review needs to be done to be sure they are following criteria. Please attend the meeting on O SB 432 and encourage a NO vote. We need our land use regulations to protect our lands, forests and farmland.

David Smith of ROGUE INDIVISIBLE announced an open invitation to candidates Meet and Greets. On **Tuesday June 20, 6-7 pm** Chris Van Dyke (son of Dick Van Dyke) will be at the UU meeting hall. He is running for Greg Walden's seat.

JAY MEREDITH, President of Securing our Safety spoke. He spoke about the levy and that there is still work needed: opiate and heroin use is high. The new Treatment enter is already serving 235 people (methadone and naxalone). Out patient helps people overcome their addiction. They are planning a residential treatment center

For those concerned about City and County budgets, go online to Grants Pass City website. Cheryl corroborated that the County budget is also easily accessible online.

Jay said police and firemen have different skill sets. An independent fire district would cost almost the same as what it is today and it would have to have a funding source.

Brian announced that it is time to clean the HIGHWAY again: **Saturday, July 8** beginning between 8-9. Meet at the Hubbard Lane pull out.

The OFFICE on 7th and C (513 NE 7th St), gray building above the dog grooming place just needs a little painting in order to open. We could use a desk, a vacuum cleaner (for carpeting), a mini-fridge, printer, bookshelves and maybe a sofa.

PCPs: There will be **Voter Action Network training this Saturday at 9:45 at** Brian's at 448 Irena Rd. in Colonial Valley. If you prefer to look at it at home, call Dorothy. It will also be recorded. Neighborhood leader program is 1 hr., training in VAN is 2 hours.

Dorothy passed out a list of issues and asked us to pick 3 to concentrate on. Top choices were

- Climate Change
- Electing a Democrat to replace Greg Walden, supporting Peter de Fazio and
- Health Care

Dorothy led a discussion of a possible Fundraiser Sept. 23 or Sept. 30 with a speaker.

Pat Rickert won the 50-50 and donated it back to the Party. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Pat Bath, Secretary