

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES for MAY 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by chair Howard Owens at the UU Center.

The pledge was recited.

Minutes on the website were approved.

Treasurer report was approved as placed on the website.

Howard said we need to keep an eye on our new Oregon Republican Secretary of State who will be in charge of election. We need more young people. PCPs need to know their neighborhoods. We need more PCPs.

**Howard announced that he is stepping down as chair** due to health reasons. Vice-Chair Brian Clark will step up as chair but **we need to have elections at the next meeting.** Brian will be running. If anyone else wants to run.... Only Precinct Committee Persons will be allowed to vote as per our by-laws.

We also **need a new alternate for Congressional District 4** to attend meetings.

OFFICE: The leak has been fixed so we can paint the inside and add furniture. People are encouraged to bring it, especially a desk and probably a couch if there's room. It is upstairs at 714 C St. on the corner of C and 7th. We will want a banner or sign for it.

FINANCE REPORT: **The budget was presented.** After discussion, Connie moved the budget be approved. **The motion was carried.**

We need ongoing phone banks to call Democrats county-wide and hear their thoughts on health care, tax reform, etc. What do they think about our local party? What we are doing as a party— Our goal is to HELP MIDDLE CLASS WORKING FAMILIES. People can contribute thru Act Blue.

A food event at someone's house would be good or here. Aim for 100 people. Maybe have a speaker Skype how about Obama? Need merchandise, swag, shirts pins, bumper stickers. Hopefully raise \$5000.

BOATNIK: We need people to decorate and march or ride on the truck.

Communications: We need an audit committee (or an audit?). Finance committee members cannot be on the audit committee.

We need a parliamentarian.

RESIST: Gary Eby is working with us. Anita is Resist Co-Chair. Resist meetings are once a month: Resist Trump. He is also working in the Illinois Valley. They plan to have a march there and hope we will join them.

INDIVISIBLE: David said there goals are tolerance, respect, dignity, protecting rights “of the people, by the people, for the people, people”—to get people involved in government. Indivisible is non-partisan. There are 2000 Indivisible members in Ashland and 100 Indivisible groups in Oregon. There were 650 at the Boys and Girls club for Rogue Indivisible. There are 5800 groups nationwide.

RALLY June 25, 3-5 at GPHS Commons to talk about how to be activists, how to be effective in creating change.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN will meet Thursday, June 25 at Black Forest. Jerry Reed will lead discussion on Health Care for All Oregon and Single Payer and show the movie Fix-it.

There will be a march in Eugene on June 3 to make sure the Russian investigation is not shut down.

Kevin reminded us to use the word **DEMOCRATIC** instead of Democrat whenever possible.

Jason reminded everyone to vote for the **library**. Only 15% have voted so far. You can help canvas or call from home or the library campaign office.

BOATNIK: Shari will let us know what time to meet on **May 27**. We will need to decorate the day before and a place to PARK the night before.

Lynda Spangler encouraged people to attend the County Commissioners meetings every Wednesday at 9 a.m at Ann Basket except the 2nd Wednesday when it is at 5:30 p.m.

We asked our two young attendees to speak. He said they are most concerned about Climate Change and the Russian connection. We decided to have **pizza, beer, wine and soda** at the next meeting and encouraged young people to attend!

Margie Clark won the 50-50 and donated her share back to the party.

Pat Bath, Secretary