

I didn't catch who Seconded Deanna's motion to send the list out. I also am not positive Chris Harmon seconded my motion to amend Deanna's motion. There are several motions I didn't catch the names. -Greg

Also, I'm not sure when Kay and Vanessa arrived. We had 13 present at the start of the meeting and 16 at the end. -Greg

**Johnson County Democratic Party    Committee Meeting Minutes**  
● May 2, 2017 ●

**Call to Order**

Allegiance to the US Flag, with justice for all, was pledged by those present. Sign-in sheet was mentioned and circulated. Introductions were made around the table. Thirteen present including elected officers.

**Announcements**

Next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2017. There will be a speaker/guest from from Wyoming Democrat Party leadership office; likely that he will discuss WDP plans for upcoming primary, finances, county-level organizing and support.

July meeting is scheduled to fall on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion and second to change July meeting to 11th from 4<sup>th</sup> passed unanimously.

July 15 is date set for Thermopolis WDP Central Committee meeting to take place in Thermopolis. Apparently at the Quality Inn where there will be a block of rooms rentable to meeting attendees. All are invited and encouraged to attend. All can speak. Votes, however, are limited to Chair, Vice-chair, Committeeman and Committeewoman from counties.

Will Cox asked if Mary Throne is planning on a run for Governor. Chairman McIntyre indicated Mary Throne does plan on a run.

Discussion about possible locations for JC Dems to hold events. Carol Cox will begin generating a list of possible locations and return that to Chairman McIntyre before next meeting.

**Old Business**

Motion made by Joanna Taylor and seconded by Will Cox to accept the April 4, 2017 minutes as presented by Sec'y Haas. Haas read aloud the minutes of April 4, 2017 meeting. Discussion about how minutes were sent electronically and it is still a good idea to have at least one or two hard copies available during the discussion to approve. Motion passed with none opposed.

Treasurer Shell reported no payouts since last meeting. \$100.00 contribution/donation was received. Checking account balance is \$959.78. Will Cox moved to accept Treasurer's report. John O'Laughlin seconded. Motion passed with none opposed.

New precinct committeewoman, Deanna Wyssmann, from precinct 2-14 arrived earlier in the meeting and was introduced.

Review/Description of Central Committee meeting that took place in Sheridan on April 8, 2017. New leadership was elected. There was a mixture of positive movement forward as well as some animosity among a few. The Nellie Tayloe Ross fundraising dinner was in a smaller room than in Cheyenne. Revenue raised was likely less than in recent years. There was a "manual" for organizing at county and state levels was introduced at the April 8 Central Committee Meeting. Copies were given to all County Chairs. This book can be described as a road map for creating and strengthening county parties and is seen as a strong, helpful resource as we resume local activity. Chairman McIntyre noted

some grim election results and said this "manual" may be a great help overcoming some of the bleak numbers we faced in 2016.

A question was posed about advertising. A short discussion was held about current plans for increasing awareness of both the meetings and the presence of Democrats in Johnson County (see previous minutes).

Sec'y Haas reported latest regarding ActionNetwork and which tools would be used in the coming weeks. For the short term, the ActionNetwork will be a top down tool, primarily used by County Officers to push out information to the membership and be complimented by those familiar means of communicating and organizing already in use by the local Democrats. The tool is still being evaluated. Haas thinks the use of ActionNetwork will become more efficient and will expand in scope. It does not seem intended to be used as an organization's sole "web presence". Discussion was held about the rich set of digital and other tech solutions for attracting and including more people, organizing current people and activities.

### **New Business and Information**

Greg volunteered to create a website form (via ActionNetwork) to collect contact info and preference for those interested in Johnson County Democratic activities.

Chair introduced intent and desire to populate precinct map with as many precinct committee people as possible.

Deanna Wyssmann moved to have sent, a spreadsheet of Democratic registered voters, to all members. Discussion was held regarding sensitivity required with this list. Will Cox volunteered to check with the JC Clerk on the legality of sharing the list among JC Dems membership. Discussion was held regarding ethics and risks of "outing" people as Democrats, especially business owners. Greg Haas moved to amend the motion such that the spreadsheet is sent only to precinct committee persons. Motion to amend was seconded by Chris Harmon and passed with no votes opposed. Amended motion also passed, by voice vote, as amended.

Due to the late hour, the fundraising topic was tabled, to be added to agenda for next meeting.

Treasurer Shell shared information regarding where to send checks and donations as follows:

Make checks payable to: Johnson County Democrats

and send them to:

P.O. Box 565

Buffalo, WY 82834

Next meeting scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm at the Bomber Mtn Civic Center.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Haas, Secretary