

Johnson County Democratic Party Committee Meeting Minutes
● October 3, 2017 ●

Call to Order

Called to order by Vice-Chair Laura Harmon at 7:01 PM. Allegiance to Flag of the Republic pledged by all present. A sign-sheet was circulated. 9 in attendance.

Reports

Motion by Lois to accept and approve minutes of Sept 5th meeting as presented by Secretary Haas. Seconded by Claudia, passed, following no discussion, by voice vote with none opposed.

Treasurer Shell reported \$101.00 collected during last meeting's hat-pass. The total checking balance stands at \$1922.78. Motion by Greg to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Lois, passed by voice vote with none opposed.

Old Business

Jim Shell reported on voter registration booth at "Oktoberfest" last month. It was cold. Not many participants at the "fest". 5 or 6 JC Dems showed up to set up and staff the booth. The notary public who'd agreed to help had not obtained her stamp in time and actual registrations could be completed. No registrations were gained. At least one new Johnson County resident promised to register to vote the next Monday. Good conversations were had with visitors to the booth. Greg shared there was no ACA information at the booth but there was some Wyoming Promise swag and a petition. Greg, and others, agreed this was probably not advisable to repeat; Wyoming Promise is not a partisan issue and should have been under separate cover. Laura asked about Wyoming Promise. Lois gave a brief description and requested more time to discuss during the comments portion of this meeting.

Greg reported on his progress with website. Purchase (registration) of the domain name jcdemswyo.org was made. Greg will send receipt to Treasurer Shell for reimbursement. Greg reported spending time with the wordpress.com site as suggested in last meeting: costs, in the end, are not very different than equivalent alternatives. Greg decided to donate some space on an existing shared hosting account (with separate user access) which costs so little as a percentage of the entire resource that it isn't even worth accounting for it. Greg described more of the website and reiterated that feedback on design and content is welcome. The address for the website is <https://jcdemswyo.org>.

New Business

Laura introduced a request for those present to brainstorm a list of 5 heretofore underused ways to interest and involve more like-minded folks in JC Dems meetings and activities; there are people around who might like to participate who are just unaware of our meetings or don't see a need to participate in the regular business of the meetings. Discussion ensued and the group agreed on the following list:

- (1) have a topical section of each meeting, either open mic or facilitated, announced as part of agenda,
- (2) refreshments, social, mingle after meeting is adjourned, announced with agenda,
- (3) action item for people before, during or after meeting,
- (4) guest speaker as part of meeting,
- (5) publicize via social media, small paper notice, flier

Other Comments and Adjournment

Lois shared more about Wyoming Promise. <http://wyomingpromise.org> is an effort to undo damage done by the 2010 "Citizens United" Supreme Court decision which allows ungoverned money into politics/elections and a reduction of accountability, e.g. we don't know who's behind an ad campaign. There was more discussion about the efforts to get referendum on the ballot.

Motion to adjourn by Claudia, seconded by Lois, all in favor (with none opposed) meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.