

Johnson County Democratic Party Committee Meeting Minutes
● September 5, 2017 ●

**** Approved Oct. 3, 2017 ****

Call to Order

Called to order by Chairman Bill McIntyre at 7:04 PM. Allegiance to Flag of the Republic pledged by all present. A sign-sheet was circulated. 14 present. Although not all signed the sheet.

Old Business

Minutes from August 1, 2017 meeting were read aloud and copies were circulated. Motion to accept minutes with date at top corrected was seconded and passed.

Treasurer reported \$39.00 collected during last meeting's hat-pass. \$227.00 was raised during August 5th fundraiser via the raffle. The total checking balance stands at \$1821.78. There was some discussion about financial goals as they relate to the election cycle's start. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Laura Harmon, seconded by Chris Harmon, passed by voice vote.

Carol Cox reported on the August 5th fundraiser. 33 people attended august fund raiser (including a few from out of the county). Many people volunteered and donated something. Logistics worked, in terms of location. There were plenty of food/drinks, more than could be eaten during the event. Marketing: about 50 people were reached in 3 to 4 hours by 4 volunteers. There was adequate space during the event for the number of attendees. Timing: obvious conflicts with other events during a busy day of a busy season. Barbuto added spice to the mix as a guest/inspirational speaker. Income generated from raffle ticket sales only one benefits of the event. Lessons learned: Need/could benefit from better way to communicate with our folks. It took a lot of people to make this event happen. Future events will require same or more volunteers to organize. Laura was impressed/shocked by the turnout, given the day's busy schedule of events in the county. Laura also suggested contacting leader of Young Democrats for next event for consultation and possible assistance on marketing events to younger folks. Comment from Claudia Clark: Congrats on growth of attendance, larger numbers since she was last able to attend regularly. Comments about having a guest speaker at future events being a really good idea. Chairman McIntyre asked us all to start consider next event: timing, activities, etc.

Vanessa Vogel joined the meeting during the discussion above, bringing attendance up to 15.

Greg Haas reported on his progress with website. No purchases made yet. Some information positions as placeholders in current draft. Met once with Bill McIntyre to discuss priorities and extent of group participation expected in next 12 months. Narrowed down choices to shared-hosting service and domain registration in the cost range of \$35.00 to \$55.00 per year. Static portions of site are coded on a single page with links to portions that are expected to change or that require server/backend dynamic integration (e.g. contact/donation forms, schedule of events). His intent is to get things going, with the understanding that nothing is cast in stone and that any of it can be changed at any time. He intends to publish something that does not marry the JCDems to a particular service, that what he generates will be scalable and portable. Motion from Joanna Taylor, seconded by Claudia Clark for Greg to continue with work on website. Passed with voice vote.

Motion by Lois Petersen with second by Claudia Clark for expenditure ceiling/limit of \$60.00 for website/hosting for 12 months. Vanessa Vogel reminded everyone of WordPress.com's service that charges less money per year than shared hosting and offers security by managing the updates to their easy-to-use software. Chris Harmon suggested that since Greg is doing the work he choose which software to use.

2018 summer State Committee Meeting. There is work to do. Bill McIntyre's discussion with Sheridan College in Johnson County (SCJC) indicated that venue holds much promise as a possibility.

SCJC has allowed this sort of event in the past for a donation, but not a set amount. The State Committee would pay fees/donation costs for the venue. Date is not yet set. Bill also spoke with Buffalo Chamber of Commerce. Last week in June is probably a good one, mid-July is not yet scheduled. Vanessa reiterated the month of July would mean a loss of volunteers and participants for a number of reasons. No action taken.

Regarding Oktoberfest voter registration booth. The notary public who attended last year is unavailable this year. Several people volunteered to call around and look for a notary tomorrow. Jim Shell will contact chamber to arrange for booth. Jim Shell read a letter from Mitch Black which indicated he has experience with the voter registration forms and would be available Saturday the 16th. Greg plans on bringing a printer/copier and power cord and volunteering as well. Will and Carol Cox volunteered to assist at the booth for some of the day. Vanessa reported budget for ACA navigators (et cetera) been cut significantly. The navigator of interest won't be able to make it on Sept. 16 due to costs associated with travel previously planned for the following day. Motion by Anita Edington to allow up to \$30 for booth fee, Claudia Clark seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Two attendees departed about 8:20 as they'd indicated they would at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business

A Wyoming Promise petition was circulated. There was some discussion about the petition's purpose and where to find more information.

Some information on offers from State Committee of training for Candidates and for those interested in using data and canvassing to GOTV and to support candidates. Greg offered to share information from the State Committee with anybody interested.

A plate was passed for donations.

Adjournment

Stan Boyd made motion to adjourn, Will Cox seconded. Motion passed at 8:40 P.M.