

Johnson County Democratic Party Committee Meeting Minutes
April 03, 2018

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair William McIntyre at 7:00 PM. Meeting held at the Kaycee Library, Kaycee, WY. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the Republic pledged by all present. A sign-in sheet was circulated. 11 in attendance. Introductions were made around the table.

Reports

Copies of last meetings minutes were circulated by Chairman McIntyre as Secretary Haas is absent. Mitch Black will be taking meeting notes for Secretary tonight. Chairman offered to read March meeting minutes aloud. Motion by Kay to accept minutes of March 6, 2018 meeting as written. Seconded by Will, passed, following no discussion, by voice vote with none opposed.

Treasurer Shell presented report: Started the month with \$2,051.83 in account. \$155 were donated to the party at the last meeting; \$48 paid out to ad in the Bulletin; \$176.76 paid to the Mini for ad and \$381 to Bulletin for county convention ad. \$123 were donated to the party during the March 24, 2018 Johnson Co. Convention. The account balance is \$1,724.07. John T. moved to accept, Laura seconded and motion passed with none opposed.

Old Business

Chris Harmon announced that the guest speaker, who was unable to make it to last months meeting, will be speaking at the May 1st meeting to be held in Buffalo. Craig Cope, retired USFS Ranger, will talk on current issues affecting the Big Horn National Forest. Craig recently retired from a long career, working on the Powder River Ranger district of the Big Horn National Forest. Craig managed recreational use on the forest district and in the entire Cloud Peak Wilderness.

From the Chair: Bill thanked all who helped with last months convention. He declared it a fine success with 40 interested people + one interested dog attending. Bill announced the ten state convention delegates as: Chris Harmon, Vanessa Vogel, Heather Haas, Suzi Black, Bill McIntyre, Kassahn Mathson, Greg Haas, Deanne Wyssmann, Will Cox and Mitch Black. The delegates will each have a half-vote, making up the five total votes available to our county. The state convention is planned for June 9th in Riverton, WY. Bill emphasized that delegates to the 2018 convention are free to cast their half-vote as they see fit.

New Business

Bill encouraged anyone that is interested to step up and run for a public office. The filing period for an office takes place from May 23rd through June 8th, 2018.

Bill said that the Johnson Co. Democratic Platform for 2018 is nearly completed. It will be posted at the jcdemswo.org website as soon as possible.

At this point in the meeting a general discussion ensued. The talk consisted of many ideas: How to grow the party participation and voting interest for our county residents - including the newly eligible, younger residents; How we might get our platform read and recognized by the public; How we could refresh the meaning of "liberal" as we see it often used in our area - to a more precise, acceptable and accurate term. Though this discussion was well participated, pleasant and very interesting, no motions were made.

Chairman McIntyre announced that the next meeting will be held May 1st., 7 PM at the Bomber Mt. Civic Center in Buffalo.

Laura moved to adjourn the meeting, Kay seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.