

Jasper County Democratic Central Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2015, 7 pm
Park Centre Garden Room
Newton, IA

Executive Committee members present: Taylor Van De Krol (Chair), Nancy Parrott (Vice Chair,) Cindy Pollard (Executive Organizer), Linda Wormley (Treasurer), Laura Engel (Secretary)

Central Committee members present: Jeanne Bridenstine, Rosemary Hartschen, Calvin Holmquist, Mike Jacobsen, Rep. Dan Kelley, Carol Kramer, Jim Pryke, Michelle Smith, Darrel Sundell

Others present: Teresa Alcorta-Sink, Doug Anderson, Patrick Alcorn, Craig Armstrong, Steven Farver, Senator Rob Hogg, Karen Liebl, Eric Lindberg, Liz Mueller, Judi Mulbrook, Dennis Parrott, Leslie Ross, Sandy Shaver, Mike Snowden, Carla Thompson, Gary Thompson, Kathy Tipton, Max Tipton, Dick Wobst

Office Reports

Chairman Taylor announced that Wes Breckenridge has announced his candidacy for House in Iowa District 29. Wes will challenge incumbent Dan Kelley.

Taylor announced he was endorsing Martin O'Malley in the presidential race, and mentioned the UAW-hosted roundtable discussion that O'Malley was scheduled to attend the next day. Taylor stressed that all presidential organizations are welcome to attend Central Committee meetings and will be given a chance to speak.

Vice Chair Nancy Parrott reported that the Oct. 25 Soup Supper planning was progressing. Speakers would include Matt McCoy (keynote), State Senators Robb Hogg, and Tom Fiegan. Nancy read a letter aloud from Senator Dennis Black that indicated he couldn't attend but had recommendations for agenda.

Secretary Two amendments were suggested to the September minutes noting that Craig Armstrong was in attendance and Max Tipton's name moved to "Others Present" (originally listed as CC member). The minutes as amended were approved. (Hartschen/Jacobsen)

Treasurer The treasurer's report was approved (Parrott/Bridenstine). Linda reported that the website host for the JC Democratic site automatically billed Wes Breckenridge's personal credit card for the domain name and continued hosting. The automatic billing and payment was unexpected. The CC hadn't authorized payment. The site had been set up 5 years ago, and this bill was the first renewal. Reimbursement to Wes of \$330.37 was approved (Parrott/Bridenstine). Sandy Shaver stressed the importance to anticipate all bills and have the CC approve them prior to payment. Laura will attempt to take Wes's name and payment information off the Go Daddy site so automatic payments are not made in the future. There was a discussion about whether to continue the website. The content is out of date and there is not much traffic to the site. Laura argued the merits to continue

the site and volunteered to update it with general JC Democratic information. Discussion of the issue will continue in later months.

Linda also discussed the annual insurance liability bill from Clemon-Maki. Taylor will call the IDP to see whether other county Demo committees have similar insurance. But a motion was made (Parrott Kramer) to pay the bill until the issue is settled. The motion passed, with Sandy Shaver voting nay.

Executive Organizer Cindy Pollard continues work on voter registration and caucus organization.

There are some problems with the organization of the Youth Caucus. Cindy stressed its importance. But the Republicans, who must join the Democrats in holding the caucus, have been unresponsive. The event would take lots of time to organize, and Taylor can't do it. He offered the organization of the caucus to anyone else who could commit the resources.

Campaigns/Candidates/Elected Officials, Organizations

State Senator Rob Hogg is a 2016 Senate Candidate, and spoke about his campaign. He thanks Rep. Dan Kelley and Sen. Chaz Allen for their important service in the State House and Senate.

County Atty Mike Jacobsen mentioned the Iowa Supreme Court would be holding oral arguments at Newton High School next Wednesday, and urged people to attend this unique event.

Auditor Dennis Parrott spoke about the recent city school board elections, and the fact that the Auditor's office in fact does not schedule the opening and closing times of the polls at schools. The schools decide the hours that the polls will be open. There is a cost saving to having the polls open fewer hours for smaller elections.

Rep. Dan Kelley reported that he had attended the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators in South Dakota. He also reported he had endorsed Governor O'Malley in the presidential race.

Carol Kramer read a prepared statement from **candidate Wes Breckenridge**, who was working and could not attend the CC meeting.

Doug Anderson, Patrick Alcorn, and Liz Mueller, representing the presidential campaigns of Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton respectively updated CC members about the campaigns.

Precinct Chairs

Teresa Alcorta-Sink was nominated (M. Smith/Shaver) to become an alternate precinct chair in Clear Creek/Poweshiek. **Gary Thompson** was nominated (Wormley/Hartschen) as an alternate precinct chair in Palo Alto. Both were approved.

Soup Supper Motion was made (Shaver/Mulbrook) and approved to raise approved SS expenses from \$50 to \$75. Motion passed. The agenda for the Soup Supper will be coming out shortly.

The meeting was adjourned (Parrott/Mike Jacobsen).

Laura Engel, Sec.

