

Asotin County Democrats General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m., Jawbone Flats Café, 6th and Sycamore, Clarkston

- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance (9:15 a.m.)
- B. Program and discussion—Marcia Banta of Lewiston and Christie Frederickson of Clarkston of Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety presented “*Be SMART: A conversation about kids, guns, and safety.*” This was a lively presentation and discussion, ending at 10:10 a.m.
- C. Minutes of last meeting

We reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

- D. Exec-Board Reports
 - a. Dan Ransom, PE, Chair

Chair Ransom reported on the response of Washington Democrats to the caucus/primary proposals for Washington presidential preference. He showed the results to date: 90 percent support the primary and 10 percent for the caucus. There have been nine respondents from Asotin County: eight for the primary on one for the caucus.

He explained that those supporting the primary felt that it was more inclusive. People supporting the caucus cited the loss of local contacts with other Democrats, and the problem of increasing big-money effects and Internet trolls in politics. The primary determines the percentage of presidential delegates. The counties and legislative districts will meet to assign people as delegates in the proportions set in the primary voting.

- b. , Vice Chair
- c. , State Committee-member

The next state-party meeting is at the Pasco Red Lion on April 7—9.

- d. , State Committee-member
- e. Emily Ashby, Treasurer

Treasurer Ashby was not in attendance. Chair Ransom reported the bank balance is approximately \$950.

- f. , Secretary

E. Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws, PCO Janet Marugg

PCO Marugg has been out of town, working with family.

- b. Budget, Treasurer Emily Ashby
- c. Candidate Recruitment and Development,
- d. Community Involvement,
- e. Fundraising and Event Planning,
- f. Legislative Action,

We reviewed state Representative Schmick’s latest email poll. The percentages indicated strong preferences, but he did not list the sample size and the selection of poll respondents. You can sign up for these emails here: <http://joeschmick.housepublicans.wa.gov/email-updates/>

- g. Membership,
- h. New-Member Recruitment,

- i. Veterans' Activities, Richard Hayward II
- F. Old Business (if not covered in Reports, above)

- a. PCO and Exec-Board recruitment
- b. Adopt a Highway

The next Adopt-a-Highway event is May 18, 9:00 a.m., at Evans Pond

- c. Community awareness events
 - i. Alive After 5—will be on the first Thursdays in June, August, and September; and the second Thursday in July. We will have a booth
 - ii. YWCA Embrace Race Color Run, Saturday, June 1
 - iii. Celebrate Love—July 13, 4 p.m.—9 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Lewiston. We will have a booth
 - iv. Riverfest—late summer
 - v. Summer Membership Meeting BBQ/Picnic—August
- d. SMS Texting notification

Chair Ransom contacted a local agency; it charges 10 times more than Txt180. Members agreed that we would try the Txt180 for a few months, and then decide whether to continue. The expense is \$20/month.

- e. Donation for ice cream for the Veterans' Home

We have \$26.15 donated toward the \$30 required for this event

- f. Upcoming elections—process for candidate endorsement

Work on this project is ongoing.

G. New Business

- a. Parade: the Asotin County Fair is next month. Members decided that we would forego our next meeting and march in the parade.

H. Announcements

- a. Whitman County Democrats, Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 p.m., 815 SE Klemgard St., Pullman
- b. Democrat Divas, Monday, April 1, 12:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston
- c. Asotin County Democrats Executive Board meeting, Saturday, April 13, Café La-Tay's, 15th and Fleshman, Clarkston
- d. Asotin County Democrats General Membership meeting—march in the Asotin County Fair Parade, Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m., Asotin

I. Good of the order

Moms Demand Action will be having a fundraiser in April. Details will be available on the website calendar and our Facebook page on March 30.

Our donation jar earned \$27.00, to deposit in the ADCCC bank account.

J. Adjourn

We adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.