

Clay County Democrats  
Monthly Meeting Summary  
Thursday March 8, 2018

The Clay County Democrats Central Committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Spencer Public Library. Fifteen members attended the meeting.

**TOPICS:**

1. CAMPAIGN UPDATES:

Dan Skelton: Clay County Supervisor Dan Skelton reported he will seek re-election as a Democrat for County Supervisor in the upcoming November 2018 election. Dan was elected to the Board of Supervisors in March 2017, filling the position that came open after the death of Linda Swanson.

Ryan Odor: CCD Ryan Odor announced he will be running for Iowa State House of Representatives. Ryan, a lifelong Iowan, is currently the Executive Director at Arts on Grand in Spencer. He said that since making the decision to run he has been working on his talking points, Webpage and Facebook page. Ryan will be attending upcoming training in Des Moines.

2. CLAY COUNTY CONVENTION:

The **Clay County Convention** will be held on **March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Spencer School Administration Building**. Bob Whittenburg reviewed the purpose and procedure that will be followed at the convention. The *Delegates* to the County Convention were elected at their precinct caucus on February 5th. Bob reviewed that *Alternate Delegates* who were elected on caucus night may be seated as a Delegate in their precinct or their county if an elected Delegate does not attend the County Convention.

Delegates and Alternates will receive a Call to Convention notice approximately a week prior to the County Convention. The County Convention **sign-in time will begin at 9:00**. The **meeting will begin at 9:30**. The purpose of the County Convention will be to:

- Hear candidate speeches and/or information
- Approve the Platform (Available to view on the Clay County IA Web Page under *RESOURCES*. <http://www.claycountyiadems.org/>)
- Elect Delegates to represent the county at the District and the State Convention. (The same delegates elected to the District Convention are also delegates to the State Convention.)
- Elect Alternates to represent the county at the District and the State Convention if a Delegate is unable to attend all or part of either convention. An Alternate who gets seated at the District Convention is still an Alternate to the State Convention.
- Others attending the Convention:
  - o Youth Delegates – These delegates are older than 13 but will not be 18 by Election Day and should be provided special programming that *could* include: *Youth Platform development, election of Youth Delegates to the District/State Convention, and other activities designed by the county party.*
  - o Observers – Public observers are welcome to observe any proceedings of the County Convention as long as they do not disrupt or interfere with the Convention.

NOTE: THE IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY COUNTY CONVENTION GUIDE is available at:  
<http://iowademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-County-Convention-Guide-final.pdf>

3. ORGANIZING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION:

Group discussion continued to emphasize strategies to get the vote out in November. A few members in attendance shared their experiences contacting people within their precinct (using precinct lists distributed to delegates at the February meeting). Although they agreed personal contact can be an effective method to encourage people to vote, they felt it would be most helpful to have some strategies to be used when contacting acquaintances within each precinct. Having delegates make contacts was an initial phase and get the vote out methods/strategies will continue

- It was decided that the **CCDs who attend monthly meetings should start making their list of contacts!**

4. UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Ryan Odor Meet & Greet* is scheduled for Friday 15, 2018 from 5:00 to 6:00 at The Bear (24 West Park St.) in Spencer.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the ICN Room or Round Room at the Spencer Public Library.

Don't forget to **bring your list of contacts** as we continue to emphasize methods to get the vote out!

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

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