

# CLAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS

**Central Committee Meeting:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**ATTENDANCE:** Twelve members attended the 6:30 meeting held at the Spencer Public Library

## **SUMMARY:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FACEBOOK:** The new Facebook group page is working well. We would like to continue to grow our current membership list since Democratic candidates, events, and party information is easily accessible there. As we get closer to campaign season we expect to use this resource even more.

Tori S. spoke and encouraged those present to join and add their friends. She also had prepared a 'how to' guide which she shared at the meeting. We will try to have this added to our webpage.

**FLAGFEST FLOAT :** Due to limited time and the inability for local teachers to assist with a science/climate theme, it was decided to forgo having a CCD float in the Flagfest parade.

**STEAK FRY:** The Steak Fry, an annual fund raiser for the Clay County Democrats, is scheduled for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Oneota Lodge (420 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Spencer). Please mark your calendars and plan on more discussion and information at upcoming meetings.

**CCD WEBPAGE OPTION:** Information was presented on a new webpage option through Blue Utopia. This would provide a more functional web page allowing on-line donations, candidate information pages, etc. Presently the cost is somewhat prohibitive, with startup cost being \$50.00 per month. No action was taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**RAGRABAI :** Bob reported he had been contacted by the Palo Alto County Chair of the Democratic Party regarding a possible fundraising event during Ragbrai. The PA Dems raised several thousand dollars the last time RAGBRAI rode through Emmetsburg. They offered to assist us in a joint effort where we could then split the proceeds. Bob noted that the PA Dems were able to use the Emmetsburg VFW which is an air-conditioned facility

Through discussion it appeared that it would be difficult to have such an event in Spencer since there is no air-conditioned facility that is available without a significant fee.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION:**

There was a brief dialogue regarding Kim Weaver's campaign credibility as candidate for District 4, opposing Steve King. Those in attendance felt the need for additional candidates since Ryan Meyers and Deam have dropped out of the race.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Rich Leopold: Meet & greet campaign event:** Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9 PM at Spencer Community Theatre. Richard is a Democratic candidate for governor. All CCDs and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Movie Nights:** 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday evenings in May at Spencer Public Library
  - May 15: "Koch Brothers Exposed"
  - May 22: "Fix It: Healthcare at The Tipping Point"

We hope these films will be a recurring monthly event that will generate interest and discussion. There is no cost to attend. *An e-mail was sent to all CCDs with information about each movie.*

*Robin Munson has graciously agreed to be the library host and tech person for these events. Registration for use of these films has been completed by Linda DeLaughter and Lori Adams has created the Facebook event pages for them.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Regional Democratic Meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 o'clock AM at the Elderbridge Building in Fort Dodge.
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Meeting: August 5th, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Fort Dodge Community College

**Next meeting for CCD will be on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, Spencer Public Library.**

