

**Clay County Democrats**  
**Monthly Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday July 5, 2018**

The Clay County Democrats Central Committee met July 5th, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the ICN Room at the Spencer Public Library. Thirteen members attended the meeting, including two members from the Buena Vista County Democrats.

1. **TREASURES REPORT:** July 2018 balance: \$1,454.47. We will need to pay our final Clay County Fair booth rental fee before the end of this month. We continue to have \$1,747.11 in restricted funds to be used for local candidates.

2. **CANDIDATE SUPPORT AND UPDATES:**

- **Ryan Odor:** Ryan reported he continues to receive positive feedback and has been very busy with parades and meeting with constituents. When asked what he felt were key issues Ryan responded that a lot of people are talking about education, mental health and decent wages. Hog confinements and clean water have also been issues brought to Ryan's attention. Ryan mentioned to keep informed by visiting his Webpage:  
<https://www.odorforiowahouse.com> and Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Odor4IAhouse>

Ryan distributed yard signs and T-shirts. Contact him regarding how to obtain either or both!

- **Dan Skelton:** Dan indicated that although there are three candidates vying for three spots nothing should be taken for granted. He continues to work hard and spends time visiting with constituents.

3. **ORGANIZING TO GET OUT THE VOTE IN NOVEMBER:**

- We continue to forge forward...slowly. Bob Whittenburg suggested we ponder whether we have maintained the momentum (the wave) that followed as a result of the 2016 election. We talked about how it is imperative we continue to organize to get the vote out and encourage our precinct captains to contact people on their list (that had been distributed earlier).

- Additional methods to '*get out the vote in November*' are welcome and can be discussed at the next meeting. Remember: There is no such thing as a *bad idea*!

4. **CLAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS FOR 2018:**

- We were informed that the Iowa Democratic Party will be have a Field Office in Spencer. It is our understanding this office will house a staffer funded by the Iowa Democratic Party. In addition to Clay County, the Spencer Field Office will serve the surrounding counties including O'Brien, Dickinson, Palo Alto and Emmet. Bob Whittenburg and John Goede are

checking downtown Spencer locations for office availability. Stay tuned for updates at the next meeting.

## **5. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **1st Annual Summer Sizzler**: The Dickinson County Democrats will be hosting the affair to be held at the Arnolds Park Amusement Park Pavilion on Wednesday August 1, 2018. This event was sparked by meeting with NW Iowa County Chairs who showed interest in developing a regional meeting of NW Iowa Democrats.

The first annual event has confirmed many speakers including Berkley Bedell! More information will be available on our Facebook and Website pages.

- **Clay County Annual Steak Fry**: The annual Clay County Steak Fry is scheduled for Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at Oneota Lodge in South Spencer. Bob Whittenburg is in the process of contacting candidates to attend our event. An update will be provided at the August meeting and also on the webpage.

- **Clay County Fair**: Preliminary discussion has begun regarding when to set up for the fair booth and contact candidates regarding attending the fair. Presently Fred Hubbell has indicated he will be visiting the fair although no date is confirmed. Dan Skelton has offered to escort Mr. Hubbell on the day he plans to be at the fair.

-We will update the list of candidates attending the fair and finalize the volunteers to set up the fair booth at the August CCD meeting.

-Steve Bomgaars has once again agreed to organize the CCF booth volunteers. He plans to start scheduling volunteers at the August CCD meeting and will also be bringing the list to the annual steak fry.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Spencer Public Library**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.