

## **Jasper County Democratic Central Committee**

Thursday, September 10, 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)

**Other Central Committee members present:** Denise Allan, Chaz Allen, Dennis Black, Jeanne Bridenstine, Rosemary Hartschen, Calvin Holmquist, Mike Jacobsen, Margaret L Jensen, Dan Kelley, Carol Kramer, Dick McKlveen, Jim Pryke, Doug Smith, Michelle Smith, Gayla Snook, Mike Snowden, Darrel Sundell, Max Tipton

**Others present:** Bri Dennison, Beth Farvour (Sanders for President), Tyler Granger (American's Renewable Future), Ruth Lapointe (Iowa Pays the Price), Eric Litmer (O'Malley for President), Steve Murphy, Leslie Ross, Dick Wobst

### **Officer Reports:**

**Chairman** Taylor Van De Krol called the meeting to order. He reported that all Feb. 1 caucus locations in the county have been confirmed with the exception of the Reasoner fire station and Newton School District. He plans to finalize those places soon.

**Secretary** Laura presented the minutes from the August CC meeting; they were approved (D. Smith, Parrott).

**Treasurer** Linda summarized the treasurer's report which shows a balance of \$1,856.22. The report was approved (D. Smith/Allen).

**Executive Organizer** Cindy collected 8 new voter registrations at Thanks with Franks.

### **Campaign/Elected Official Reports**

Cindy reported on the **Hillary Clinton campaign** in place of Hillary organizer Liz Mueller, who was in Des Moines for training for the fall phase of the campaign. A Clinton Newton HQ will open soon. New organizers are being hired, and Liz will not have such a large area of Iowa to manage.

Eric Litmer and Doug Anderson reported that **Martin O'Malley** has visited 37 of 99 counties in Iowa and has an active organization in the state.

**Bernie Sanders** rep. Beth Farvour reported that Sanders was coming to Jasper County soon.

**Senator Chaz Allen** signed on to the effort to draft Joe Biden to run for President. Biden will likely make a decision in the first week of October.

**Representative Dan Kelley** reported that he will announce soon whom he will be supporting for President. He also mentioned that September is Hunger Action Awareness Month.

**Iowa Pays the Price** spokeswoman Ruth Lapointe spoke about her organization's efforts to get the influence of big money out of elections.

Tyler Granger spoke briefly about **America's Renewable Future**, a nonpartisan group promoting renewable fuels.

Darrel Sundell was nominated (Pollard, Engel) to be a **precinct chair** of Hickory Grove/Kellogg/Rock Creek/Buena Vista/Richland. The motion passed.

A motion was made (N. Parrott, Jacobsen) to reimburse Laura for the cost (\$90.90) of a black ink cartridge for her personal printer that will be used this year and into next year for Democratic printing.

**Soup Supper** Nancy Parrott and Taylor reported that the Annual Soup Supper will be held at the Jasper County Community Center on Sunday evening, October 25. Senator Matt McCoy has agreed to speak, and Andy McGuire, chair of the IDP, has been invited and will likely come. The Jefferson Jackson dinner is scheduled in Des Moines on October 24; it's possible that a Presidential candidate might speak at the Soup Supper.

Carol Kramer and Nancy Parrott are co-chairs for the event, and it's hoped all food and auction items will be donated. Dennis Black cannot attend, but said he'd buy 50 tickets that he plans to give away.

A motion was made (McKlveen/D. Smith) to spend \$100 for the rental of the Community Center.

Taylor collected names of precinct chairs to volunteer to be temporary chairs of their caucuses in February. The IDP had requested the list.

The meeting was adjourned (D. Smith/Jacobsen)

Laura Engel