

Meeting Minutes
Clay County Democrats
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

The monthly Central Committee meeting of the Clay County Democrats convened at 6:30 PM at The Bear in Spencer. There were 12 members in attendance.

1. There will be Precinct Chair Training on January 15th at 7 PM, at Arrowwood Resort in the Pebble Beach Room. The resort is located at 1405 US Hwy 71 in Okoboji. All Democrats with an interest in being chair persons for their precinct/ward are encouraged to attend. The training will be led by Blair Lawton, our State outreach coordinator and organizer. This is an excellent opportunity to get some first class training and participate in the democratic process. Also, the caucus packets for other counties are available to be picked up at the training site.
2. Steve Drucker has resigned as Treasurer due to work obligations. Linda DeLaughter nominated Ryan Odor for Treasurer, with Jay Lyon seconding the motion. All present voted aye to affirm Ryan Odor as our new Clay County Democrats Treasurer, effective immediately. A copy of the minutes is being made immediately available to Ryan so that he can provide the bank with documentation of the change.
3. The group addressed and stamped postcards to be mailed out to inform members of the upcoming caucus event on February 5th ; sign in will start by 6:30 PM and caucus will commence at 7 PM at the Spencer Schools Central Office, Room B, 23 East 7th Street in Spencer. The purpose of the caucus is to elect committee persons to start the organizing process for the upcoming general election this November, and elect delegates to the County Convention.
4. Bob led a round table discussion about outreach, what our local citizens concerns are, and how best to communicate our mission to voters regardless of party. Sylvia stated that we are not currently being honestly represented by those who have been elected, and that this has to change. We are tasked with having some statements to discuss at the upcoming caucus and some preliminary ideas to incorporate as Democrat Party Planks. Also, we are planning a door knocking campaign to start as soon as possible, with the goal of door knocking in 2 precincts per month to talk to voters, gather data about their concerns, and distribute some basic literature about our county party organization.
5. Bob stated that he had been contacted by a representative of the Young Democrats with a proposal for an internship. This might be more feasible during the summer months instead of the current semester; we do have some limited funds with which to pay an intern who could provide some helpful work products for us prior to the general election.

6. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd rather than on the first Wednesday of February since the caucus is on Monday, Feb. 5th. We'll resume regular monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 7th.

Submitted by:

Linda Hoberg DeLaughter, Vice-Chair