

# Asotin County Democrats General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.,  
Jawbone Flats Café, 6<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore, Clarkston

## 1) Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dan Ransom, PE called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag and to our country.

## 2) Program and discussion—Address at West Point, Ta-Nehisi Coates

We listened to Mr. Coates' analysis of the founding stories of the United States of America, particularly surrounding slavery and the civil war.

## 3) Minutes of Last Meeting

We reviewed and approved the minutes of the last meeting.

## 4) Executive-Board Reports

### a) Dan Ransom, PE, Chair

Chair Ransom showed the new website calendar at [www.asotindemocrats.org/calendar](http://www.asotindemocrats.org/calendar). He stated that we are looking for people to fill our executive-board positions. Young people are especially welcome. Chair Ransom reported that Asotin Democrats now has an Instagram account.

### b) ;Vice Chair,

### c) ; State Committee-member (SCM)

Christie Fredericksen volunteered to represent Asotin Democrats at the Walla Walla and Spokane meetings of Washington Democrats.

### d) ; State Committee-member (SCM)

### e) Emily Ashby, Treasurer

Treasurer Ashby was absent, attending to her family's needs.

### f) , Secretary

## 5) Committee Reports

### a) Bylaws; PCO Janet Marugg (Heights 306) and Chair Dan Ransom, PE

No report at this time. See <http://www.asotindemocrats.org/bylaws.html>

### b) Budget; Treasurer Emily Ashby

### c) Candidate Recruitment and Development;

### d) Community Involvement;

### e) Fundraising and Event Planning; John Flerchinger

John demonstrated the method to use an SMS texting service to alert members of upcoming meetings and events.

### f) Legislative Action;

### g) Membership; John Flerchinger

### h) New-Member Recruitment;

### i) Veterans' Activities; Richard Hayward II

## 6) Old Business (if not covered in Reports, above)

### a) PCO and Exec-Board recruitment

### b) Adopt a Highway

Chair Ransom reported on a successful highway cleanup on Feb. 16. It was a beautiful day, before all of the record snowfall occurred in the latter part of February.

### c) Community awareness events

#### i) Alive After 5—no data at this time

#### ii) Celebrate Love—July 13, 4 p.m.—9 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Lewiston. We will have a booth

#### iii) Riverfest—late summer

iv) Summer Membership Meeting BBQ/Picnic—tentatively August

d) Donation for ice cream for the Veterans' Home at our fourth-Saturday meetings

e) Upcoming elections—process for candidate endorsement

PCO Marugg suggested to borrow good endorsement-questionnaire ideas from other organizations. She mentioned the WA-Dems' process.

7) New Business

8) Announcements

a) Whitman County Democrats, Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m., 815 SE Klemgard St., Pullman

b) Democrat Divas, Monday, March 4, 12:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston

c) ACD board meeting, Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m., Café La-Tay's, 15th and Fleshman, Clarkston

d) General membership meeting, Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m., Jawbone Flats Café, 6th and Sycamore, Clarkston

9) Good of the order

Christie Fredericksen offered information on writing letters to our US Representative McMorris Rodgers to vote yes on HB8, which requires improved background checks for firearms purchases. This is an effort to reduce gun violence. In addition, she had materials on requiring "live-fire" training for Washingtonians who apply for a concealed-weapons permit.

There will be a fundraiser at a local winery for "Be SMART for Kids," a program to reduce child gun deaths. Christie asked for basket donations for a basket raffle.

10) Adjourn

We adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Appendix

<b>Position / District</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Office Name</b>	<b>Term (years)</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Blue Mountain Fire Dist. No. 1	Blue Mountain	Fire Commissioner 1	6	Justin Moss
Cemetery District		Commissioner #2	6	Tom Turnbow
City of Asotin	Asotin	City council member #01	4	Jennifer Bly
City of Asotin	Asotin	City council member #02	4	Lori Loseth
City of Asotin	Asotin	Mayor	4	Vikki Bonfield
City of Clarkston	Clarkston	City council member #06	4	Belinda Campbell
City of Clarkston	Clarkston	City council member #07	4	Joel Profitt
City of Clarkston	Clarkston	City council member #05	4	Skate Pierce
City of Clarkston	Clarkston	Mayor	4	Monika Lawrence
Fire District 1		Fire commissioner 2	6	Ken Klug
Port District A		Port commissioner 1	6	Rick Davis
School District 250		School director #02	4	Miles Sidener
School District 250		School director #01	4	Meghan Pierce
School District 250		School director #03	4	Dennis R. Lenz
School District 420		School director #01	4	Paula R Elskamp
School District 420		School director #05	4	Warren J. Benner
School District 420		School director #04	4	Graeson Parsons