

**Clay County Democrats**  
**Monthly Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Clay County Democrats met at the Spencer Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Twelve members attended the meeting. Guests included Patrick Brett, an Iowa staffer for the John Delaney campaign, and Dickinson County Democrat Brett Copeland.

**AGENDA:**

1. **OFF YEAR CAUCUS**: The off year caucus will be held on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** in the **Round Room** at the **Spencer Public Library 6:30 p.m.** Three objectives include:

- 1) Fill inactive precinct seats
- 2) Planning at the precinct level
- 3) Discuss platform priorities

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR THE CLAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS:**

A) **Officers for the Clay County Democrats**: The Clay County Ia. Dems are seeking new officers after the off-year caucus. Ryan Odor has agreed to be County Chair and Mitch Day has volunteered to act as secretary. Vice Chair and Treasurer are to be determined.

B) **Planning Document**: Bob discussed the need to develop a strategic plan to increase public awareness, party engagement and to assist in recruiting county democrats to run for offices.

C) **2020 Iowa Caucus**: The Iowa Caucus is scheduled to take place on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. In addition to the caucus Iowa will be adding six “virtual” caucuses. We will continue to be updated on the 2020 Caucus at monthly meetings. This information is available on the Iowa Democratic Party webpage: <https://iowademocrats.org/>

D) **Presidential Nominee Candidates**: Currently there are Democratic Presidential Candidates running for the 2020 nomination. Patrick Brett, Staffers for the John Delaney campaign, spoke briefly to our group. Information regarding Delaney for President can be found at: <https://www.johndelaney.com/>

E) **Clay County Democrats 2019 Events**:

**Flagfest**: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Hosting an event/forum during the Flagfest weekend for Democratic presidential candidates/staffers was suggested. This led to talk about having an “Afternoon of Action” where the CCDs promote our message/beliefs through community involvement. No decisions were made but dialogue will continue.

**Summer Sizzler**: August 7<sup>th</sup>. Brett Copeland informed us that tickets for the Summer Sizzler will be available at a discounted price for a limited time. More info to come.

**Clay County Fair:** Sept 7<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussions included having a practice caucus and possibly having a stump speech location for 2020 presidential candidates. Bob will check with Jeremy regarding possibilities for the stump speech idea. Beth Odor will continue to work out details regarding a practice caucus.

F) **Treasurer's Report:** February 2019 balances: \$747.11 in restricted funds. \$285.08 in unrestricted funds. Dan Skelton wrote CCDs check for \$329.64 which was deposited into restricted funds. Bills/expenses included: \$100.00 deposit for Clay County Fair. \$292.53 for ½ payment to CCF booth and \$185.86 to Speed Printers.

G) **Strategic Outlook:** It was decided to again hold Movie Mondays as an opportunity to get together with fellow democrats and view documentaries concerning pertinent issues. We decided to again view *Koch Brothers Exposed*. Linda Delaughter will check with the library regarding available times for us to show movies. Suggestions for additional movies are welcome.