

Asotin County Democrats Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m., Café La-Tay's, 15th and Fleshman, Clarkston

- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Minutes of last meeting
- C. Exec-Board Reports
 - a. Dan Ransom, PE, Chair

Chair Ransom reported that Washington Democratic party members overwhelmingly agreed to end the local primary caucus, opting instead for a mail-in-vote primary next March. He expressed concern about the loss of face-to-face, local democracy; that the local party loses connection with county democrats (no caucus meeting means no telephone and email updates to our roster). The remaining duty for a local meeting ("caucus") is to select delegates according to the percentages allotted from the mail-in vote.

- b. , Vice Chair
- c. , State Committee-member
- d. , State Committee-member
- e. Emily Ashby, Treasurer

Chair Ransom will meet with Treasurer Ashby this week to get on the bank account. We have an outstanding payment to the LC Valley League of Women Voters for \$25 that we will pay this week.

- f. , Secretary

D. Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws, PCO Janet Marugg
- b. Budget, Treasurer Emily Ashby
- c. Candidate Recruitment and Development,
- d. Community Involvement,
- e. Fundraising and Event Planning,
- f. Legislative Action,
- g. Membership,
- h. New-Member Recruitment,

We discussed partnering with the Whitman and with the Nez Perce County Democrats. We agreed to call or text our members to invite them to the next meeting. Christie Fredericksen reported on the Moms Demand Action membership Hustle, an automated texting interface.

- i. Veterans' Activities, Richard Hayward II

E. Old Business (if not covered in Reports, above)

- a. PCO and Exec-Board recruitment
- b. Adopt a Highway

The next Adopt-a-Highway event is May 18, 9:00 a.m., at Evans Pond. Coffee and carbohydrates provided!

- c. Community awareness events
 - i. Alive After 5—will be on the first Thursdays in June, August, and September; and the second Thursday in July. We will have a booth

- ii. YWCA Embrace Race Color Run, Saturday, June 1
 - iii. Celebrate Love—July 13, 4 p.m.—9 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Lewiston. We will have a booth
 - iv. Riverfest—late summer
 - v. Summer Membership Meeting BBQ/Picnic—August
- d. SMS Texting notification

We will be trying a texting contact service in the near future (Text180).

- e. Donation for ice cream for the Veterans' Home

With \$8 added today, now we have \$34.15 donated toward the \$30 required for this event. Chair Ransom will coordinate with Treasurer Ashby to arrange an ice-cream event at the Veterans' Home.

- f. Upcoming elections—process for candidate endorsement

F. New Business

- a. Parade

The Asotin County Fair is this month on the fourth Saturday, April 27. Members decided that we would forego our next meeting and enjoy the parade.

G. Announcements

- a. Corks for a Cause, Lindsay Creek Vineyards, Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- b. Whitman County Democrats, Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m., 815 SE Klemgard St., Pullman
- c. Democrat Divas, Monday, May 6, 12:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston
- d. Asotin County Democrats Executive Board meeting, Saturday, May 11, Café La-Tay's, 15th and Fleshman, Clarkston
- e. Asotin Dems Highway Cleanup, Saturday, May 18, Evans Pond, 9:00 a.m.—coffee and donuts provided!
- f. Asotin County Democrats General Membership meeting—Jawbone Flats Café, Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m., Clarkston

H. Good of the order

Moms Demand Action has a fundraiser at Lindsay Creek Vineyards on Thursday, April 25th. Christie Fredericksen asked for volunteers to help from 6:00 pm.—9:00 p.m. Please see the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/495759514162257/?ti=icl> .

We discussed how to further our Asotin Democrats mission of educating voters in Asotin County. The name “democrat” in our name closes minds and doors in our county. The polarization of national news, without local conversation, keeps our area citizens away from our message. Dropping the name could bring in more people to talk about candidates and issues.

I. Adjourn

We adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.