



LCDCC September 8, 2020 VIA ZOOM

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Call to Order and Introductions: Quinlan O'Connor (Chair)

- **Quinlan** called the meeting to order at **7 PM** via Zoom. Quinlan welcomed all, and asked for introductions. In attendance (by ZOOM identification): Shawn Whyte (Treasurer), Sheena Wilson, Carol and Mark Mackin, Jan Clinard, James Reavis, Tonia Bossell (Vice Chair), Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Rep. Moffie Funk, Sen. Jill Cohenour and Joe Cohenour, Max Seeley (new to Helena, welcome!), Gregory Lipson (Kathleen Williams campaign), Kev Hamm, Catherine Scott, Shani Henry, Barbara Bonifas, Faith Scow (Bullock campaign), Sandi Luckey (MDP).
- Treasurer **Shawn Whyte** submitted her report of approximately \$5813 in checking \$105 in savings. Shawn noted that, per previous Central Committee vote, funds to candidates are in the process of dispersal via ActBlue or direct check. See minutes for the August 2020 meeting where a motion was passed to donate **\$499** to each of 6 state-wide candidates (Governor, Auditor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Supt. of Public Instruction, and Kathleen Williams) as well as **\$250** for each local legislative campaign (Funk for HD 82, Dunwell for HD 84, Scott for SD 40, Abbott for HD 83, Farris-Olsen for HD 79, and Caferro for HD 81). After this dispersal, approximately \$1319 will remain in the LCCDCC account. **James** moved and **Faith** seconded to approve. MMSC.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted August minutes to the chair, who posted the link on ZOOM. **Shawn** moved, **Jill** seconded to approve. MMSC.

LCCDCC Facebook Interviews/ Townhalls with local candidates: Group

- **Rep. Funk** was happy with her Sept. 3 interview via Zoom. Each interviewed candidate receives a \$50 in-kind boost on Facebook from the central committee.
- Subsequent interviews are scheduled for Thursdays 9/10 (Rep. **Abbott**), 9/26 (Rep. **Dunwell**), 10/1 (Rep. **Farris-Olsen**), 10/8 (**Catherine Scott** for SD40), and 10/15 (Rep. **Caferro**).
- All recorded interviews can be found on the LCCDCC website at <http://www.lccdems.com/interviews> and the LCCDCC Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq-kVL1GUGniKmtY-RwRx8Q>.

Coordinated Signs: Quinlan and group

- **Quinlan** reported several signups via links on the LCCDCC website and Facebook to request campaign yard signs for Montana Democrats. **Tonia** delivered the signs, and applicants were added to the email list.
- The coordinated campaign (406 Votes) is not delivering signs. **Faith** asked for volunteers to do so.
- **Quinlan** offered that the central committee could track sign location lists for candidates for future placements. **Jill** noted that some candidates might wish to keep lists private.

Vote on revised LCCDCC Rules (By-Laws): Quinlan and group

- **Quinlan** first noted that a quorum of precinct representatives and officers is required to consider adoption of revised By-laws as proposed by **James Reavis** and the subcommittee. The presence of at least seven precinct representatives and the Chair/ Vice chair satisfied the quorum for action.

- Draft by-laws were made available to the group via Zoom. **James** thanked **Quinlan** for his work and reviewed the proposed changes briefly. The draft includes a list of offices comprising the Executive Committee, encouragement that most committee business be adopted by consensus, and details on who is eligible to vote on motions when consensus is not achieved. The procedure for acceptance of volunteers to fill open precinct representative positions is detailed (including a requirement for minimum monthly meeting attendance), and there is provision for alternate precinct representatives. In addition, standard policies for advisory subcommittees (standing and ad hoc) and their membership are included. At the suggestion of **Trent Bolger** of the Montana Democratic Party, a grievance process is also included in the revision.
- After consideration by the group, **Joe** moved and **Shawn** seconded to adopt the revised By-laws by acclamation. The motion passed without objection. MMSC
- The secretary will submit final updated by-laws to the county Board of Elections, as required. **UPDATE:** Revised By-laws as adopted are at <http://www.lccdemocrats.com/policies-and-rules>

Candidate Updates and Requests for Assistance:

- **James** reviewed outreach at the Farmer's Market (now cancelled). He volunteered to organize weekly table outreach on the Walking Mall until the election. The city charges a \$20 application fee and \$15 for each all-day event permit (potentially \$140). **James** suggested locating near the Big Dipper/ Ten Mile/ Hawthorne. **Shani** and **Shawn** volunteered to help. **Shawn** suggested 4 PM Friday to 4 PM Saturday. A motion to approve the expenditure (assuming date availability) passed unanimously. MMSC
- **Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell** (for HD 84), says she calls up to 30 voters per day, as well as sending mailers Her main request was to vote in ALL races on the ballot. She appreciates letters to the editor, and would like assistance in putting up yard signs.
- **Catherine Scott** (for SD40) is looking for sign locations (contact 505-269-9829 or via her website <https://catherinescottformontana.com/> .) She is sending three mailings to 12,000 households as well as making some door contacts.
- **Shani**, with MomsDemand Action for Gun Sense, urged a "NO!" vote on LR130. This is a poorly written attempt by legislative Republicans to over-rule local control of gun safety measures. For more information see <https://www.nolr130.com/> (share it!)
- **Faith** said the Bullock campaign is looking for folks with pre-existing conditions and high prescription prices, etc. willing to publicly support Steve in campaign ads. She reminded the group that Daines has voted to gut funding for Medicare and Social Security.
- **Greg Lipson** (Gregory@mtdems.org 406-298-5125) is organizing calls and texts for Kathleen Williams for US Congress.
- **Sandi Luckey** (MDP Executive Dir) reported that the party's native outreach program broke records for voter registration, and held a campaign event with the Little Shell in Great Falls. Volunteers are starting to door to door campaigning (with appropriate safety precautions).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. **Next meeting: Tuesday October 13** at 7 PM via Zoom. Respectfully submitted, Linda S. Beischel, secretary