

Minutes, Central Committee Meeting Aug 15, 2023

MFPE Meeting room, 6:30 pm

The meeting started just after 6:30 pm

1. Request to approve minutes from last meeting. Jakob moved; Thai seconded; approved
2. Treasurer's report: We're up to \$160/mo in recurring donations; Jan donated \$1700; spent \$791 on fees; reimbursed for convention; banner printing; invoice from Creperie: \$300; \$20 Squarespace annual domain charge; Balance: \$5302.07. Shana moved; Thai seconded. Approved.
3. The Central Committee thanked Jan Clinard for her donation of \$1700 from the Democratic Action Committee to start the Seed Fund.
4. Discussion of fall banquet, Saturday, October 14
 - a. Tickets: \$55 in advance; \$65 at door
 - b. We will cap attendance at 250
 - c. Sponsor tables will be priced at: \$300: 4 seats, \$500 for a full table; \$1000: event sponsor
 - d. Keynote speaker search is underway
 - e. It is planned that Sen. Tester will headline, but he hasn't confirmed.
 - f. Shani and Linda will do centerpieces; need volunteers for desserts; decorating;
5. No precinct reports. Note: If you are in the city and you have a block/public party, you'll need to acquire alcohol insurance before you get a permit.
6. Discussion of upcoming event with Cascade County Dems, Sept 17. 3-6pm. Will be invite-only using the VAN list. Recruit Democrats outside the city to show up.
7. We are looking to find someone to run in HD84, out by East Helena. Have had a couple meetings with people who might be interested, but no one has filed yet.
8. Pride parade report: Participated in parade, Zoey Zephyr joined us; participated in Pride/Drag trivia. Kudos to Kev Hamm for pulling that off.
9. Upcoming events:
 - a. Farmers Market this Saturday, 9 to 12pm: Mark M, John Driscoll will volunteer. Kev Hamm will show up.
 - b. Sunday is MDLCC caucus cookout at the Quarry.
 - i. Sheena will match a LCCDems donation
 - ii. Motion: Shani: LCC will donate \$1000 sponsorship to MDLCC (\$500 from account; \$500 from Sheena)

- iii. Ask that they provide some scholarships for tickets
 - iv. Email invitation to everyone to attend the MDLCC cookout; bring games. Their attendance is sponsored by LCCDems. (NOTE: Further discussion on Aug 16 revealed that most event slots had already been taken and no email will be sent).
10. Discussion of subcommittees: Membership/recruitment; Fundraising; Communicating Values discussion.
- a. Request for volunteers
 - i. Communicating values subcommittee: Tom Cherry; Mike, Mark want to be part of it.
11. Presentation of VAN and mini-VAN use by Thai Nyguen
- a. If you want to pull lists, talk with Thai who will work with you to pull the relevant lists.
 - b. Download the MiniVAN for your mobile device
12. How to be a campaign treasurer presentation by Ciara
- a. Candidate or committee tells the SOS that you are treasurer
 - b. SOS sends you login information
 - c. Login to the Commission on Political Practices: politicalpractices.mt.gov
 - d. Create an account/email/set a password
 - e. You'll find candidates or committees you are assigned to once you login and you will be presented the reports you will be required to file.
13. Mary Cafero spoke on on various meetings around the state to grow the Democratic base
- a. Meeting in Great Falls, build the base. Themes: Fair taxation; education; housing, public health
 - b. Next meeting in Belgrade
 - c. Went to Kalispell (Blue Jam), found it energizing.
14. John Driscoll discussed potentially engaging and rethinking our approach to/with the American Legion
- a. Dems have been wary of American Legion for a while, we should rethink that and encourage everyone to engage with them again.
15. Shana: Consider donating to the effort to fit the Veterans Memorial

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Minutes submitted by Bob Schmitt

Attendees:

Mark Makin, Pct 21

Carol Makin Pct 21

Mike Batt, Pct 13

Tom Cherry

Sheena Wilson Pct 9

Ben Kuyper, Pct 8

Shani Henry, Vice President

Jakob Miles, President

Thai Nyguen, Pct 16

Ciara Maxwell, Treasurer, Pct 4

Leonard Bates, Pct 33

Jan Clinard, Pct 13

Linda Beischel , Pct 16

Bob Schmitt, Secretary, Pct 22

John Driscoll, Pct 14

Mary Caferro, HD81 Representative