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## Call to Order and Introductions:

 Chair Jacob Torgerson called the meeting to order in at 6:30 PM at the Lewis and Clark Library and via Zoom. In attendance (by sign-in sheet and Zoom identification): Monica and Robert Abbott, Ross Kendall, Benjamin Kuiper, Mark Mackin, John Driscoll, Shena Wilson, Jan Clinard, Leonard Bates, Cherry, Laura Gorman. Vice Chair Shani Henry was unable to attend.

## Speaker: There was no scheduled speaker or update from Legislators.

# Fundraising Update: Jacob T and group

- Welcome brunch fundraiser: Will be held Saturday March 4 before the Mansfield-Metcalf dinner that evening. Jacob T arranged with Creperie to cater the event at their restaurant. Event promotion will be coordinated with the MDP. Jacob requested authorization from the committee for expenditures up to \$1000 on the event. Monica moved, John seconded. Jacob also asked if the Central Committee would sponsor the M-M dinner at any level. Monica moved, Linda seconded to sponsor at \$500 (includes 2 tickets). Both motions carried.
- **Spring Event:** Suggested venues include Brothers Tapworks Confluence and the "Little Red School House". Entertainment will be provided. This event will probably occur in May after the legislative session. **Bob Schmitt** volunteered to help.
- Movie event: Mark and Tom suggested renting the Myrna Loy. A motion to approve up to \$500 for a venue carried. Jacob will meet with them to plan. A possible film is "Vigilante" about voter suppression in Georgia.
- Fall Banquet: Jacob is working on a nationally known speaker for an event in September or October. Suggested speakers included Katie Hobbs, Stacey Abrams and former Governor Racicot. Senator Tester would certainly be invited but may not be available. Jacob will confer with MDP. Training in organizing may be scheduled in conjunction with this event.

## Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Jakob Miles was at another meeting and unable to attend. Jacob T said he would check on the balance on hand.
- Executive Board: Jacob T said central committees are beginning to hear from possible candidates. Blue Bench is trying to use the local expertise of county chairs in candidate recruitment.
- Legislative Action Team: Leonard Bates is coordinating this effort to send action alerts as requested by local legislators. He noted he is selective about information he sends out in periodic emails. Leonard noted that it is most effective to know your legislators and contact them as a constituent. asked

## New Business:

- Linda noted that the central committee may need to update from a "free" email marketing account to accommodate a growing contact list. Additional technical support to manage member recruitment, website, and within group communications would be helpful.
- **Trent Bolger** has resigned as Precinct 8 representative due to employment obligations. **Ben Kuiper**, a regular participant in LCCDCC volunteered for precinct representative appointment. Appointment was approved by acclamation.
- Secretary Linda Beischel submitted January minutes.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chair's thanks at approximately 7:45 PM. **Next meeting THIRD TUESDAY March 21, 2023 in person and via Zoom at 6:30 PM.** Respectfully submitted, Linda Beischel, Secretary.