



## LCCDCC July 19, 2022 IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

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### Call to Order and Introductions:

- **Chair Jacob Torgerson** called the meeting to order at **6:30 PM** in person at Lewis and Clark Library and via Zoom. In attendance (sign in sheet and Zoom identification): **Monica Abbott, Bob Abbott, Trent Bolger, Jakob Miles, Laura Smith (for HD79), Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (for SD42), Jan Clinard, Michael Bayuk, Darien Scott, Mark Mackin, Jan Clinard, Shani Henry, Thai Nugyen, Ciara Maxwell, Sheena Wilson, John Driscoll, Riley Griffin, Laura Gorman, Christopher Facundo, Carmela and John DiMartino-Ryden, Bob Filipovich, Gary Curtis, Tom Cherry.**

### Special Treasurer Election: Jacob Torgerson

- This vacancy arose due to election of **Jacob T.** as Chair. **Thai** nominated **Jakob Miles, Laura** seconded. There were no other nominations.
- **Trent** moved and was seconded to elected **Jakob** by acclamation. Jakob said he looked forward to being an officer of the "best" central committee. Jakob will work with **Shawn Whyte** to transition the office of treasurer. There was no treasurer's report.

### Remembrance of Eric Feaver: Jacob and group

- The Helena City Commissioner and former MFPE President passed away on June 22.
- **Trent** gave his personal memories of Eric. **Laura** related how Eric inspired her when she worked for DPHHS, and advised her as a candidate for the legislature.

### Reports:

- **Jacob** described the grave importance of legislative redistricting, especially to preserving Montana Constitutional rights. Helena needs to maintain FIVE competitive House seats. Republican proposals split our community by proposing two very non-competitive seats in the valley. There will be a series of in person and virtual meetings around the state for the public to comment on Republican and Democratic maps.
- The **Montana Democratic Party Platform Convention** is July 29 to 30 in Butte. Our Chair, Vice Chair, State Committee reps, as well as legislators, will attend as voters. **Rep. Dunwell** submitted a list of proposed amendments for possible LCCDCC sponsorship. Trent said he would work with Rep. Dunwell. **Thai, Shani, Mark, and Jan** will discuss on Slack. **Sheena** noted that platform amendments submitted in the name of LCCDCC have always been voted by the group.
- **Jan Clinard** passed a sheet for volunteers to sign up for the LCCDCC fair booth. Continuous staffing for fair hours Wed. 7/27 at 4 PM to Sat. 7/30 at 10 PM requires at least 28 people for 3 hour shifts each. The booth (paid for by the Democratic Action Club) will be outside in a tent this year.

### New/ Old Business: Group

- The fundraising committee needs to re-organize. **Shani, Thai, Tonia, and Jacob T** volunteered, and will work via Slack.
- Pride Parade and outreach table are this Saturday July 23. **Jacob T** invited all candidates and supporters to walk with the Central Committee.
- **Jacob** is organizing a day of action in support of Penny Ronning for MT-2 (<https://www.pennyronning.com/>) and local Democratic candidates.
- **Monica** emphasized concentration on the Supreme Court race to re-elect Justice Ingrid Gustafson (). Even though the court is nominally non-partisan, Republican elected officials are demonizing her and strongly supporting her opponent.

### Candidate updates:

- **Laura Smith** spoke about her campaign for HD79 <https://www.lauraforlegislature.com/>.
- **Rep. Dunwell** <https://www.maryannandunwell.com/> asked for contributions to run for SD42 against a self-funded Republican. It is essential to hold this Senate seat to avoid a Republican super-majority.

### Precinct Appointments:

- **Michael Bayuk** volunteered for open precinct 13, and was accepted by acclamation.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted June minutes to the chair, and shared them on Zoom and the central committee website.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chair's thanks at approximately 8:00 PM. **Next meeting THIRD Tuesday July 19, 2022 via Zoom AND IN PERSON at the Helena Main Library at 6:30 PM.** Respectfully submitted, Linda Beischel, secretary.