

**LCCDCC June 8, 2021 VIA ZOOM**

Follow us on Facebook and the web <http://www.lccdemocrats.com>

Call to Order and Introductions: Tonia Bossell, Chair

- **Tonia** called the meeting to order at **7:02 PM** via Zoom. Tonia welcomed all, and asked for introductions. In attendance (by Zoom identification): **Kyle Joiner, Sen. Jill Cohenour, Joe Cohenour, Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Carole and Mark Mackin, Shani Henry, Quinlan O'Connor, Trent Bolger, Jan Clinard, Rep. Moffie Funk.** New Treasurer **Jacob Torgerson** (also scheduled to speak) was excused due to a work obligation.

Minutes and Financial:

- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted May 2021 (County Convention) minutes to the chair, who posted them in Zoom chat for participants to access. After attendees had time to read the minutes, they were accepted without objection.
- Treasurer **Shawn Whyte** emailed a balance of \$1898.31 in checking, \$100 in savings.

Review of MDP State Rules Convention: Tonia and Group

- **LCCDCC delegates** to the convention on June 4 included Tonia, Carole, Jan, and Trent. All agreed that **Mary Moe** did an outstanding job chairing the online meeting.
- **Trent** introduced a successful (98% in favor) rule amendment to adjust East/ West county districts for Executive Board representation in 2023 to reflect Montana's newly apportioned second congressional district.
- Montana is now the first state in the country to have **tribal committees (for the seven Tribal Reservations and the Little Shell-Chippewa)** with proportional representation (two committee representatives each) in the governing process of the Montana Democratic Party.
- **Tonia** introduced successful rule amendments from **Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (HD 84)** to use gender identity inclusive language for all party officer positions.
- An amendment passed to require an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter (for the Deaf) and/or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) at MDP state conventions and public meetings. The amendment encouraged county committees to do the same for public events, since cost may be an issue.
- 2021 MDP rules can be found at <https://montanademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/MDP-Rules-2021-Official.pdf>
- **Trent** served as parliamentarian for the Convention, so he declined to comment on results. However, he was surprised by the unanimity of voting on most amendments. A few amendments lacked a second, so did not receive a vote.

New Business: Group

- Scheduled speakers Eric Feaver and Jacob Torgerson were not available.
- **Trent** encouraged participation in online MDP Deep Canvass Training. Contact Ethan@MontanaDemocrats.org for a schedule and Zoom link.
- **Jan** requested return to the 3rd Tuesday for monthly meetings. **Quinlan** noted that he still has a conflict with another meeting then. Tonia encouraged suggestions for in-person meeting sites (minimal charge or free) that are quieter than Bert and Ernie's. The group agreed to continue the Zoom option as well.

- **Tonia** encouraged volunteers to staff a table for voter outreach at the Farmer's Market on Saturday 6/19 from 9 AM to noon.
- The group brainstormed when and how to resume fundraising. **Shani** suggested a "Mixology Night" in conjunction with Gulch Distillers (online instructions and boxed ingredients for participants). Several noted that a previous Montana Trivia event was fun. **Kyle** suggested a wine tasting event at the Silver Star party room (or similar venue), hosted by Martin of Martin's Wines (Kyle knows him). All were enthusiastic about **Carole's** suggestion of a Roaring 20's theme. An outdoor event such as a garden tour was also mentioned. **Tonia** asked that **Kyle, Carole, Shawn, and Shani** join her on the fundraising committee.
- **Jan** reported that the Democratic Action Club (DAC) has funds to support a booth at the Lewis and Clark County Fair. However, a booth MUST be staffed for more than 30 hours from July 29 to 30 (4-10 PM on Thursday, 11 AM to 10 PM on Friday and Saturday). That would necessitate more volunteers than DAC could commit. The group agreed that would be difficult for LCCDCC as well.
- Trent noted that Montana Democrats are hosting a Block Party at 303 N. Ewing from 5 to 7 PM on July 22, see <https://montanademocrats.org/BBQ21/> for tickets.
- **Mark** encouraged volunteers to fill vacancies on "nonpartisan" city and county boards and commissions (e.g. tax adjustment, city-county planning). He has served on several, and recommends participation for anyone considering a campaign for elected office. Mark also noted that he was eager to hear new Montana Deep Canvass messaging.
- **Mary Ann** questioned how to recruit more active Democrats. **Moffie** was also concerned about dwindling meeting attendance, and whether in-person meetings would attract more. **Trent** encouraged each to invite friends.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chair's thanks at 8:07 PM. **Next meeting Tuesday July 13, 2021** at 7 PM in person and via Zoom. Respectfully submitted, Linda S. Beischel, secretary