



LCCDCC June 21, 2022 IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

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Call to Order and Introductions: Tonia Bossell, Outgoing Chair

- **Tonia** called the meeting to order at **6:30 PM** in person at Lewis and Clark Library and via Zoom, and noted that the first order of business would be a special election of Chair and Vice Chair. These vacancies arose due to resignations.
- In attendance (sign in sheet and Zoom identification): **Monica Abbott, Bob Abbott, Jakob Miles, Kev Hamm, Trent Bolger, Shawn Whyte, Sen. Jill and Joe Cohenour, Benjamin Kuiper, Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Mark and Carole Mackin, Jan Clinard, Shani Henry, Leonard Bates, Thai Nugyen, Ciara Maxwell, Sheena Wilson, John Ilgenfritz, Michael Bayuk, Bob Schmitt, John Driscoll, Diana Longdon.**

Special Officer Election: Trent Bolger

- At **Tonia's** request, State Committee person **Trent Bolger** agreed to preside. **Monica** moved to adopt the agenda.
- **Trent** called the roll of eligible voters (precinct reps, officers, elected Dems), and noted the presence of a quorum. He reminded that Chair and Vice Chair must have different gender identities, per party rules. Candidates were asked to self-identify.
- **Election of chair:** Thai nominated **Jakob Miles**, Moffie 2nd. Monica nominated Mark Mackin (declined). **Jacob Torgerson** self-nominated, Jan 2nd.
- **Jakob** (via zoom due to COVID exposure) noted his strong Dem background in eastern Montana, and his work in politics since 2018. He emphasized need for engagement and relationships with individuals and organizations in the county.
- **Jacob (he/they)** noted he has run several campaigns and been active in the central committee since 2018. He is currently treasurer, and raised more than \$20K for his unsuccessful HD81 campaign. His goal is to expand margins and flip seats.
- **Jacob T** was honored to be elected 11 to 7, said we must vote to elect our candidates and save our Constitution.
- **Election of Vice-Chair:** **Mary Ann** nominated and **Moffie** seconded **Shani Henry** (she/her). Seeing no other nominations, **Moffie** moved and **Thai** 2nd to elect her by acclamation. **Shani** said she was excited and saw fundraising as key.
- **Trent** closed the special election. Chair **Jacob T** requested that **Shani** take over as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Reports:

- The Montana Democratic Party Platform Convention is July 29 – 30 in Butte. Chair, Vice Chair, State Committee reps (and alternates) will attend as voters. LCCDCC may submit amendments. Any further discussion would be via Slack.
- **Jan Clinard** asked for Fair booth signup and planning for display (July 27 - July 30). The booth (paid for by the Democratic Action Club) will be in a tent this year. Continuous staffing for fair hours Wed at 4 PM to Sat at 10 PM requires at least 28 people for 3 hour shifts each. Volunteers are needed to prepare the display as well.
- **John** asked for volunteers to be election judges. **Monica** encouraged voter registration.
- As treasurer, **Jacob** reported a balance of \$1130.77 and \$20 savings. LCCDCC does have an Act Blue account, which **Jacob T** will rejuvenate.

New/ Old Business: Group

- The Lewis and Clark Republican Central Committee has asked our chair to work with them on legislative candidate debates. The group agreed to table discussion until the July meeting.
- Farmers' Market outreach is 3rd Saturday. **Jacob T** said he will attend and encouraged candidates as well.
- Pride Parade and outreach table are Saturday July 23. **Jacob T** said he would co-ordinate participation.
- The fundraising committee needs to re-organize. **Shai, Thai, Tonia, and Jacob T** volunteered.
- **Candidate updates: Rep. Dunwell** encouraged attendees to volunteer for candidates, especially those representing their precincts. **Sen. Cohenour** also asked for campaign volunteers.

Precinct Appointments:

- **Sheena Wilson** volunteered for open precinct 9, and was accepted by acclamation. Possible volunteers for 13 and 27 will ask to be considered in July.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted May 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.