



LCCDCC March 21, 2023 in person and via ZOOM

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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): **Vice Chair Shani Henry, Monica and Robert Abbott, Thai Nguyen, Tonia Bossell, Benjamin Kuiper, Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Sen. Jill and Joe Cohenour, Mark and Carole Mackin, Moffie Funk, Jakob Miles, John Driscoll, Bob Schmitt, Heather Waters, Jan Clinard, Leonard Bates, Tom Cherry, Beverly Fox, Ciara Maxwell, Catherine Ockey, Michael Bayuk, and Darien Scott.**

Speaker: [Lewis and Clark County](#) Commissioner Andy Hunthausen

- **Commissioner Hunthausen** announced that he is running for re-election to County Commission in 2024. See <https://hunthausen.org/> to support his non-partisan campaign, and to learn more.
- **Andy** provided a detailed handout and summary of the components of county government, budget, and services. County goals include great customer service, effective long range planning, improved communication with partners and the public, and efficient management of resources. Andy addressed numerous questions about incentivizing better land use planning, smart growth, \$11 million ARPA fund distribution, and county social service funding to Helena.

Reports:

- **Legislator Report: Sen. Dunwell** asked for testimony in favor of her SB-508 (*“Reinvest in provision of biofuels for motorists”*) before the Senate Tax Committee on Thursday 3/23. (**UPDATE:** bill was tabled). Mary Ann described the chaotic push to be done as Senate Dems “persevere”. **Moffie** said **Shani** has been effective and tireless in legislative testimony.
- **Executive Board: Jacob T** Reported that the about 50 attended the LCCDCC Brunch on M-M weekend, including **Sen. Tester** and **Sheila Hogan** from MDP.
- **Treasurer: Jakob Miles**, there have been reported 28 donations for \$833 so far in 2023. These recent donations include the Mimosa Brunch. Jakob has not yet received an invoice from the Creperie for expenses. The current balance is \$2702.

New Business:

- **The inaugural MDP book club will be [“Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry that Radicalized America”](#)**, with author Ryan Busse. (**UPDATE:** The event was re-scheduled from April 11 to 6 PM on April 18, in conflicts with our monthly LCCDCC meeting.
- **Tonia Bossell**, former LCCDCC chair, volunteered for precinct 7 representative appointment and was approved by acclamation.
- Due to lack of time, **Jacob T.** announced that further planning for membership recruitment, fundraising, and improved communications would continue at weekly planning group meetings (7 PM Tuesdays) and executive board discussions. **Shani** noted that group communication would continue via Slack. **Moffie** suggested that Signal might be more secure. **Shani** noted that the Central Committee should sponsor training on the voter file (VAN) for committee volunteers.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted February minutes to the [website](#).

The meeting was adjourned with the Chair’s thanks at 7:45 PM.

Next meeting THIRD TUESDAY March 21, 2023 in person and via Zoom at 6:30 PM. Respectfully submitted, Linda Beischel, Secretary.