



LCCDCC May 17, 2022 IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

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Call to Order and Introductions: Tonia Bossell, Chair

- **Tonia** called the meeting to order at **6:30 PM** in person at Lewis and Clark Library and via Zoom, and welcomed all. In attendance (sign in sheet and Zoom identification): **John Repke (for PSC), Kev Hamm, Trent Bolger, Benjamin Kuiper, Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (for SD42), Mark Mackin, Jan Clinard, John Driscoll, Shani Henry, Leonard Bates, Shani Henry, Jakob Miles, Ross Kendall, Thai Nugyen, Ciara Maxwell, Laura Gorman, Ann Brodsky, Bobbi and Ed Jasmin, Jackie Maughan.**

Featured Speaker: John Repke for PSC District 5

- From **John's website**: *"The PSC is important to all Montanans. In the near term, the PSC sets the utility rates for most Montana residents and businesses, directly impacting the expense that is incurred each month to keep your lights on and your home warm. Longer term, the PSC ensures energy security and sustainability. The work of the PSC is serious, complex, and consequential."*
- John emphasized that he is "competent, professional, and qualified" to counteract the current all-Republican PCC "nonsense". Six former PSC commissioners have endorsed him. He is a moderate, but fed up with radical R's. He believes many R's are also disaffected with the radicals, especially when their finances are affected by incompetent regulation. He will give full focus to the job using his business experience.
- **UPDATE: Mr. Repke** won his primary and is the Democratic candidate.

Introductions and Reports:

- **Tonia** asked that the group remember **Mark Sweeney**, deceased candidate for U.S. Congress, whose name will be on the primary ballot. If he receives the most votes, the MDP will need to hold a special nominating convention for a replacement. (UPDATE: Penny Ronning won the primary and will be the Democratic candidate for Congress.)
- **Kev** continues to moderate and record "Candid Candidate Convos" which allow recording and archiving streamed conversations with candidates. The conversations can be accessed via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkDemocrats/videos>), Youtube, and Twitter, and viewers can submit questions in real time via integrated chat. The previous evening, four candidates from Billings were featured.
- No Treasurer's report in the absence of **Jacob Torgerson**.

New/ Old Business: Group

- **Tonia** invoked a point of personal privilege to announce that she was officially resigning as Chair for health reasons, effective at the end of the meeting. Tonia noted that she had been planning to do this for some time. According to the bylaws, Vice Chair **Shawn Whyte** automatically assumes the Chair. Shawn was not present, but Tonia indicated that Shawn planned to resign as Vice Chair rather than become Chair. If that was confirmed (**UPDATE: it was**), then election for Chair AND Vice Chair would be necessary at the June monthly meeting.
- Tonia asked for subcommittee sign-ups. She plans to have an outreach table at the Farmers' Market on May 21.

- The group discussed preparing a unified calendar of central committee events. **Thai** noted that he had prepared one with the MDP and would try to retrieve it.
- Shani noted that Lance Four Star had requested resolutions from central committees supporting a truth and healing commission regarding historic abuses at Indian boarding schools (<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>). There were more than 367 known schools nationally Senator Tester supports and there are 24 sponsors of this resolution in the U.S. Senate. Shani will bring the resolution to the next meeting.
- **Jan Clinard** noted that DAC will pay (\$375) for a booth at the county fair in July. Continuous staffing for fair hours Wed at 4 PM to Sat at 10 PM requires that at least 28 people for 3 hour shifts each. Volunteers are needed to prepare the display as well.

Precinct Appointments and March minutes:

- Since the filing deadline for precinct representatives was past, remaining seats were open for appointment. **Ross Kendall** volunteered for open precinct one, **Ciara Maxwell** volunteered for open precinct four, **Kev Hamm** volunteered for open precinct twenty, and **Thai Nugyen** volunteered for open precinct sixteen. All these activists were accepted by acclamation.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted April 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 June 21, 2022 via Zoom AND IN PERSON at the Helena Main Library at 6:30 PM.** Respectfully submitted, Linda Beischel, secretary.