



LCCDCC November 15, 2022 in person and via ZOOM
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Call to Order and Introductions:

- **Chair Jacob Torgerson** called the meeting to order via Zoom 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, Tom Cherry, Michael Bayuk, Thai Nguyen, Jakob Miles, Benjamin Kuiper, Jan Clinard, Mark Mackin, John Driscoll, Shena Wilson, John Ilgenfritz, Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Rep. Jill Cohenour and Joe Cohenour, Leonard Bates.**

Legislator Updates: (need to leave for another meeting)

- **Rep. Jill Cohenour (HD84)** thanked attendees for their worthwhile election efforts.
- **Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (SD42)**, noted that she was also speaking to a landlords' association meeting tonight. She thanked all who helped on her campaign and for other local Democrats. She noted the need to pay attention and testify, keep speaking out for our values, and create a record of objection to unconstitutional bills. She noted the need to back the Democratic brand, while working with moderate Republicans when possible.

Election Debrief: Jacob T

- Though there was a net loss of about 5 Democratic legislators, Lewis and Clark Dem candidates held the line. Republicans now have a supermajority. Legislative redistricting maps will be available after Thanksgiving, and public testimony in support of proportional representation will be essential.
- Jacob noted that he watched the vote count at the City-County Building until 2 AM.

Brainstorm Goals for the Legislative Session: Shani

- **Leonard Bates** noted that the special December meeting should select a legislative lead to coordinate rapid response at the Legislature. **Mark** supported an in person meeting in December to discuss legislative priorities.
- **John** noted the need to show up at the session to support our legislators. Ben said a mechanism to notify volunteers was needed.
- **Jacob T** noted that he will be working for the caucus this session. He also said that recruiting legislative candidates for 2024 will be essential. **Michael** noted that Jacob T could help lead recruiting and educating younger activists this session.
- **Mark** noted that he knows someone with advertising expertise who would meet by Zoom to discuss integrated digital ads with those interested in exploring the possibility. **Jacob M** and **Michael** agreed that targeted digital ads could help influence the legislative session.

Reports:

- **Treasurer Jakob Miles** reported a current checking balance of \$625.97. Act Blue contributions for the Election Night gathering and auction (more than \$2000). have

not yet reached the account. The total raised was \$3265.50 (\$1250 from candidates), and total expenses \$2432.24.

- **Vice Chair Shani** reported on the Election Night Watch Party on 11/8/22 at the Great Northern. There was a good turnout (in very cold and snowy weather), including some new faces. Jacob Mikes and Kev handled the tech for 3 screens. Thai managed the 50-50. Mike Cooney started off the event. Donations from candidate campaigns prior to the event covered expenses and auction items were donated. The group's consensus was to continue the tradition, possibly with a cheaper venue. **Mark Mackin** reported conversations with some of the younger attendees. Issues of importance to them included cost of living, increase in the minimum wage, creatively holding Republicans accountable, helping voters understand the consequences of their votes.
- **Shani, Mark, and Leonard Bates** mentioned the importance of cooperation between central committees (Teton, Pondera, Broadwater, Jefferson, etc). Shani noted that the Jefferson County CC contributed to candidates in Lewis and Clark County.

Fundraising Update: Group

- Options for creative CC fundraising events in 2023 include a Spring Soiree (possibly a Montana trivia event), a reception before the Mansfield-Metcalf dinner, and a fall dinner with keynote speaker.

New/ Old Business:

- There were no volunteers for precinct representative appointment.
- Secretary **Linda Beischel** submitted October minutes.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chair's thanks at approximately 7:45 PM. **Next SPECIAL ORGANIZING meeting SECOND Tuesday December 13, 2022 in person and via Zoom at 6:30 PM.** Respectfully submitted, Linda Beischel, Secretary.