



Minutes of meeting Nov. 12, 2024
At Clarkston United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order by chair Becky Eklund. There were 18 people in attendance. A few comments were shared about the Nov. 5 election.

Introductions were made by each person. Lorraine Nelson announced she was the outgoing secretary and Linn Wheeling is the incoming secretary.

Cake! Becky noted the meeting was being held on the one-year anniversary of the revival of the Asotin County Democrats. She said the group received a \$250 donation to have a party. A chocolate cake – with the words Thank You on it -- was cut and pieces passed out by various volunteers from the group. Becky handed out a list of the group's accomplishments in the past year and walked the group through the list. She thanked everyone for their contributions. (See "Progress toward Goals" list attached to these minutes.)

Financial report was given by Becky in the absence of Treasurer Roger Jones. She said group has a little more than \$1,800 in the bank account.

Priorities for 2025 were discussed by the group. After some ideas, it was pointed out that the purpose of the Asotin County Democratic party is to elect democrats, and those activities fall into four categories: Organization, Promotion, Membership and Fundraising. Ideas around Organization included finding Precinct Committee Officers. John Rusche and Becky agreed to team up on that effort. Promotion ideas included writing letters and presence at events. Mary Dolezal volunteered to find a way to get a table at the Dec. 7 Clarkston parade downtown and to look for other community events where the group could have a presence. Another member – Ed Zahnle – offered to get us a presence at the YWCA color run. Other promotion ideas included talks sponsored by the Asotin County Democrats and t-shirts with the logo on them. Linn Wheeling and Mary Nell offered to take on the Membership drive. Ideas for Fundraising included the suggestion that each member look at their own giving and see if they can give \$10 a month or whatever.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the same location.

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Minutes submitted
by Lorraine Nelson, outgoing secretary

Asotin County Democrats
Progress toward Goals
Presented at meeting of November 12, 2024

Strengthened our organization

- ✓ Adopted bylaws
- ✓ Established bank account
- ✓ Updated Public Disclosure Commission reports
- ✓ We get monthly financial reports
- ✓ We've had a consistent group of members coming to meetings
- ✓ Ongoing communication through email and Facebook page

Voter registration

- ✓ Postcards twice
- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ Door knocking
- ✓ Texting

Visibility

- ✓ Web site
- ✓ FB page
- ✓ Yard signs
- ✓ Letters to the editor
- ✓ Advertisements in Tribune announcing meetings
- ✓ Waved signs on the street

Candidates

- ✓ Presentations from candidates in person or via Zoom
- ✓ Made endorsements

Relationships to other organizations

- ✓ State Democratic Party
- ✓ Spokane County Democrats
- ✓ ID/WA Women's Group

Fundraising

- ✓ Annual dues amount established
- ✓ Selling yard signs
- ✓ Donations