



Minutes of meeting December 3, 2024

At Clarkston United Methodist Church

The December meeting of the Asotin County Democrats was called to order at 7:03 PM. Seventeen volunteers were in attendance, including Becky Eklund, ACD Chair, Roger Jones, Treasurer

Motion by John Rusche to approve the November 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by Helen LeBeouf was. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report - Roger Jones

- As of 12.1.2024 Cash on Hand = 1513.43
- Overall expenses are relatively minimal. Ads about our meets were the largest expense Lewiston Morning Tribune at \$400 per month, but considered a good return on investment. Other expenses are annual state filings.
- Discussed opportunities for reaching out to members to encourage monthly donations - \$10 - \$20 per month, to support building financial reserves for 2026 campaign efforts.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Membership Committee to incorporate monthly donations and links to ACD ActBlue account. Add information to ACD website. NOTE: ACD donations are not tax deductible.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Coordinate having a laptop at the January meeting to walk volunteers through signing up with ActBlue

Program / Activities Updates

- A. Clarkston Holiday Parade Presence
 - Permission has been granted for a table at 917 6th Street during the Clarkston Holiday parade. Volunteers manning the table will be offering hot chocolate, voter registration cards, and general information about ACD Flyers.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Explore creating a QR Code for Donations to ActBlue ACD account.
- B. ACD Swag (T-Shirts) Danielle Evans
 - No report at this time
- C. Art Under the Elms - Becky Eklund
 - Artist registration is open.
 - Not for profit exhibitor (table) registration is not yet available. Will continue to monitor
- D. YMCA Color Run
 - Attempting to secure the Blue Station as a sponsor for the run.
- E. Membership Team Update - Linn Wheeling, Mary Nell Holden
 - Preliminary phone meeting.
 - Working on developing a 2025 membership drive messaging and outreach plan - that will ensure all ACD activities incorporate ACD membership and volunteer opportunities.

District 9 Re-Organization Update - Becky Eklund Legislative districts and county democratic committees are required to reorganize every odd numbered year.

- Legislative District 9 held its reorganization meeting on December 3, 2024. John Rusche was elected as one of two state committee members for LD 9.
- Review of Bylaws and Election of Officers
 - Asotin County Democrats reorganization meeting will be January 7, 2025. Elected PCOs will vote for officers for chair, vice chair, and 2 state committee members.. Currently, elected Asotin County Democratic PCOs are Gary Namie, Helen LeBeouf, and Becky Eklund Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative Districts
 - Treasurer & Secretary are appointed by the ACD Chair.
- Precinct Committee Officers
 - Asotin County has 25 Precincts and only three have PCOs
 - Recruiting ongoing. There is a Precinct Committee Officer Handbook available for those who interested in volunteering

Democratic Volunteers for City and County Seats

- Encouraged all participants to attend city and county agency meetings, including City Counsel, School Board, library and other community agency meetings to support Democratic leadership

Guest Speaker: Codi Gaston, Democratic Party District 9 Coordinator

Ms. Gaston provided attendees a brief synopsis of the feelings and plans that are being shared among the democratic party field officers. Encouraged people to not let the fear of the unknown thwart the good efforts being put forward.

Discussed a book "On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder, and recommended volunteers read the book.

There are over 4000 registered democrats in Asotin County. The opportunity for ACD is to regain ground in building a safe space for Democrats to engage. Twitter and Facebook have essentially replaced the Town Square. BlueSky social media site is quickly growing

VoteBuilder is a platform that is available to ACD volunteers. Interested in learning more or taking a training, contact Becky Eklund, and she will coordinate a time with Ms. Gaston. The opportune time is anytime after 5:00 PM. Interested participants are asked to bring their own computer.

ACTION ITEM: Linn Wheeling to set up a ACD BlueSky page, and invite all ACD members to join.

Other discussion topics covered the idea of creating an Eastern Washington Democratic Party podcast, exploring opportunities for civics education and training.

Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be January 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

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