ASOTIN COUNTY Democrats

Business Meeting Minutes **April 1, 2025**

At Clarkston United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM by Becky Eklund, President

Welcome / Introductions:

Members of the Garfield County Democrats attended the meeting.

- 25 attendees present

Hands Off Rally Open Discussion

- The Hands Off Rally is drawing a lot of attention
- ACD has alerted the local authorities. While there may be counter protesters, ACD is requesting all participants to be mindful this is a peaceful rally.
- Corner captains will be assigned to each of the four corners on 5th & Bridge Street. If you're interested in being a corner captain, contact Roger Jones.
- All ACD members are encouraged to wear blue
- There will most likely be press at the event. Helen Lebouef will compile talking points to have on hand.

Approval of March 4, 2025 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve: Georgine Jones / Clyde Nicely 2nd.
- With no objections, the meeting minutes were approved

Financial Update

- Treasurer Roger Jones reported the ACD has $1752.33 cash on hand.
- Donations and contributions to date are: $490.84
- Expenditures are: $330
- Current outstanding expenses are: $24.50
  - Need to discuss Tribune Ads, they are subsidized by a private donor, but represent the largest expenditure for ACD

Freedom of Information Act

- Discussed Michael Baumgartner, R. and the possibility of filing a freedom of information act to uncover conflicts of interest
- Baumgartner's seat is one that could be susceptible to flip
- ACD members and participants are encouraged to write letters / contact Baumgartner's office to express opinions on performance
- Congressional offices typically count the number of contacts (email/phone calls) rather than the content when weighing support or opposition to a piece of legislation
- Carmela Conroy has announced that she will run against Baumgartner during the next election.

Phone Banking

- There are currently 11 PCOs for Asotin County
- The PCO phone banking system Vote Builder has not worked as easily as intended. Thank you to Mary Lopes for continuing to use the system and make calls.
- PCOs will receive new links to log calls within the next week.

State / County Committee Meetings

- The WA State Democratic Party meeting is May 2-4, 2025
    - A question was asked if there were any travel reimbursement funds to support ACD State Party representatives' travel?
    - The ACD Executive Committee will take the agenda item to discuss
    - Helen LeBoeuf will be attending / Linn Wheeling has scheduling conflicts
- The Garfield County Democrats Jamie Carothers reported they are currently trying to coordinate local meetings.
    - Their goal is to organize a fundraiser, with the possibility of co-sponsoring with the ACD.

Asotin County Fair

- The Asotin County Fair Board rejected ACD's request for a table at the fair.
    - It was suggested the rejection letter from the Fair Board and Asotin County Commissioners be sent to the Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Still planning on marching in the Parade
    - Deborah Gregor, who is coordinating the involvement, y asked for 12 volunteers to walk
    - Bring banners, instruments and noise makers

Clarkston School Board

- The Clarkston School Board continues to monitor multiple bills moving through the Washington State Legislature.
- The CSB Facilities Advisory Committee will be conducting a "roll out of their proposed plan"

General Discussion:

There is a concern that Elon Musk's access to the Social Security System will somehow put our personal data at risk.
- Recommend putting a credit freeze on your accounts at all three reporting agencies

Molly Steele thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall meeting held recently in Lewiston.
- Lewiston and Moscow town hall meetings were included in the Rachel Maddow show
- People were showing up for Braver Angels as well
- An Empty Chair protest is scheduled for April 10, 2025 outside the office of Representative Crapo from 3:30 - 5:30 PM.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes submitted by
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