



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called to Order:

Present: Glen Scheele, Brian Caldwell, Mary Calder, Colleen Johnson, Jamie Gustafson, Gray McGuire, Sharon Evoy, Carole Halvorson vice chair, Bob Phifer, Tyler Whitmire, Bill Whitaker, Suzy Chapman

Introductions: Introductions were made. Welcome to all folks familiar & new

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval: Approved

Item: Adopt a Highway,

Nine folks showed, went in pairs with each pair picking up a section - this worked well. Lyndall was a great sag wagon host! Next pick up: spring.

Great pic on website and Facebook

Union.oregondemocrats.org

Item: Fundraising:

Act Blue resource Gray is looking into, need to contact Janet for bank info background. We are looking at it as a possibility for credit card processing, may be some nominal fees for transactions.

Indoor rummage sale, looked for a downtown location – but this isn't panning out so need to brainstorm for another location. This idea is shelved for now with Holiday Raffle

Garage sale – slated for next Sept.

Holiday raffle – Feast Basket with items such as: table cloth, napkins, turkey, baked goods, may order turkey from Nature's Pantry or Bella's (for frozen organic) Elmer's does smoked pork, local produce, Limit ticket sales to about 50, Brian will contact Kaufmann's any other donations appreciated, Brian will supply Shoo Fly pie ingredients, Suzy will donate Zucchini bread, Sharon & Bill will donate jams, Carole – Chocolate, Colleen – wine,

Announcement to appear on-line if we get enough donations will maybe have more than one basket.

May have to ask for specifics in donation plea, such as napkins,

Brian suggests sending a message to generate ideas, and involvement

January social – less of a fundraiser, more of a raising awareness event, (What can we do to be more VISIBLE?)

Gray comments about local enthusiasm for the election even if general mood is negative

Next meeting for January social committee

Meet next Wednesday November 9th at 5:00, Mary's house 7th & O.



Kathleen & Suzy (?) are also on this committee,

With an agenda of setting a date for January social

Brian suggests a Texas Hold Em/chili event; Brian has experience having done this with Little League, maybe at a later date – Feb/March

Bill suggests Dems taking lead on issues such as corporate personhood we support the constitutional, MLK march & day of service, public presence with EOU

Raffle at Fair Booth

Calendar of fundraising

Dec – Holiday Feast raffle, tickets will be ready soon

Jan. social

Feb or March – Texas Hold Em

Aug. Fair booth raffle Elk hide,

Sept. garage sale

Note: Mary recalls using a mobile unit years ago as an office space

Item: Occupy Movement

Glen shares comments regarding the L.G. event, targeted Wells Fargo,

Occupy movement has had some effects such as BOA stepping back from debit card charge,

Banks are into money, charging fees, - some movement away from banks to community financial institutions

Mary comments – voter restrictions and voter suppression, not as evident here with mail in voting,

Call Kroger regarding banking lawsuit Gray may do a community comment about this issue

There is an Occupy La Grande Facebook page

Monday November 14^{th, 5:30} @ Sac Annex to meet regarding an action plan, Glen will take lead on Bob

Phifer & Tyler is active with movement, they have a Wednesday group.

Brian comments how about a challenge to debate issues, could sell tickets

Item: Appoint Precinct Committee Person

Heidi Von Schoonhoven – voting members (passes)

Item: Suggestion to include our website address on all communication

Item: Switch to Books & Brew for next meeting, Sharon will talk to Andrew

Item: La Grande Life involvement, Stew is contact, Glen will look into this.

Adjourned: 6:08

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Evoy, Secretary