

Outagamie County Dems Monthly Meeting
Jan. 9th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chair Lee Snodgrass.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Lee Snodgrass welcomed all to the first monthly meeting of 2017. She introduced the Executive board of 2017-2019. The only members that were not present was Sue Hopfensperger, Special Events Chair and Justin Lenz, LU College Dems Rep. She also mentioned that we are in need of a chair for Fundraising. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested, please speak to Lee.

Chair Lee Snodgrass also mentioned that the board decided on Rules of conduct that are to be followed at our meetings: 1: Respect one another's opinions, even if you disagree with them. 2: Respect time limit at meetings. 3: Respect the agenda, Please submit your topics to discuss at the meeting before the agendas are printed out. 4: Please stay on topic.

After approval of moving meeting minutes from Nov. 2016 to Feb. 2017, We discussed new business. Our first order of business was a small group visioning activity: We break up in small groups of four-six (depending on attendance) and discuss things like why we are here, what skills we can contribute to the County Party, What sort of activities or pursuits should the county party be engaged in 2017. Chair Lee Snodgrass and Vice Chair Ann Muenster mentioned that we are doing this because 1) So we can get to know one another. 2) So others can know about other great ideas. 3) Possible ideas to implement in a committee. After ideas and whatnot was expressed in the small group activity, people announced them to the other groups afterwards and notes were taken down and comments made by those on the executive board.

After our small group visionary activity, we moved on to the discussion of the 2017 budget review: Treasurer Mark Waltman announced that our current account balances are \$514.66 (Checking) and \$1090.59 (Savings). Chair Lee Snodgrass also mentioned that we will no longer print out a lot of newsletters to send out thru snail mail and we are switching over to mailchimp for email newsletters. By doing these activities, we will be saving \$1800 monthly. Chair Lee Snodgrass also mentioned that the county party has bought a post office box so people can send correspondence to, the cost is \$86 a month. Penny Bernard Schaber also mentioned that she would like to make a motion to add a separate line budget for officer expenses; This would be reimbursement for officers that have to attend required events. She is looking at \$1700 per year. This was seconded. Motion passed and carried. Penny will prepare the statement to be sent to the State Party Constitutional Committee, Discussion and possible approval process will happen sometime in July 2017.

Treasurer Mark Waltman also reminded everyone to keep their receipts if they buy things for the committees or for the events. We need to track donations as well, you must provide your name and address when you make a financial donation or contribution to the party. This includes purchasing tickets for County party events. This is GAB (Government Accountability Board) required.

Next on our agenda was the discussion of New Business: Chair Lee Snodgrass mentioned that we will have Executive board meetings on the last Monday of the month. Our next one is on Jan. 30th, It will be held at Lawrence University Conservatory from 6-8 PM. Guests and members may attend but they are not allowed to vote during these meetings.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM, it was seconded. Motion passed and carried.

Mary Goldsmith
Secretary