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Minutes
Central Committee Meeting
Gilpin County Democrats
August 11, 2009

Call to Order

Jackie Conley, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Attendees included:

Jackie Conley, Chair	Don Devereux, Executive Committee
Lynn Hirshman, Vice Chair	Marianne Walter, Executive Committee
John Clower, Treasurer	Jeanne Nicholson, County Commissioner
David Walker, Secretary	Buddy Schmalz, County Commissioner
John Thomas, Precinct 3	Anne Schafer, County Assessor
Larry Koppelman, Precinct 6	Scott Groginsky
Elizabeth Groginsky	Ron Slinger
Barbara Thielemann, Precinct 1	Jerry Yocom, Sherriff Candidate
Claudia Schaufler	Sandy Hollingsworth
Zane Laubhan, Coroner	

Welcome and Introductions

It was wonderful to see such a large turn-out for this meeting. It shows that people want to participate and direct their Democratic Party. Due to the large turn-out, everyone introduced themselves.

Don Devereux's Story and Vision

This month's featured speaker was Don Devereux. Don grew up near Chicago and moved to Northern California. Over the years, he became distrustful of the government and the media. Don was drafted into the Army after losing an appeal for conscientious objector status and served in Vietnam. Over the years, Don has dealt with many hardships including homelessness, divorce, a battle with cancer and various other issues, but he has maintained a focus on community and global awareness and compassionate visions.

Jerry Yocom , Candidate for Gilpin County Sherriff.

Jerry Yocom presented himself as candidate for Gilpin County Sherriff. He filed his affidavit as a candidate a couple of weeks prior to this meeting.

Jerry has an extensive history in law enforcement beginning as a police officer with the City of Littleton, CO, and continuing as Site Commander for an international security agency before returning to Colorado to serve as Deputy on the Gilpin County Sherriff's Department. Jerry was hired as Chief of Police for Black Hawk where he built the first full-time police department the town had ever had. He left Black Hawk to earn a Juris Doctor degree and toward the end of his studies took a job as the Legal Case Manager at a law office in Omaha, Nebraska for three years before returning to school to earn his Master of Criminal Justice degree. He currently teaches criminology at Regis University, and is a communication specialist for Flight for Life.

Jerry was shocked at how constructive criticism was received in the current Sherriff's department, believes that new leadership is needed, and that he is the one to provide it. He believes that he has proven that he will be able to provide law enforcement guidance to officers/deputies. Through his background of law enforcement and legal training , he has seen that the scales of justice are tipped in the prosecution's favor. Jerry is supportive of everybody's rights, and that those rights are only protected when thorough investigations are conducted.

Jerry does not personally support the death penalty because the justice system is not flawless and mistakes are made.

Mr. Yocom's believes that most of the firearms issues in Gilpin County fall under the provisions of reckless endangerment. Requirements for backdrops, distance from public roads, etc. required for target shooting are clearly laid out under current statutes. Many of the cases where firearms use has become a contested issue between Gilpin County residents could easily be settled by application of these statutes.

July 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The following corrections to the July minutes were suggested by various committee members:

- Sandy Hollingsworth was volunteered by Larry Koppelmanto deal with tent issue, not Gussie Walter.
- The word "acclimation" will be replaced by "moved, seconded and passed."
- Jerry Yocum should be Jerry Yocom.
- Anne Schafer was misspelled several different ways.
- The Call To Order was 7:10p.m., not 7:00 p.m.
- Linda and Wes Isenhardt told Jackie they could not attend prior to the meeting.
- Lynn Hirshman agreed to write a letter encouraging people to notify their elected representatives of their preferences for health care reform.
- Rephrase the candidate announcements to include all offices up for election in 2010 and include the Democratic candidate if known.
- Replace references to "democrat candidate" to "Democratic candidate."

The July 14, 2009 Minutes were moved, seconded and passed as amended above.

Nominations Committee Report

Jeanne Nicholson presented a handout outlining a point-based system that could be used to determine the distribution of funds to Democratic candidates in the future. Amendments included:

- The duration of a candidates voter registration as a Democrat, and their activity in the Democratic party should be a factor in the point system.
- The Nominations Committee needs to have discretionary power for special cases.

The revised handout follows these minutes.

Jeanne Nicholson moved to approve the support policy as amended.

Scott Groginsky seconded the motion.

The policy passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

John Clower, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Thielemann moved to accept the report as presented, and Anne Schafer seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

2009-2010 Budget

The Treasurer will e-mail a revised budget to be discussed at the September meeting.

Donations

The donation jar was passed around the room, and \$163.00 was raised to help support Democratic values and Democratic candidates.

Fund Raising Event Committee

Chair, Sandy Hollingsworth announced that we currently have no final date, no location, and no keynote speaker for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

Potential dates are October 10, 17, and 18.

Potential locations include Crooks Palace, Roy's Last Shot (can't have exclusive space), Art Gallery (not a good place), Ameristar (not locally owned). Other suggestions include: The Stage Stop, and Central City Event's Center above Doc Holiday's.

Several potential keynote speakers were discussed including Jim Hightower, Joan Fitzgerald, Warren Hern, and others.

The committee will look into these options and make decisions. Results will be e-mailed when available.

County Fair

Volunteers and equipment are needed for the Democrat's booth at the Gilpin County Fair. Gussie sent around sign-up sheets for both.

Old Business

- Website status - Joe Sperrazza's wife is ill. Joe has set the website aside for now.
- Update on Healthcare Reform Action - Jackie sent out list of things to do by e-mail. Please do them!
- Jackie will be at the Democrat's booth at the State Fair in Pueblo.

New Business

Zane Zaubhan filed for Coroner candidacy.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Please see the Gilpin County Democrats Candidate Support Policy on the following page.

Gilpin County Democratic Party
Candidate Support Policy
August 2009

- Recipients must be a registered Democrat for at least one year.
- Contributions will be made to Democratic Party candidates in election years only.
- Contributions will be made to Democratic Party candidates following the known results of the Primary Election only.
- If a primary election is not held, contributions will be made to Democratic Party candidates following the date the Primary Election would have been held if there were more than one Democratic Party candidate for at least one office.
- Contributions will be made to State and Gilpin County Democratic Party candidates.
- Local candidates will share 75% of the designated funds while state candidates will share 25% of the total designated funds available because State candidates have a greater source of contributions than local candidates do.
- Contributions will be made to Democratic Party candidates based on a point system.
- One point will be awarded for an uncontested race; two points will be awarded if the candidate has an opponent.
- One point will be awarded for not working on Gilpin County and/or other Democratic Party activities, two points will be awarded for actively working on Party activities including, but not limited to the JJ Dinner, Flea Market, Party Picnic, highway cleanup days, Gilpin County Fair Booth etc, three points will be awarded for exceptionally active work for the Party.
- One point will be awarded for a less challenging race, two points will be awarded for a challenging race including a race that is determined to be challenging because the opponent is an incumbent, has strong name recognition and/or is highly respected in the community. The Central Committee will determine the level of challenge for such cases.
- If a candidate informs the Central Committee that he or she does not want a contribution from the Party, the points among the candidates will be adjusted to account for the refusal of funds.
- Exceptional cases will be considered by the Central Committee allowing the committee to grant a waiver to the policy.