



Sweetwater County Democrats

21 March 2024 / 6 pm / GR - Hitching Post

Attendees

SWCDP Chair: M. Jensen, SCM: D. Furgason, Precinct: M. Green, A. Cable, B. Smith, M. Shaffer, V. Roth, M. Masterson, L. Kuhlmann. Community: C. Denman, C. Whitehead, B. Whitehead, K. Valencia, S. Sullivan. 2024 Presidential Candidate David Olscamp.

***The business meeting was called to order at 6:08 and adjourned at 6:41** Motion to approve Agenda by A. Cable and seconded by L. Kuhlmann. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn M. Masterson. Motion accepted.*

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve Secretary's report by A. Cable and seconded by L. Kuhlmann. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by M. Masterson and seconded by B. Whitehead. Motion carried.

Old Business

Chair Jensen presented updating the strategic plan and opened up the floor for discussion. R.J. Pieper recommended contacting people to attend the county convention. M. Shaffer suggested a phone bank.

Chair Jensen recognized M. Shaffer as having data expertise and asked for his input: Recommended coming up with a good "ask" for any campaign to reach out and discussed best practices for reaching out; local discussions are a great way to engage and empower people to act.

Chair Jensen suggested using texts to ask base Dems to attend the County Caucus and Convention on April 13th. Suggestions made by attendees:

"Your party values you; do you value us?"

"Would you be interested in helping out?"

"Why come to the convention?" (list the reasons)

"Sweetwater County has a lot going on - come voice your thoughts"

Any text will go out no later than **Mar 13, 2024** .

Chair Jensen will find an appropriate venue for the Caucus and Convention on **Apr 13, 2024** .

Chair Jensen asked everyone to write down one to three policy issues that are their “lines in the sand”. The group discussed their answers.

Chair Jensen shared updates on what legislators are doing in Cheyenne and specific concerns regarding SF86, along with resolutions passed at the recent Wyoming Democratic State Central Committee meeting in Cheyenne.

K. Zanetti brought up concerns regarding pending legislation being considered in Cheyenne, particularly that reduce funding to public education and also the importance of having candidates file to run as a “D” in every race.

Chair Jensen provided updates about future events.

New Business

Chair Jensen discussed the needs of the upcoming Caucus and Convention on April 13th. L. Kuhlmann offered to serve as Chair of the Platform committee. B. Smith and V. Roth offered to serve on the Credentials and Ballots Committee. The draft Agenda was presented along with the seven ballot options.

Members asked about the availability of refreshments and Chair Jensen reminded members that at previous meetings that the members voted to have the executive board execute the decision as to whether or not to have refreshments at the meeting. Due to cost, the Executive board made the decision to not have refreshments at the meeting. B. Smith made the recommendation to stamp the hands of eligible registered voters.

Chair Jensen reminded the members that the \$500 allocated in 2023 had been depleted for meeting food as of the current meeting. B. Smith made the motion to reallocate \$500 for meeting food. M. Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Jensen welcomed the Presidential Candidate, David Olscamp to speak to members. Mr. Olscamp spoke briefly about how he was a small business owner and not in the race to speak badly of President Biden.

Action Items

1. Put the next meeting(s) in GR & RS on the calendar.
2. Commit to run for office or volunteering for a campaign.

Date	April 18, 2024				
	Balance Forward:	\$ 7,856.11			
	Income:				
	Act Blue	\$ 117.63			
	PTH- 3/21	\$ 30.00			
	PTH- 3/22	\$ 151.00			
	PTH - 4/5	\$ 50.00			
	Check Pamela Hiltner 4/12	\$ 50.00			
	PTH - 4/12	\$ 160.00			
	Total	\$ 558.63			
	Expenditures:		Pending		
	Storage Shed	\$ 45.00			
	Staples (Ink & Stamping Kit)	\$ 120.60			
	Hitching Post	\$ 147.71			
	Total	\$ 313.31	Total	\$ -	
	Ending Balance:	\$ 8,101.43	Available Balance	\$ 8,101.43	

2024 Events

June

8 - Rock Springs Pride Fest (200)---- \$225 for 2024

15 - Green River Pride in the Park (200)---- recommend same as RS

July

13 - International Day 43.20+400 (watermelon and ice)

July/August

30-3 - Fair \$230 (July 1st) + 62.90 (extra tickets)

\$120 (candy, ice, water, decorations)

Total: \$1310

Safety

Events and Booths - Must have at a minimum of 3 persons in a booth at all times. Among these members; one must have the ability to use a cell phone, one must have the ability to use video on a cell phone and one must be able to execute deescalation tactics. No member is allowed to step outside of the booth to address an aggressor. If these standards are not met, the booth will be torn down and we may be liable to not return to the event next year.

Pre-Paid Phones: \$30-\$200, \$25/mo when purchased online.

*Suggested motion: I motion to approve the Executive Committee to spend up to \$1600 for 2024 Events to include booth, decorations, phones, and perishable food items.

Raffle 2023

\$2135 profit, 451 tickets sold *Last Year's motion was up to approve the \$2000

E-Bike, Rod, America the Beautiful Lands Pass

Voter Registration Changes

*Changing Political Party- May 15th, in person with any municipal clerk or county clerk. Unaffiliated living outside a town or city may not receive a ballot.

*Absentee Ballots mailed out 28 days prior to election.