



AGENDA

June Meeting of the Sweetwater Democrats
June 19th, 2025- 6 pm- GR -WWCC RM 210

Call to Order:

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of Agenda & Recognitions**
- **Correspondence**
- **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Old Business

- **Calendar of events Volunteers Sign ups**
- **Advertising budget: Green River Star Meetings & Raffle**
- **NO KING'S 50501 & coalition BUILDING**

New Business

Calendar:

Lunchons: Fridays Noon

- **June 20th GR - Gudino's**
- **June 27th RS - Marty's**

Events:

JUNE

- **21st Green River Pride**
- **June 23rd Cab Building Guns in Schools**
- **27th-28th Flaming Gorge Days**

JULY

- **12th International Day**
- **29th - Aug 2nd Sweetwater County Fair**

- **Precinct round up**
 - Plans & Ideas for neighborhood engagement
- **News Roundup**
 - Hageman votes in Committee to sale 500,000 acres of public land
 - Call Hageman ask in the House to “VOTE NO on Public Land Privatization”
 - Your public Lands for sale
 - <https://www.wilderness.org/articles/media-resources/250-million-acres-public-lands-eligible-sale-senr-bill>
 - June 26th at 6pm Wyoming State Capitol
- **50501 protest information**
- **Volunteer signups: Pride in GR**
 - **Start 9:00 am: Set-Up (first come first serve booth space)**
 - **End 2:00 pm: Breakdown**
 - **2 hours: 1 for us, 1 for you**
- **Research Volunteers**
- **Minorities and allies caucus visitor: Courtney Seghetti**
 - **Creator of Voter Guide**
 - **Special Invitation to Casper!**

Adjournment

MNA VOTER GUIDE

Qualities of a Good Candidate

- Rational Person that deals with Facts
- Honesty
- Must Support equity and equality for all
- Secular having faith is great but not appropriate in government decisions
- The ability to compromise
- Common Sense
- Compassion /Tolerance
- Listens
- Will they take the oath of office seriously and follow the law
- Their platform seeks to improve their/state/district/county/town
- They will protect the rights of their constituents
- The ability to educate themselves on various issues

Qualities of Educated Voters

- Pick your 3 to five issues
- Research those issues at the local/state/national level
- Study the incumbent's voting history
- Read/ watch incumbents/new candidates answer to voters questions
- Ask detailed questions at town halls /forums/emails/phone messages etc.
- Do they check your most important boxes?
- Understanding that no Candidate/Campaign/or scenario
- Most importantly Vote! If it wasn't important they wouldn't be working so hard to stop you

Our civil rights struggle was a series hard fought battles that led to All American being able to vote and put an end to discrimination. This increased programs that gave opportunities to Minorities, Women, Disabled , Americans. Loving v. Virginia struck down anti-miscegenation laws. That eventually paved the way for the Married Equality Act. " Too many people struggled, suffered, and died to make it possible for every American to exercise their right to vote" John Lewis

Tariffs

This country has implemented mass tariffs 3 times

1828, 1930, & 2025

Spaced about 100yrs apart and they were disastrous and the last 2 caused depressions.

Medicare is called Equality Care in Wyoming that is Republican voted to gut.

Social Security Fun Facts

- Social Security and Medicare are paid by a separate tax they add nothing to national debt.
- Social Security has about 2.5 trillion surplus
- Congress has borrowed trillion to pay for tax cuts for the rich, corporate subsidies, and unfunded military acts
- Social Security is taxed twice as seniors already paid in and were taxed on wages (pay roll tax)
- Example : Reagan taxed social security to fund trickle down economics that were tax cuts for the rich and corporations
- We cut your benefits, so we don't have to pay it back

Gas 101

This is how the price of gas is Determined

- Taxes
- Distribution
- Marketing
- Cost of Refining
- Crude oil prices

None of these factors are determined by POTUS

American Economics 101

- 10 of the last 11 recessions began under Republican presidents
 - GDP growth averages at about 2.5% and 4.3% under Democratic presidents
 - The only POTUS's to lower the deficits in the last 50yrs were Clinton, Obama, and Biden all Democrats
 - Of the 7 POTUS's with the highest job creation rate since 1945 , 6 were Democrats
 - 8 of the 10 poorest states in America are controlled by Republicans
- Democrats are better for your wallets

America is a Christian Nation

Let's check with the Founding Fathers

- "Christianity neither is, nor ever was part of common law" Thomas Jefferson
- "The government of the United States is not any sense founded on the Christian religion" John Adams
- "Religion and government will both exist in greater purity the less they mixed together" James Madison

DEI EXAMPLES

- Voice Commands for the visually impaired
- Pay equity and transparency
- Wheel chair ramps
- Large print material
- Handicap accessible restrooms
- Sidewalk curb cutouts
- Subtitles and captions on tv's and phones
- Family restrooms
- Breast feeding and pumping station
- Parental leave
- Changing tables in Men's rooms
- Inclusive hiring
- Protection from work place harassment
- Belt extender on planes
- Returning to a job after giving birth
- Floating paid holidays

- Title 7 of the civil rights act 1964 prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, disabilities, or national origin later to included sexual orientation

All entities such as government , universities, companies all perform better that have diversity, equity, and inclusion policies

Wyoming Legislator disastrous bills

- Carrying concealed weapons in gun free zones
- Using public money for charters in the form of vouchers almost 9,000 with no oversight this is an entitlement. The
- 25% tax cut! this money will have to come from somewhere and will result in lack of services and money that supports local school districts
- Act bill that violates the rights of transgendered Wyoming citizen
- The Wyoming Legislator has violated Article 7 of the Wyoming . The state must evaluate needs of students , inflation etc.. the state continues to redirect funds to charters, religious , private and home school. These fund assure cost of living wages for teachers & support staff, make repairs on school, this includes more resource officers, and mental health counselors

Odds & Ends

- Requiring a passport roughly around 200\$ is a poll tax designed to make it harder to vote
- Deporting US citizens
- Due Process 14.5
- Congress/AGs has a rapid response team responding to Trumps illegal acts and are winning in court case after case
- Job losses by the thousands
- Doge is a gift to shut down the offices that monitor corporations

Facts about Republican Tax Bill

- Increases fuel costs by .37 cents a gallon
- Raises your home electric bill over 100.00\$ a year
- Increases home insurance premiums
- Takes food assistance away from millions of Americans (Snap, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, and food banks)
- Raises home gas bills \$100 a year
- Kicks nearly 14million people Medicaid and leaves 7.6 millions American uninsured

Green River Pride Sign Up:

9-10 am:

Person 1:

Person 2:

10-11 am:

Person 1:

Person 2:

11-12 pm:

Person 1:

Person 2:

12-1 pm:

Person 1:

Person 2:

1-2:30 pm

Person 1:

Person 2:

SWD May 15th 2025

Sweetwater County Democrats- Minutes

April 17th 2025 / 6 pm / GR WWCC Entry Way & 201

Attendees

Executive Board Members: *Chair* - Matthew Shaffer, *Vice Chair* - Susie Schmid, *Secretary* - Elise Hanson *Treasurer*- Angela Cable, and *Committeewoman* -

Zoom:

In-Person: Jim Wilson, Joe M Barbuto, Brandon Dubois,Dana Furgson,Michael Green, Emily Steele, Reagan G.,

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve Secretary's report by M. Jensen and seconded by S. Schmid. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by S. Schmid and seconded by E. Hanson. Motion carried.

Old Business

Call to order@6:15 Motion and Approval Agenda AngellaTownhall discussion secretary report motion: Joea ndsuzie motion Carries .7,389 last monthcurrentHelpingFoodbank 10-1 Park onsaturday back of buildingsummer volunteeringTabled Community CenterSilent AuctionEvent on 31StTrainings AvailableJune 1st State ElectionsHageman Votes to sell Public landsLindsey Hamlin Spoke over Zoom Touched on:- highlighted the need forconversation w/ Unions- need for community eventsChair Shaffer then spoke on Precinct people find out more outreach via face book GroupPublic lands need to remain in PublicHandsPush for Policy on Education What is a Woman rebuttal Pride Community buildingGenerating a community of Caring & compassionJune 20thBill MullanMandy NeaverNO Viva Equalidad street fair music food trucksBooth 11-4pm sept 13Freedom Caucus opposes the labor Groups;saturday 14th50150/1 JuneGateway dewarTeeshirt IdeasI was born herel was born this WayRaffle TicketsWater mellon Order \$400 worth orderedJuly 12th International daysDana's Pickup bike & prizes night beforeSet up booth night beforeAdjourn 7:01pm

Total Balance: \$

SWD May 15th 2025

Answer Treasurer's Report Total Balance: April \$7389.60 - May \$7680.88

Action Items

1. Pride deescalation training 5/18 Holiday Inn 1pm-3pm
2. Consider Precinct person or candidate run we can help
3. Volunteer for Summer Events

May-June Event Calendar

- **Lunch May 16th noon Gudino's (NO LUNCH MAY 23rd)**
- **Lunch May 30th noon RS Lunch Marty's**

- **May 17th** foodbank @ Mall Volunteers 10-1
- **May 18th 1-3 pm** RS Pride&Drag for a Cause Free public Deescalation training:Holiday Inn patio
- **May 20th 7pm** Rs Town hall: civic center closure and city funding concerns
- **May 30th** State Central Committee Meeting Icebreaker & Cocktail Hour County Fundraiser
 - 6pm Holiday Inn Meeting Room: Cash bar
 - Silent auction basket donation items needed
 - Special Recognitions of local leadership

- **JUNE**
- **Lunch June 6th noon GR China garden**
- **Lunch June 13th noon RS Fiesta Guadalajara**

- **Booth event Volunteers needed**
- **June 7th** Rock Springs Pride
- **June 21st** Green River Pride
- **June 27th-28th** Flaming Gorge Days