



AGENDA

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

Attendees

Executive Board Members: *Vice Chair* - Susie Schmid, *Secretary* - Elise Hanson *Treasurer*- Angela Cable, and Women's Cacus Chairperson - Megan Jensen

Zoom:

In-Person:,

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM Vice Chair S. Schmid running meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report *Motion to approve: M.Jensen, 2nd: S.Schmid Motion Carries*

Treasurer's Report *Motion to approve: M.Jensen, 2nd: S.Schmid Motion Carries*

Agenda

Old Business

Vice Chair Schmid spoke on the

- Calendar of events Volunteers Sign ups International Day
- Advertising budget: Green River Star Meetings & Raffle
- NO KING'S 50501 & coalition BUILDING - great turn out across the nation and in Wyoming

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**
 - Killer Handouts have been created by L. using non-partisean peer reviewed research. A giant thank you to L. for all of her help. Will be available for international days
- **29th - Aug 2nd Sweetwater County Fair**
 - Need people to sign up for working the booth, group tickets may be an option for volunteers
- **Precinct round up**
 - Plans & Ideas for neighborhood engagement
- **News Roundup**
 - Hageman votes in Committee to sell 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 Public Lands Protest
- **50501 protest information**
 - Vice Chair Schmid spoke on the importance of Safety and Etiquette when attending: protests, council meetings, and town halls.
- **Volunteer signups: Pride in GR**
 - **Start 9:00 am: Set-Up (first come first serve booth space)**
 - **End 2:00 pm: Breakdown**

SWD May 15th 2025

- **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: 7:04pm

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