**Henry County Democrats Meeting Minutes**

**August 23, 2022**

**Meeting called to order** by Chair, Jeff Fager, who also led The Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 members present.

**Previous Minutes**: The minutes from the July meeting were approved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pat Richenberger reported a current balance on hand of $4,531.49. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the treasurer’s report.

**Old Business**: None

**Continuing Business**:

Parades: Salem, August 27 (Abigail will pick up candy for the parades). Jeff, Mike, Kellen, Chuck, Tammy have indicated that they plan to participate. Others are invited to participate as well.

Old Threshers, August 31. Parade begins at 3:30. Chuck, Matt, Kathryn, Jeff, Mike, Kellen, Tammy have indicated that they plan to participate.

**New Business**:

IWU Information Table will be set up on August 30 11:00-1:00. Jeff, Matt, Tammy, Chuck, Kellen, and Mike indicated intent to attend. Since some of these people are members of multiple groups, it’s hoped that the tables can be close together.

Motion for consideration of purchasing a trailer for the HCDs. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Mike Heaton, Kellen Gracey and Deb Rodgers will follow up as the exploratory committee.

Heaton Campaign: Mike Heaton thanked those who helped prepare envelopes for his campaign (1200 envelopes). Hopefully, they will be finished by the end of this week. Mike also sought input into his upcoming presentation with the Chamber. How do we move forward with progress as a rural Iowa? We don’t want to ignore rural Iowa. Discussion included thoughts for presentation content. Mike expressed appreciation for the suggestions.

Taylor Campaign: There will be signs going up to support Rich Taylor against Adrian Dickey.

Other candidate signs will also be forthcoming……. most likely after Labor Day. Stay tuned!

**Open Floor**: Mike Heaton and Kellen Gracey shared that the enthusiasm gathering is now even (Democrat vs. Republican). The gap has closed between the two parties! Although the gap is closing, Democrats need to take the lead!

Matt Mitchell thanked all involved with the ice cream social for its success!

**Adjournment**: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

**Next Meeting**: September 27, 6:30 P.M. at Traction Steam.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt A. Mitchell, Secretary

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