**Henry County Democrats**

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022

**Pledge of Allegiance**: The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Fager. There were 14 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**Approval of Minutes**: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pat reported that there is a current balance of $4376.59. There were contributions of $600 and expenditures of $1123.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

* Traction Steam Membership: We have paid for our first quarter membership. Officially, our membership will begin August 1 (as with all groups wanting to join Traction Steam).
* We now have liability insurance coverage as discussed at our previous month’s meeting.
* For those who attended the campaign strategy meeting, the first person on the “call” list will make the contacts. If Mike Heaton’s name is included, please give him a “pass” and make the contact yourself.

**Continuing Business**

* Ice Cream Social: All things are moving forward😊 We will be setting up at 11:00 on Sunday, July 31. It would be appreciated if there were any volunteers to assist in setup etc. Matt sent an email to Kadie Johannson at KILJ regarding the air times for our ice cream social since there was a question regarding dates/times.
* Parades: Stay tuned for additional information.

Winfield, August 6 at 10:00. Please try to be there at 9:00. We may need a trailer. Deb Rogers will follow up on the trailer.

Salem, August 27

Old Threshers, August 31

**New Business**

* New T-Shirt Design: There was discussion about a design for new t-shirts. Several thoughts were shared. There was a decision to hold off on actual design and purchase of re-designed Henry County Democrat t-shirts and focus on any shirts/swag that support the candidates.
* Campaigns:

Mike Heaton shared that his campaign is including an umbrella message. That message is that we want to build rural communities so that future generations want to live here in SE Iowa. We want and need to grow our rural economies. Mike used a diagram to show the various committee work of 6 pillars that he will be putting in place (Education, Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and Labor, Health Care, Environment and the final one will be Inclusivity (Iowa Wesleyan Campus…..date to be determined).

**Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be held on August 23 at 6:30 pm (Traction Steam location).

**Open Floor:** Mike asked that we all think about being more involved in non-Democrat specific groups. That will in turn help us get out our message(s), be more visible and hopefully have a positive impact on election results.

**Adjournment**: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.