

HENRY COUNTY DEMOCRATS

July 27, 2021

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Henry County Democrats was held in-person at Jumbo Buffet. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Jeff Fager with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Sixteen people were present.

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report submitted by Treasurer, Pat Richenberger. Current checkbook balance on hand is \$6,156.56. Approved as submitted. Motion carried.

New Business

- Parades
 - Wayland parade was a success and well attended by young and old. Receptive crowd. Try a different type of candy for next parade - chocolate and taffy do work well on hot days.
 - Crooked Creek Days coming up on August 7 in Winfield. Register at Bucks on north end of town at 9:00 am then line up. Parade begins at 10:00am
 - Old Settler Days in Salem on August 28. The parade begins at 10:30 but no word on what time the line up starts.
 - Old Threshers parade is Wednesday, September 1. Line up begins at 2:30 at Sheaffer Park and the parade begins at 3:30pm.
- Henry County Democrats T-Shirts
 - Consensus that we need t-shirts to provide identity and consensus for our group. A motion was made to proceed with this, it was carried and a committee consisting of Mary Elgar, Pat Richenberger and Deb Rodgers was formed. This committee will investigate finding USA-made shirts and ordering them. Hope to have them by Old Threshers parade.
- Henry County Dems Response to Current Issues
 - Mary Elgar expressed a need for the HCDems to respond to issues as they happen in addition to our current monthly blogs and editorials. The Communication Committee publishes a monthly article on an issue relevant to our causes. However, Mary expressed a desire for an immediate response to issues that happen daily and/or weekly - some kind of response from our group to the public. Chairman Jeff Fager will write a letter to the editor of local newspapers expressing our concern over the Iowa governor ignoring the CDC recommendation to return to mask wearing for all citizens when attending inside events and at schools.
- Harvest Rally Plans
 - The three rural white guys (Mike Heaton, Jacob Dodds, Kellen Gracey) will be planning and organizing this year's version of our annual fundraiser, the Harvest Rally.
 - The initial plan is for these three people to host a forum at the Heatilator Center that would cover important topics to Mt. Pleasant and Henry County. The goal is to invite an individual with name recognition to participate in the panel discussion. Henry County Democrats would host a simple reception after the

forum with punch and cookies for the audience to talk to the forum moderators and speakers. An anticipated date for this event is second weekend of October. Plans are on-going at this time.

Open Floor

- Jeff received a note from Rena Phelps that she has moved from Mt. Pleasant to Farmington to open an antiques store. She will continue to support Iowa Democrats from Van Buren County.
- Mary Elgar announced that the petition papers for Matt Mitchell to run for Henry County School Board will be available for signing on August 23.
- Jeff heard there may be a Democrat candidate for mayor and city council. No details yet.
- Ed Kropa reminded everyone of the Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, September 1, 5-7 pm.
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Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 24, at Jumbo Buffet. Come at 5:30 for dinner and socializing. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra Rodgers, Secretary
Henry County Democrats