

HENRY COUNTY DEMOCRATS

June 22, 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. Thirteen 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 \$1,390.36. Approved as submitted. Motion carried.

New Business

- Fourth of July parade in Wayland will be held on July 3rd.
 - Meet at Miller's Plumbing at 9:00a.m.
 - Carrie will get tractor and hayrack.
- Future Parades.
 - It's important we attend all county parades to show support for farmers.
 - Crook Creek Days - Winfield, August 7
 - Old Settlers - Salem, August 28
 - Old Threshers - Mt. Pleasant, September 1
- HC Dems Response to Issues
 - Jeff will publish a Letter to Editor to local newspapers re: our position toward workers
- Mary Elgar reported on the Girls State Event
 - It will be held virtually again this year and no girls from Henry County will be participating.
- Pat Richenberger attended the open house for the new child care center in Mt. Pleasant. Henry County Democrats are listed as a donor to the center.
- Mike Heaton spoke about the potential economic downturn that may hit our communities in Henry County.
 - Still an outcome of the effects of the pandemic.
 - Stimulus money is drying up and businesses are still struggling financially.
 - Passage of the infrastructure bill in Congress could help alleviate some of the pressure on businesses.
- Harvest Rally
 - Will be held fourth Saturday in September although this date is not set in stone.
 - Venue has not been determined yet.
- Monthly HC Dems Meetings
 - Decision was made to hold meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Jumbo Buffet where people may come at 5:30 for eating socializing. A motion was made to accept this date and the motion carried.

Open Floor

- Mary Elgar updated the group on the summer sacks lunch program for the K-12 grades this summer. All students attending summer school will receive a sack lunch daily.

- Mary Elgar also gave an update on the latest school board meeting.
 - She also reported on the hiring of the Carl A. Nelson Company from Burlington to do improvements to various school buildings in Mt. Pleasant/
- Mike Heaton reported on the progress of the HC Dems Communication Committee. Deb Rodgers has joined the committee to provide organization assistance.
 - The four main subjects the committee will be focused on are: Agriculture, IWU Staff and Students, Manufacturing in Henry County, Henry County Democrats, and Aging with Dignity in Henry County.
 - Monthly articles pertaining to these topics will be published on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and blog sites.
 - All articles will also be posted on the Henry County Democrats website.
- Ed Kropa invited everyone to an open rehearsal of the SE Iowa Symphony on July 9th at 7:00pm in the IWU Chapel.
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Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be July 27 at Jumbo Buffet at 6:30pm.
- Come at 5:30pm to eat and socialize.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra Rodgers, Secretary
Henry County Democrats