**Henry County Democrats**

May 24, 2022

**Meeting called to order:** At 7:03 p.m. by Chair Jeff Fager. There were 12 in attendance. A moment of silence was held in memory of the Texas children and teacher killed today.

**Pledge of Allegiance**: The pledge was said by participants at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion made and seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pat reported the current balance is $4979.59 in our account. There was only one check written (May 4): $1500 for Heaton Campaign Fund. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Approved by unanimous vote.

**New Business**:

*Call from Alex Shantz*: (He is the 1st district organizing coordinator).

* Need Senate candidate for District 44. Right now, Dickey is unopposed.
* Weekend of Action: June 11-12 (Every county would do something). Possibilities could include a phone bank, canvas, voter registration, postcard campaign etc. There was a suggestion for a lemonade stand with a banner to show support for Mike Heaton. Mike expressed that this date is perhaps too soon after the primary. We need time to organize, however, we also need to plan and be effective in whatever we might choose to do. Also, a priority right now might be to rally people to help with campaigning. That could be a starting place with our postcard writing. An example might be…………“We’re off and running AND we could sure use your help. Would you please consider sharing some of your time with us”? Another option would be to FB, a personal phone call to friends, etc. A work time to move this forward was set for **Sunday, June 12 3:00-5:00 at Traction Steam. Please plan to attend and support this effort if possible. 😊**

*State Convention*: June 18. The fee will be $40 per delegate.

 A motion was made and seconded to approve paying the fee for our delegates attending State Convention. The motion was approved unanimously. Mike Heaton will need an alternate due to a schedule conflict on that day. Jeff will reach out via email to see who may be interested (Carrie Gracey, Matt Mitchell, Ed Kropa, Jacob Nye, and Janet Russell)

*Possible Activities to Plan*:

Parades

* Mike will be participating in all parades when possible. Jeff pointed out that on our survey, parades didn’t rate near the top. A suggestion was made to establish a parade committee to the events etc., Mike Heaton, Chuck McClenning, Joel Brown, and Dave/Kathy Helman volunteered to serve on the committee. Thanks, guys!!
* County Fair. There was little to no interest.
* Picnics, Ice Cream Socials, etc. A suggestion was made for a picnic/ice cream get together in the park and invite candidates to join us. The planning committee will consist of Matt Mitchell, Sarah Goff, Mike Heaton and Chuck McClenning. Jeff will check with candidate calendars and share with the committee so that they can move forward. “Harvest Rally” could be combined with the “Mega-Event” that IDP’s coordinated campaign is planning for late September/early October on the IWU campus. All state candidates will attend. Details to be finalized after the June Primary. Stay tuned.

***Vote***!

Vote Early, in-person or absentee

**Primary – Tuesday, June 7**

**Next Meeting**: June 28 6:30 PM at Traction Steam location.

* **Open Floor:** Dave Helman spoke on behalf of Michael Franken in supporting his campaign.
* Mike Hampton called and asked that there be consideration of canceling the gun show at the Swap Meet on the Old Thresher grounds this weekend. Reach out to Terry McWilliams if you would consider doing so. HCDs might think about how best to make a statement in regard to this through media etc.
* Support rural communities for EMTs. How do we compensate these people?
* Kim Reynolds: Spearheading childhood spending for healthcare etc.? The information appears to be misleading in regard to funding, spearheading, etc.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matt A. Mitchell, Secretary

Henry County Iowa Democrats