**Henry County Delegate Democrat Convention Notes/Minutes**

March 26, 2022

9:00 A.M.

Present: 18

Meeting Called to order at 9:01 AM.

Jeff shared map with precinct changes for Henry County (Senate Democrat).

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

**Establish Chair and Secretary of the Convention**: Approved and seconded for Jeff and Matt to assume these rolls. Unanimously passed.

**Introduction of Special Guests or Candidates**: 4 short videos viewed from Deidre DeJear, Mike Franken, Abby Finkenauer, and Christina Bohannan. Mike Heaton presented in person.

**Chair’s Address**: Acknowledged the efforts of Madeline Albright………”We lost a giant”. Read proposal from Marion County Republican party to organize an Iowa militia. This year is an important election!!

**Confirm that a Quorum Exists**: 100% quorum😊

**Report of the Platform Committee**: Jeff shared these with attendees via PowerPoint. Each were voted on and approved unanimously.

* Education
* Environment
* Government
* Labor
	+ Support legislation that will raise the minimum wage to $15/hour and index it to the cost of living (amended to include…..”Support legislation that will raise the minimum wage to $15/hour and index it to annual increases in the cost of living”. Amendment proposed by Tammy Schull.
	+ Mike proposed a friendly additional amendment of $20/hour. Amendment carried with 8 voting in favor and 5 opposing.

Platform amended for final vote: **Support legislation that will raise the minimum wage to $20/hour and index it to annual increases in the cost of living**.

* Other: Iowa Democratic Party

Amendment by Kellen to change last two “communities” word to “municipalities”. Approved unanimously.

Added to platform…… from Mary. **We support democracy in Ukraine and their struggle to preserve their freedom**. Approved unanimously.

**Future Dates**: District Democrat Convention will meet Saturday, April 23 (North Liberty High School). The Iowa State Democrat Convention is scheduled for Saturday, June 18.

**Election of Committee Members for the District Convention** (1 each)

Delegate/Alternate (Delegates who VOLUNTEERED………Kellen Gracey, Mike Heaton, Kathryn Layer and Jeff Fager) Motion and second to approve as delegates. Approved unanimously. (Alternates: Carrie Gracey, Ed Kropa, Matt Mitchell, Jacob Nye, Janet Russell) Motion and second to approve. Approved unanimously.

**Committees**

 Arrangements: April 9, 10:00 AM (Jeff Fager)

 Credentials: April 2, 1:30 PM (Mike Heaton)

 Rules: April 9, 9:00 AM (Kellen Gracey)

 Platform: April 2, 9:00 AM/April 9, 9:00 AM (Kathryn Layer)

Committee Vote: Motion made and approved unanimously.

**Election of Affirmative Action Chair**: Postpone until possible interested parties can be contacted by Mike Heaton to determine interest in role.

**Other Business**:

* Dave shared about an upcoming Mike Franken visit to Burlington
* Discussion made to make donations to local Democrat candidates. We will include on a future meeting agenda.
* County chairs (plus Mike) will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening for strategic planning.
* Mike is heading to Jefferson and Van Buren County conventions after today’s adjournment.

Adjournment (11:02): Motion made, second and unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt A. Mitchell, Secretary

Henry County Democrats