Henry County Democrat Meeting

September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry County Democrats was held in-person at the TTT shelter in Saunders Park. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Jeff Fager with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Nineteen people were in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEMS**:

**Election of Secretary**: Matt Mitchell was nominated for Chapter Secretary to replace Debra Rogers who has resigned. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried.

**Minutes**: Motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded and unanimously carried.

**Treasure’s Report:** Current Balance is $5664.00. There was a recent contribution of $1000 from Rita Hart’s recent campaign.

**Old Business**:

* T-shirts are in😊 Please let Jeff know if you are interested in a T-shirt ($15) Motion made to give T-shirts to Tom/Christie Vilsack and Lance (if this would be allowed). Lance is now doing work for the Pentagon. Motion made, seconded and carried.
* Hold off on ads for just a bit since not a big election year.
* Discussion was held on survey recently sent out. The purpose is to get more information for strategic planning. Exec. Committee will review the results for further planning and then share with membership. Please encourage others to complete the survey. 26 surveys have been submitted so far.
* Feedback for future letters to the editor: 1) Reynold’s suggestions on school board elections. 2) conspiracy from January 6th. Make sure citizens know that factual evidence shows Trump was behind a legal coup to make this happen. Mike will send a text link from Atlantic Monthly to Jeff for further explanation. 3) Are our courts being discriminatory based on subgroups? Possibly collaborate with Iowa WINS?
* Jeff reminded group of upcoming important dates. Those will be included in a future Demo Memo.

**Next Meeting**: October 26, 2021. EXEC Committee will make a location determination based on COVID numbers etc. and will share with membership prior to the meeting.

**Open Forum**: Iowa City appears to dominating Democratic party policy and decisions in Iowa. Very little, rural Democrat voices are being heard. If possible, get rural counties together and plan how to become a stronger voice. How do we work with the party to become a voice as a rural county? Sandy Dockendorf at the District level?

**Adjournment**: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Matt A. Mitchell, Secretary

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