

The Iowa County Democrats met at the Victor Public Library at 6 pm on August 14, 2018 for refreshments and conversation. The meeting began promptly at 6:30 pm, led by vice chair, Erin Howell-Gritsch. 13 members were in attendance.

Campaign Updates

Ann Egley was not present but had yard signs available at the meeting, and encouraged everyone to walk with her in the Oktoberfest Parade on Oct.6.

Paula Denison was not in attendance.

Dennis Mathahs attended and reported that he has received a couple of donations. He would like to get signs and cards made soon to distribute.

We discussed the idea of printing a flyer with candidate bios and photos to distribute when door knocking. We also talked about purchasing a full page ad for our candidates before the election. Erin will look into costs/deadlines for the ad. We also want to consider a brief video/bio of candidates for the webpage.

At the next meeting we should make phone calls and assign door-knocking. We will need the list of Iowa County Democrats to do so. Emmett, will you please acquire this?

Dale Walter is interested in running for Iowa County Supervisor to replace Neal Huedepohl, who recently passed away. He will let Erin know if he will run and if it is possible this late to get on the ballot. If so, we will hold another special election to get Dale on the ballot.

Report of the Treasurer

Rita passed a basket for donations during the meeting. She reports a balance of \$640.55.

Fundraising

Erin will find out if Williamsburg is hosting city-wide garage sales this fall. Rita might be able to use her garage. Pam Walter will check with Patricia Perring. We might do this even if there are no city-wide sales planned so save your stuff!

We propose the idea of hosting a cookout at Emmett's with candidates after the Oktoberfest Parade. This would be a free-will donation with food supplied by all of us (brats, salads, desserts and beverages). Erin will check with Emmett to see if he would be open to this idea. We also decide to hand out blue balloons as we walk in the parade. We will also hand out candidate info and an invite to join us after the parade to meet the candidates. Emmett, if you are on board, will you please invite the candidates? Someone will need to procure the balloons and purchase or rent a helium tank. We will all help fill them before the parade.

UPDATE:

Iowa County Advertiser color ad: ½ page: \$345, full page: \$690, deadline Thursday 4pm.

b&w ad: ½ page: \$300, full page: \$600

Hometown Marketplace color ad: ½ page: \$273, full page: \$546, deadline Thursday 4pm

b&w is same price

Williamsburg is not holding city-wide sales this year. We should plan on having one anyway---September 29? SAVE YOUR STUFF!!!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, at Marengo Public Library. 6pm social, 6:30 meeting.

