



Grimes County Democratic Party May 14, 2019 MINUTES

County Executive Committee (CEC) Members in attendance:

James Harris	County Chair
John Hock	Precinct 1 Chair
Crystal N. Davis	Secretary & Precinct 5 Chair
Patrick Heep	Precinct 12 Chair
Catherine Walsh	Precinct 14 Chair
Ricke Weinkauff	Precinct 15 Chair

6:30PM **CALL TO ORDER** by **JAMES HARRIS**, GCDP Chair

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **LAPTOP RULES.** **PATRICK HEEP** will provide the CEC with a document detailing his suggested laptop rules, which will be emailed out to the CEC for consumption prior to the next meeting. Should any CEC member have suggestions for consideration to include within the laptop rules, please email them to the CEC prior to the next meeting.
2. **MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE.** **CRYSTAL DAVIS** informed the CEC that the new GCDP laptop did not include Microsoft Office Suite in its purchase price. While there are other options that could be used in place of Office, she did not want anyone surprised when/if someone checked out the laptop from the Secretary. The downside to the newest release of Microsoft Office Suite is that it requires an **annual** fee to use rather than charging a fixed price.
 - **Open Source Options:** **PATRICK HEEP** suggested an example of an alternative open source option: **LibreOffice** (<https://www.libreoffice.org/>), which can be downloaded for free.
 1. **JAMES PATRICK** asked **PATRICK HEEP** to provide the CEC with a document detailing his suggested laptop rules, which will be emailed out to the CEC for consumption prior to the next meeting.
 - **Google Docs:** **CRYSTAL DAVIS** offered an alternative option which would be immediately uploaded and saved to the Cloud (https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1D189E_XPYbKJBnL6bSLcOEFhRPbjM).
3. **GCDP LOGO.** **CRYSTAL DAVIS** presented a case for the need of the GCDP logo to include the words "Grimes County Democratic Party" with the Democratic Party donkey. The logo provided to her for use comprises a single donkey without wording.
 - **MOTION** by **PATRICK HEEP** to accept the suggested logo, which incorporates the words "Grimes County Democratic Party".
SECOND by **JOHN HOCK**
ALL FAVORED by **JAMES HARRIS**
CRYSTAL DAVIS
RICKE WEINKAUF
CATHERINE WELSH



4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.** JAMES HARRIS outlined the case for the introduction of a case for **four** new committees which will help to guide the future of the Grimes County Democratic Party. Leadership for each committee was sought:
 - **Policies, Procedures, & Local Bylaws:** PATRICK HEEP will be in charge of this committee
 - **Fundraising:** JAMES HARRIS will head this committee
 - **Strategic Planning:** CRYSTAL DAVIS volunteered to lead this committee
 - **Candidate Recruitment:** JAMES HARRIS will look to the broader community to fill this leadership position. This chair would be charged with seeking individuals to run for office locally on the Democratic ticket. The GCDP is willing to offer donations to these local candidate(s)' campaigns in the general election (but not for the primary).
5. **APRIL 2019 MINUTES.** CRYSTAL DAVIS presented the minutes from April 2019 to the CEC.
 - **MOTION** by PATRICK HEEP to accept the minutes as written
SECOND by CATHERINE WALSH
ALL FAVORED by JAMES HARRIS
CRYSTAL DAVIS
RICKE WEINKAUF
JOHN HOCK

Next meeting of the GCDP set for June 11th, 6:30pm at the Progressive Center.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:30PM.