

Waupaca County Democratic Party Membership Meeting

Saturday , February 8th, 2025 , 10 am via Zoom (snowstorm)

Members present : Diana B, Tracy W, Phil W, Barb K, Tammy M, Bill H, Maggie T, Dave K, Dave and Sandy P, Pete G, Lois B, Mike H, Linda L, Dean S, Judy C

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by chair Stu W, he led the Pledge of Allegiance

After the addition of letter f) Pat Tooney for NL school board, Dean made a motion, Judy seconded, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Barb read the secretary's report. After correcting the meeting name of Judy's group to: "Let's Do Something" and the date to February 29th, Judy made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave seconded , motion carried.

Tracy gave the treasurer's report. The bank balance on Jan. 31 was \$4,497.60. This years' monthly receipts from the state will be \$350 for office and \$223 for membership.

Tracy also gave a technology update. She did some cleaning up of items we use, made no modifications, but checked to make sure that all items placed on them were factual. She also asked the state party to give guidelines and examples of where to verify.

Membership Chair Bill reported that he has prepared 26 renewals for this month, but will need stamps and letter head. He also will send 39 out in March.

Stu gave the following report:

- A. Office hours for February will be Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1-5 pm to work on projects, make buttons (on the refurbished button maker), pick up signs Saturday February 15, 22, 29 from 11-2 (same activities). Reminder: when picking up and handing out signs, also hand out informational literature. Maggie requested someone make a sign for the door listing the hours.
- B. Manawa Chamber: Stu attended their meeting. Tracy paid for the summer hanging basket. They will be having a city wide rummage sale on June 7th. We will participate, pay \$10 entry fee. Maggie, Dean and Barb volunteered to work . Everyone is welcome to bring classy items for sale. Anything not sold will be donated to Goodwill. Discussion on rebuilding the Manawa dam led to Stu suggesting the cheap labor of beavers.... June 14th is the state convention and June 21st is the strawberry fest so we will have to have our membership meeting on a different date/day.
- C. Remember to recycle ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries , and signs. He just purchased several items with \$ earned. Also , bring food pantry items to meetings.
- D. Update on spring elections: Susan Crawford responded to a question of how we can help...continue to distribute signs and please do canvassing. Stu will organize volunteers. Volunteers are writing postcards(some are even posting their own and making donations of \$) The rest will be posted in March. Judy requested numbers for our bulk mail rate: we can use bulk mailing if we have 225 in a zip code. Regular is 56c, bulk is 38c
- E. CD8 convention is March 29th in Marinette. Officers are encouraged to attend.
- F. Local elections: member Pat Tooney from New London is running for school board. Dean made a motion , Dave K seconded, to donate \$1000 to her campaign. After it was amended to "\$1000 in kind", motion carried. Stu will check with Luke for details on this contribution . We can make her posters, put out letters, make signs, etc, she can use our office. Judy and a friend are going to be observers at the Waupaca school board meetings and will relay who is running for those seats.

New business:

Movement labs, from whom we receive \$350 monthly, are still coming up with plan for the year. We will make out own plans when they are prepared for us.

Ben Wikler, state chair , lost his bid for national chair , so we will wait to see if he returns to his old post. The new chair will be elected at the state meeting in the Dells, June 14 and 15. We have spots for 16 delegates .

Maggie reminded us that we are to have a plaque display to recognize contributors to the building fund. Stu suggested one like that at Living Oaks nursing home in Iola, Barb suggested one similar to the one in the Iola library.

Judy recommended we all use the 5CALLS app to “spend 5 minutes, make 5 calls, make your voice heard” to contact legislators. Tracy will post this app to our membership and website.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phil seconded, motion carried. Meeting ended at 12:30 am.

Next meeting date: March 8th, 10 am, Manawa office.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Kobs, secretary