

Johnson County Democrats Central Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2013

1. Approval of Agenda - Approved without objection
2. Approval of minutes of September 5 - Approved without objection
3. Chair report - Mike reports that the most important issue right now is the fall BBQ. The next meeting of the BBQ committee meeting will be Tues. Oct. 9th at 5:30pm at The Mill.
4. Treasurer's report below - Approved without objection.

Date	What	Expense	Encumbered	Income	Actual Reserve	Bank Balance
08/31/13	Aug. Bal				\$5,069.85	\$5,069.85
09/03/13	ActBlue+BBQ+NL event			\$ 165.00	\$5,234.85	\$5,234.85
09/03/13	ActBlue -fee			\$ (1.39)	\$5,233.46	\$5,233.46
09/06/13	Greg Johnson Web design	\$450.00			\$4,783.46	\$4,783.46
09/06/13	Verizon Wireless Phone	\$23.85			\$4,759.61	\$4,759.61
09/06/13	Adcraft Printing 3000 NL event postcards	\$219.35			\$4,540.26	\$4,540.26
09/10/13	IA Dept of Insp & Appeals - Raffle License	\$40.00			\$4,500.26	\$4,500.26
09/11/13	ActBlue+ BBQ+ NL Event			\$ 310.00	\$4,810.26	\$4,810.26
09/11/13	ActBlue Fee			\$ (1.98)	\$4,808.28	\$4,808.28
09/16/13	JJ's Cupcakes & More - ice cream	\$465.00			\$4,343.28	\$4,343.28
09/17/13	BBQ + NL Event			\$2,450.00	\$6,793.28	\$6,793.28
09/22/13	Verizon Wireless - phone	\$24.20			\$6,769.08	\$6,769.08

09/22/13	Adcraft Printing - BBQ spnsrshp mailings	\$338.70			\$6,430.38	\$6,430.38
09/22/13	Mike Carberry spnsrshp mailing postage		\$66.11		\$6,364.27	\$6,430.38
09/23/13	BBQ Spnsrshps			\$ 980.00	\$7,344.27	\$7,410.38
09/24/13	ActBlue Donation			\$ 45.00	\$7,389.27	\$7,455.38
09/24/13	ActBlue Fee			\$ (1.79)	\$7,387.48	\$7,453.59
09/30/13	BBQ Spnsrshps			\$ 745.00	\$8,132.48	\$8,198.59
09/30/13	Interest			\$ 0.53	\$8,133.01	\$8,199.12

5. Executive Committee Reports:

Dennis Roseman spoke about the importance of the caucuses as that is where the Platform begins to take shape.

6. Recognition of Elected Officials: Rod Sullivan, Patrick Hughes

7. Guest Speakers:

a. Richard Gilmore, Washington County Democrats Chair and candidate for State

Senate Seat 39 said that there are three parts to his platform: freedom, security and opportunity for all.

b. Kingsley Botchway II, candidate for IC City Council said he would like to work on ways to allow and encourage all IC residents to be able to enjoy and participate in those cultural activities that downtown IC is known for. He also wants to work on diversity issues and ways to erase racial inequalities in incarceration.

c. Catherine Champion, candidate for IC City Council spoke about increasing opportunities for entrepreneurship to promote a strong business base for Iowa City, and encouraging business growth on the east side.

d. Rockne Cole, candidate for IC City Council talked about his passion for sustainability for our community through ensuring building of Gold LEED Certified buildings; encouraging greater use of public transit, walking, and cycling; and encouraging green business growth through the use of TIF.

e. Royceann Porter, candidate for IC City Council, spoke about her years of involvement with the community giving her an acute understanding

of the needs of Iowa City and helped establish her goals of providing safe, affordable housing for all, working to establish living wage jobs, and embracing the emerging diversity of Iowa City by holding open meetings with the community to keep the community involved and apprised of decisions made by the City Council.

Mike explained that invitations to speak at tonight's meeting were sent to all announced candidates from council races of towns in Johnson County, but the Iowa City candidates were the only ones who accepted.

John Deeth announced that early voting for the Nov. 5 City Council election is ongoing now at the auditor's office, and satellite voting begins Oct 14, check the auditor's website for times and locations.

8. Old Business:

a. Free lunch *pass the box* raised \$95.25 tonight. Robin Roseman reported that she had enough volunteers for tomorrow's (10/4) free lunch and also reported that Pauline Taylor who is very knowledgeable about the affordable care act, will also be at the free lunch to explain how to find out about health insurance to anyone who may be interested.

b. Election of Central Committee representatives:

Roger Mills reported that he has moved and is resigning from his precinct IC 24. He now lives in North Liberty and was approved by acclamation as a representative of NL 04.

c. Election of 2nd District Committee representatives: none

9. New Business:

a. ICE: Data and Communication Committee Report

The IDP will be here to train us in Vote Builder and Party Builder on Wed. October 23, at 7pm. Gerene will send out more info before the date.

b. U of I Homecoming Parade is Friday (tomorrow) Oct. 4. We are #55 and are lining up on Johnson St between Jefferson and Iowa starting at 3 pm. Wear Dem gear. We will be handing out stickers and business cards (no candy). We will have two vehicles - a sign trailer, and a truck pulling a hay rack for those needing to ride the route.

c. Next meeting of the BBQ committee will be Tuesday, Oct. 9th at the Mill at 5:30. The Fall BBQ is next Sunday, Oct. 13, 3pm - 7pm in Building C at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Peter has sent out call lists to several central committee members to be sure all former sponsors have been contacted to invite them to sponsor again this year. Robin Roseman is still needing more desserts, and has a signup sheet, but if you haven't signed up and still want to make a dessert, bring it to the BBQ on Sunday. Gerene has compiled a volunteer list for working the BBQ and will send out the completed list before Sunday to those who volunteered. Serving will begin

at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 per family and can be purchased at the door or online using the ActBlue button on our website, jcdems.org. There are no paper tickets. The names of those buying online will be on the list at the door. Lily Tate will be providing an activity area for children during the BBQ. Zach Wahls is the only confirmed speaker at this time. Expected guests are US Senate Candidate, Congressman Bruce Braley and Congressman Dave Loebsack. Their attendance depends on whether or not they are needed in DC. Other guests are Gubernatorial Candidates: Jack Hatch, Robert Krause, and Tyler Olson; plus Iowa Secretary of State candidate, Brad Anderson. Mike also said that unfortunately we have been unable to secure live music.

d. The North Liberty outreach ice cream social with Congressman Loebsack and Johnson County electeds on September 16, was a fun time and netted 23 new contacts in North Liberty.

e. The Cedar County Dems Fundraiser Dinner & Pie Auction is Saturday, Oct. 5, 5:30pm, at West Branch City Hall, \$10.

f. Washington County Fundraiser is Sunday, Oct.6, 12 noon, at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Food catered by Cafe' Dodici. \$10.

g. John Deeth has been working on the Jan 21 caucuses that the Republicans have now agreed to have theirs on the same day. John is looking at having 9 cluster sites for the 57 precincts, and worked out the math giving Johnson Co. a possible 233 delegates for the 2014 caucuses. Dennis moved that we adopt the 233 delegate number. It was seconded and passed unanimously. John passed around a sheet to volunteer for various duties during the caucuses.

10. Speakers and/or announcements:

a. Mike again floated the idea of having monthly luncheons or happy hours to have some fun and foster a greater sense of community. Will discuss again after the BBQ.

b. Nancy Porter invited all to a chili feed after the Homecoming Parade tomorrow at her home - address 2519 Potomac Dr., Iowa City. She also invited all to a remembrance of the 12th anniversary of the war in Afghanistan to be held this Sunday, Oct. 6, 1pm on the Pentacrest.

11. Meeting Dates

a. Exec. Committee Meeting - Thurs ?

b. Central Committee Meeting - Thurs., Nov. 7, 7pm at ICCSD Board Rm.

1. Adjourn

Thank you to Karla Smith for taking this month's notes in my absence!