January 2010
Ferry County Democratic Central Committee
Jan. 20th Republic

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. The flag was honored. Present were: Michael Sternberg, Kisa, Melissa Rose, Bryan Bremner, Geri Ann Johnson, Sandra Sweetman, Jean Booher and Madilane Perry. The minutes for Aug. 2009 were read and approved. The minutes from Nov. were read and approved with one correction.

Treasurer Report

Michael received an email report from our Treasurer. As of 9/10/09 our balance was $663.35. There are two outstanding bills. One is from Michael for financing the website and mail address at Go Daddy, approximately $100. The other is for $18 for last elections television ads at the Republic TV Association. We will need to do some fundraisers for the coming election. The hard copy report is attached to these minutes.

State Representative Report

Bryan Bremner attended the **7th Legislative District** Quarterly Meeting in Springdale on Sat. Jan. 16th. There will be no caucus for this election. Nominations are coming from County Conventions. Resolutions to endorse Patty Murray and the state Attorney General's Eminent Domain Reform Bill (HB2423/SB 6199) were passed. There was lively discussion about the Reform Bill. Some thought the language was flawed.

Ellen Miller will be the acting Secretary.

Their April Quarterly meeting will be Saturday the 17th at a yet undisclosed Lincoln County location. Lunch first, then a 1 PM meeting.

They will meet on July 25th at the Kettle Falls gathering.

In October the Quarterly meeting will be at the Miller's residence near Cheney, possibly the 23rd. *The 7th's Nominating Convention time and place is yet to be determined.

Also included in Bryan's report were an announcement of the 3rd Annual Thomas Paine Birthday celebration and a Citizens of Greater Springdale announcement of their activities and community center.

Old Business

Secretary Election

No one present volunteered for the position. Kisa and Michael will continue as acting secretary.

WSDCC Meeting Jan. 29th

Bryan will probably attend the meeting in Seattle.

New Business

2010 Elections

The following offices are open for election:

Ferry County

Assessor – Rachel Siracuse, incumbent
Auditor - Diana Galvan, incumbent
Sheriff – Peter Warner, incumbent
County Clerk - Jean Booher, incumbent, standing for re-election
Treasurer – Kathleen Rupp, incumbent
Prosecuting Attorney – Mike Sandona, incumbent
Commissioner 2nd District – Joe Bond, incumbent
PUD Commissioner(non-partisan) Chris Kroupa, incumbent

Washington State

Representative 7th Legislative District, Position 1 - Shelly Short, incumbent

Representative 7th Legislative District, Position 2 – Joel Kretz, incumbent

Senator 7th Legislative District – Bob Morton, incumbent

U S Congressman, 5th District – Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, incumbent
U S Senator – Patty Murray, incumbent, endorsed by 7th District

There was a lot of discussion about issues and incumbents. The Growth Management Act and research on it for possible issue education and talking points was again mentioned.

The two offices in Ferry county that were most focused on for a Democratic candidate were the Commissioner and the Prosecuting Attorney. A lot of concern was expressed about how well our county operates and serves the needs of taxpayers. It was disclosed that the Commissioners pay is $42,000 per year and the Prosecutor is paid on par with Superior Court Judges. This amounts to over $100,000 a year with $50,000 from the County and the rest from the State. The filing fees are 10% of the salary. To file for Commissioner, for instance, the fee is $420. Apparently it would cost over $1,000 to file for Prosecuting Attorney. Part of the concern over that office is the quality of the lawyer and that our other option would appear to be James Von Sauer.

Jean Booher shared her experiences about getting elected. She said that what turned it for her was the door bell campaign by her supporters.

It was agreed that because there was so much involved in presenting a County Convention that an informal committee could help. Kisa will work on it.

Ad in the View

Kisa made a motion to put an ad in the February View of our poster announcing the offices and election support. It was seconded and passed. Michael will take it to Digital Documents.Since it is less expensive if you get more than one ad Michael will explore the possibilities. Madilane Perry donated $25 toward the costs.

The Tamarack has been reserved for meetings through September. Our next meeting will be the 17th of Feb. We adjourned at 8PM.