

May 2010

Ferry County Democratic Central Committee Minutes

May 19th, Republic

The meeting was called to order at 6:12. Attending were: Madilane Perry, Jean Booher, Lillian Montague, Dorothy Ferguson, Joe Abraham, Marianne Bremner, Ralph Bremner, Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Kevin Green, Dennis Morgan, Kisa, Bob Heath, Bryan Bremner, Ray Bilderback, Geri Ann Johnson, Chris Burnside, Jim Burnside, Joann Marshall, Sandra Sweetman, and Melissa Rose. As Melissa was going to chair and was not yet in attendance our guest speaker, Dennis Morgan took the floor.

Guest Speaker Dennis Morgan, Independent Candidate for Prosecuting Attorney

Dennis began with his lengthy resume of experience. See Appendix A, attached. He has been a District Court Judge, County Prosecutor, County Public Defender, works with criminal appeals and is currently a Conflict Attorney. He has a practice that is out of the area and one that would not create a conflict of interest. He has a home here and wants this to be his base.

One thing he would like to change is the way bad checks for businesses are prosecuted. Dennis thinks that the current prosecutor requires business people to gather too much evidence before he will act. Dennis would require much less effort from business people to get the legal protection they deserve.

He commented that in looking at the Ferry County Democrats website he was confused as to whether we endorse Initiative 1068, Marijuana Decriminalization or not. He read it and considers it to be seriously flawed. Dennis said that it has no provisions for regulation.

Dennis brought up the issue of the County Prosecutor using the Attorney General's Office to prosecute local cases. He considers use of that office as restricted to cases needing services beyond our county's capabilities or when there is a conflict of interest. He stated that he doubted he would be using it much or at all. We all noted that the Mr. Sandona has used it for at least two major cases lately.

Candidates for County Offices

Ron Bacon announced that he has decided not to run. He realized that he would not have time to do all the things he already does and be a Commissioner. He also commented that since seeing signs for Cynthia in places he would never expect to see a sign he enthusiastically throws his support to her campaign.

It was announced that more Republican candidates for Commissioner are running, Jack Hamilton, Brian Dandel and Marty King.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for our April meeting were read and approved with one correction. Ron reported that we received \$175 in donations not the \$134 he reported earlier.

Treasurers Report

Ron reported that we got \$175 in donations at our last meeting.

State Committee Persons

Bryan reported on 3 Resolutions Asotin County was asking support for at the State Convention in Vancouver on June 25th and 26th. The Resolutions are titled: Resolution to Require Washington Public Schools System to Develop a Curriculum that does not Depend on Textbooks Developed by the Texas State School Board; Trade Schools for Green Projects; and Future Infrastructure Requirements. See Appendix B .

Old Business

Select Secretary

No one stepped up to fill the slot. Kisa will continue to record Minutes until someone does.

PCO Appointments

Kisa reported a conversation with Walt Kloefkorn about whether we are required to file notarized statements of our appointments with the Auditor's Office. Walt said that the only PCOs allowed to participate in appointments for Officials that are vacated are elected PCOs. The appointment of PCOs is therefore Party business and not official like elected PCOs. Dorothy Ferguson said that it would be good to tell the Auditor's Office about the appointments in the interest of public information .

Joe Abraham was appointed PCO of Curlew Precinct, Denise Zipperer to Malo and Melissa to Curlew Kai.

Filing for elected Precinct Committee Officers and all other Candidates is June 7th through 11th.

Linell Miller is a Notary Public and she has offered to help with notarization.

Endorsement Meeting June 16th

Democrats Social

So far there are no proposals about it yet it seems a good idea.

New Business

Announcements

The **Robert F.Kennedy, Jr Water Alliance** presentation of May 20th at Gonzaga has been postponed.

There was an **Official Call for the 7th Legislative District Nominating Convention**. It is to be held in the Chewelah City Hall, 1 PM on Sat. May 22nd. The candidate under consideration is Barbara Mowery of Chewelah.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. Minutes by Kisa with help.

