

## Democratic Party of Jefferson County Meeting November 5, 2009

### Call to Order

### Officer's Reports

- Treasurer
  - ✓ Balance as of 11/1/09 is \$4,675.40
  
- President
  - ✓ Feingold Fundraiser
    - Fabulous event!
    - The suggested donation was just what it said, a "suggestion." If this amount kept some folks away please know in the future that those who attend do not have to donate the "suggested" amount.
    - It is also important to have Dems attend the event and show their support to the candidate.
    - \$10,000 was raised that this event.
  
  - ✓ Nov. 7th canvas
    - Canvas is for senator Feingold.
    - 10Am - Noon
    - Meet at the Dems office
  
  - ✓ President's Day Dinner Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Put this date on your calendar
  
  - ✓ December 3rd meeting with Greg David (President of Sustain Jefferson and County Board Supervisor)
  
  - ✓ January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with Todd Kolosso Democratic Candidate for Congress in 5<sup>th</sup> CD (Sensenbrenner opponent)

### Committee Reports

- Membership - John Rheil
  - ✓ Time to Renew
    - If you want to you can pay Cathy, our treasurer, tonight.
    - John has membership forms.
    - John announced that there is a Fall Formal at UW-Whitewater that is a fund raiser for the Dems there. Cost is only \$15/person. Call John if you are interested.

- Emerge Wisconsin - Bethany Ordaz
  - ✓ Their goal is to motivate and inspire democratic women to run for office.
    - Emerge Wisconsin is approximately 3 years old.
    - It offers comprehensive, intensive training for Democratic women.
    - The application is on-line and the deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - Cost is \$250 BUT there are many scholarships available so that finances should not be a barrier for any woman to attend the training.
    - The actual cost is \$2,500 per woman but many of these costs are offset with donations.
    - The training takes place in Madison and Milwaukee on alternate week-ends for 7 months.
    - [www.EmergeWI.org](http://www.EmergeWI.org)
    - [emergewi@gmail.com](mailto:emergewi@gmail.com)
    - Jim S. made a motion that was seconded by Erin that the Jefferson Dems contribute \$100 to Emerge WI. Motion passed.
  
- Candidate Recruitment - Jim Schroeder
  - ✓ Areas to consider are in Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills, and a section of Whitewater.
    - A few Dems have shown an interest but have not made a commitment and more are needed
    - A candidate must be 18 years old, a US citizen, live in the district and have no felony convictions.
    - The candidates will have access to the Democratic Party Voter File, the Jefferson Dems Foot Soldiers, and training.
    - Nomination papers can be picked up after December and must be returned by January 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - On November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM there will be a mini-recruitment dinner for serious contenders. Contact Anne J. or Jim S. if you are interested.
    - Voter Action Network training is also coming up
  
  - ✓ Jason Sidner, a Political Action Representative, with AFSCME (American Federation of State and City Member Employees) spoke in relation to candidate recruitment. He is with Wisconsin Council 40.
    - He can be reached at [jsidener@afscmecouncil40.org](mailto:jsidener@afscmecouncil40.org)
    - 1-608-836-4040
    - Fax 1-608-836-4444

## Old Business

## New Business

- Treat sign up for next month

## **Guest Speaker**

- **Scott Hassett, Democratic Candidate for Attorney General**
  - He believes that the Attorney General needs to put one's own beliefs aside and be non-partisan in order to do the job correctly. The Attorney General should represent the people and resources of Wisconsin.
  - Go to [www.hassettforag.com](http://www.hassettforag.com) for more information about this candidate.
  - Donations can be made to: Hassett for Attorney General, P.O. Box 1937, Madison, WI 53701-1937
  - For more information contact: Melissa Mulliken, Campaign Director at [melissa@mmulliken.com](mailto:melissa@mmulliken.com) or 1-608-206-1818.

## **Adjournment**

- 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fran Vandre