

Democratic Party of Jefferson County Meeting

December 3, 2009

Call to Order

Officer's Reports

▪ President

- ✓ Fran Vandre has resigned from her position as Secretary of the Party due to family concerns.
 - Laura Payne will act as interim Secretary
 - We will have a special vote at the January Meeting to elect a new secretary.
 - Laura Payne has agreed to run for secretary. Laura has been writing the newsletter and press releases for the past year.
 - Anyone who is also interested in running for Secretary should contact Anne Johnson so we can add your name to the ballot. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the January Meeting.

- ✓ Vote to keep our current office space through 2010
 - We can rent our current office space for \$200/month for the upcoming year. If we pay up front for the entire year, Steve Lewis (owner of the Jefferson Area Business Center) will give us an 18% discount for a total rent of \$1,968 for 2010.
 - As part of our rent agreement, we can use the Atrium for our monthly meetings free of charge. For other events, there will be a \$275 rental fee.
 - Jim Schroeder made a motion to pay the lump sum to retain our office space for the next year. John Rhiel seconded the motion.
 - A discussion ensued. Some comments against keeping the space included: lack of use except at election time and meetings could be held at libraries and other locations throughout county for free. It was also argued that it is not an ideal location as it is not in the most visible location. Arguments for keeping the space included: the office space is frequently used for campaigning, sign paintings, phone banks, etc. throughout the year, other locations, such as libraries, usually have very strict schedules, and the atrium can be used for a very reasonable fee for events.
 - Motion passed.

- ✓ Vote for new signage in front of our headquarters.
 - Based on our discussion regarding keeping our current office space, Jim Schroeder made a motion to spend \$400 for signage to increase our visibility.
 - John Rhiel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- ✓ President's Day Dinner Sunday February 21st
 - Put this date on your calendar
 - Gayle Krek reminded everyone to think about "re-gifting Christmas presents" they don't need or want to the silent auction.
 - Possible speakers include Tammy Baldwin, Henry Sanders (Lieutenant Governor Candidate), and Tom Barrett. If they can't come, they may send a representative.

- ✓ January 7th meeting with Todd Kolosso Democratic Candidate for Congress in 5th CD (Sensenbrenner opponent)

- Treasurer- Cathy Zimmerman
 - ✓ Balance as of 12/1/09 is \$4799.45

- Candidate Recruitment - Jim Schroeder
 - ✓ Potential County Board Candidates.
 - At their last committee meeting 6 to 8 potential candidates for county board supervisor were identified. No one has fully committed to running.
 - VAN Training for possible candidates will be scheduled for late January or early February.
 - A potential candidate to run against Jeff Fitzgerald, Representative of the 39th Assembly District has been identified.

- Membership - John Rheil
 - ✓ Time to Renew
 - If you want to you can pay Cathy, our treasurer, tonight.
 - John has membership forms.

Old Business

New Business

- Treat sign up for next month

Guest Speakers

- **Greg David, Sustain Jefferson President and County Board Supervisor**
 - Sustain Jefferson follows the Natural Step Model for planning complex systems. This method is based on both science and ethics strategies and was developed by Professor Karl-Henrik Robert of Sweden.
 - Sustainable Development aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present but in the future.

- To become a member or to sign up for classes, visit their website at www.sustainjefferson.org.
- **Representative Andy Jorgensen**
 - Andy is having a fundraiser at the Tyranena Brewery on December 10th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Secretary Dick Lienenkugel of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce will be his guest speaker. He invites everyone to come and donate whatever they can afford.
 - Andy will be walking in the Jefferson Holiday Parade this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. He asked people to come pass out literature with him, if they were interested.

Adjournment

- 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Payne