

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

February 13, 2020 monthly meeting minutes:

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Andrew George at 6:30 PM.
- II. Introduction members/guests- those in attendance introduced
- III. The agenda was approved on a motion by Dennis Smith, supported by Mike Bobalik
- IV. Guest Speaker: State Rep. (6th District Candidate) Jon Hoadley reported on state house activities and campaign efforts (Max. petition signatures 5 mo. early, >\$730K contributions w/o corporate donations, >6300 donors, needs monthly contributors)
- V. Approve minutes
 - a. For January were approved on a motion by Deb Bordner, supported by Carol Higgins
- VI. Executive Reports
 - a. Secretary Report- Bobalik reported a need for Democrats to work elections; contact county clerk 467-5603
 - b. Treasurers' Report- received and put on file; J. Nelson reported state filing approved.
 - c. Chair Report- Gov. statement on nomination rejection
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Steering - D. Smith candidates needed for county-wide positions
 - b. Political Action- None; no active chair. Volunteer(s) needed
 - c. Membership- C. Higgins- updated membership list sent, letters to new members, highest membership EVER
 - d. Communication- None
 - e. Ways & Means- D. Bordner- Possible fund raiser for Senator Peters May 28 or 29 to include 4 counties
 - f. Precinct Organization- Precinct delegates needed
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Effort to increase county commission from 5 to 7 members may come from within county government
 - b. Andrew George "How to give up Plastic" article/paper ad soon
- IX. New Business-
 - a. County Convention- Friday, February 21 6:30-7:30 party HQ in Three Rivers. Members notified
 - b. Dennis Smith will share climate change PowerPoint show- post-meeting
 - c. Our next meeting will be March, 12, 2020 at the Three Rivers office (113 Portage St.). Potluck 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Questions email: stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com
- X. Good and Welfare-
 - a. C. Higgins- tree campaign update
 - b. C. Higgins- GOCC mileage vote 3/10/2020
 - c. M. Bobalik- Census workers needed; Go to: 2020census.gov/en/jobs.html
- XI. Meeting Adjournment: At 7:53 on motion by Higgins, supported by Bobalik

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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