

# St. Joseph Democratic Party

## Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Andrew George at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Andrew George, Eddie LeBoeuf, Dennis Smith, Kathy Dill, Carol Higgins, Judy Nelson

Minutes of the December 2019 meeting were distributed via email to all members. No corrections noted

**Motion** Smith/second - LeBoeuf

To approve the minutes of the December 2019 organization meeting.

### **Motion Adopted**

The financial report was distributed and reviewed by treasurer Judy Nelson. The administrative account shows a Year 2019 ending balance of \$4,885.41. The state account shows a balance of \$1,166.40 for the same time period.

The treasurer's report was received as presented (copy attached)

### **Reports:**

Chair: Andrew reported that he had attended the CD6 meeting in December. No new information at this time.

Steering/Bylaws: Dennis distributed updated office charts for various county municipalities, showing elected offices for each jurisdiction and which ones were on the ballot for 2020. Some corrections were made. Dennis emphasized the desire to name a Democratic candidate for each office on the 2020 ballot as well as precinct delegates for every county precinct.

Political Organization: No report

Membership/Outreach: Carol reported that a new comprehensive membership list had been compiled, but that some of the paper forms were missing. She emphasized that all input regarding membership should go through one single person, preferable the committee chair, in order to avoid confusion and duplication of effort.

**Motion** Higgins/second – Smith

All paper membership applications shall be kept in a single file in the County Democratic office. A digital list shall be stored on Google Drive and edited at the direction of the Membership Chair exclusively.

### **Motion Adopted**

Communication: No report

Ways and Means: No report

Precinct Organization: Dennis reiterated the importance of identifying precinct delegates and chairs for every precinct in the county. Many slots are yet to be filled.

### **Old Business**

Andrew reported that Frontier was not going to honor their previous quote to provide phone and internet service to the Democratic office for under \$60/mo. \$85/mo was their best offer for internet and phone service.

**Motion** LeBoeuf/second – Dill

To increase the phone and internet budget to <= \$100/mo. Andrew will explore options that provide the best service with the shortest contract commitment.

### **Motion Adopted**

### **New Business**

A discussion about causes and issues that might be highlighted and promoted by our count party ensued.

Two issues surfaced and having local importance. One addressed a worldwide problem.

1. A ballot initiative to restore the County Commission to a 7 member board. Dennis will call the county clerks office to get details on forms and procedures for a ballot initiative for the 2020 ballot.
2. It is increasing recognized that plastic pollution is harmful to the environment, especially ocean eco-systems. Carol Higgins has written an editorial she hopes to get printed in both of the county newspapers. She has also composed an advertisement/challenge to be printed in the Three Rivers Commercial News entitled, "How to Give Up Plastic – A pledge."

**Motion** Leboeuf/second – Dill

To cover the publication cost of the "How to Give Up Plastic – A Pledge" ad in the Three Rivers Commercial News for an amount not to exceed \$50.00. The ad shall include notation of sponsorship by the St. Joseph Co. Democratic Party.

### **Motion Adopted**

### **Reminders:**

Amy East (Dem candidate for Mich. 59<sup>th</sup> district) meet and greet, January 13, 2020, Noon, at the home of Ike Pangle: 25312 Simpson Rd., 49072.

Andrew George (Dem candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> District County Commission) Fundraiser, January 10, 5:30 PM, at Kelsey Block Brewing Co., Three Rivers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM