

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

July 14, 2022 monthly meeting minutes:

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Carol Higgins at 6:30 PM.
2. Introduction members/guests- Introductions made; 17 attendees (2 guest speakers)
3. The agenda was approved on a motion by Victoria Fisher, supported by Erin Schultes
4. Approve minutes-May 2022 meeting- approved on motion by Rick Anderson, supported by Julie Gardner
5. Laura Brott, Human Services Coordinator presented information/handouts on available programs
6. Chair Report-
 - a. County convention, Saturday, August 6, UAW Hall, Hoffman Rd. Three Rivers, MI 10:00-11:30 a.m., State convention August 20, Lansing Center
 - b. Allison Fuhrman- Bart Goldberg campaign introduced herself; encouraged support
 - c. Highway clean-up in the fall; Fair Update: Kathy Dill coordinating fair workers (2 needed per each 3 hour shift, call her if interested 269-496-9492
 - d. Ballot initiatives-successful-Promote the Vote and Reproductive Health
 - e. School board candidate filing deadline 7/26
 - f. Write-in candidates for Precinct Delegates needed, Rick Anderson will file to replace the late Col. Paul Guthrie
 - g. Primary ballot- can't split your ticket, straight column voting ONLY
 - h. VAN- Carol Higgins now activated
7. Secretary Report- None
8. Treasurer Report- None
9. Reports of Committees
 - a. Platform & Issues- resolutions can be approved at county convention for submission at state convention
 - b. Candidate Recruitment & Support- Erin Schultes reported on the success of the reproductive rights event at the courthouse
 - c. Party Building- local events to be held: Jodi Johnson in Sturgis, Wendy Evans in Three Rivers, Suzette Kingman-Lowery in Nottawa. Watch for details via email.
 - d. Communication & Message Management- Kathy Greaves (on vacation) increased activity on social media
 - e. Fundraising- Julie Gardner considering fall event; research underway
 - f. Precinct Organization- None
10. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
11. New business
 - a. Motion by Julie Gardner, supported by Erin Schultes to accept the resignation of Treasurer, Judy Nelson. Approved
 - b. Motion by Wendy Evans, supported by Peter Davidson to elect Sue Sleeper Treasurer. Approved
 - c. Merchandise/ice cream social- several ideas presented; no definite plans
12. For the Good and Welfare
 - a. Suzette Kingman-Lowery reviewed duties of the Board of Canvessors
 - b. Rick Anderson thanked Carol Higgins for the candidate handout, discussed the need to educate friends
 - c. Our next meeting will be August, 11 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dresser Business Center at Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, MI. Question, please email: stjoecountydems@gmail.com
13. Meeting Adjournment: declared at 8:25 by Chair Higgins

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