

**Jefferson County Democratic Party - General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tri Area Community Center – Chimacum**  
**February 20, 2020**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Alise Moss Vetica moved to adopt the agenda with additions. M/S/P.

The Chair called for approval of the minutes of the Membership Meeting of October 17, 2019. Gary Larson moved to approve the minutes. M/S/P.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the 2020 operating budget as presented. Following discussion, George Yount moved to adopt the 2020 operating budget as presented. M/S/P.

The Chair called for nominations for representatives to serve on committees at the state convention. The committees are Rules, Platform, and Credentials.

Linda Brewster nominated Wilma Hackman as JCD representative to the platform committee. Wilma Hackman rose to speak. She attended the platform committee at the county level two years ago. It was a rewarding experience. Wilma feels it is important for the county to have a representative. It is important to have documents that represent the values. Wilma believes the state and county platforms are excellent statement of our values but could be condensed. Gail Chatfield nominated Otto Smith. Otto declined the nomination and volunteers for the County platform committee. Wilma was elected as the JCD representative.

David Griffiths asked about a quorum for the meeting. The Chair asked for a membership report for quorum. John Hamilton reported that we have 48 members signed into the meeting, constituting a quorum.

The Chair stepped aside temporarily to run for the representative of the JCD on the Rules Committee. The Vice Chair, Alise Moss Vetica, took over as chair of the meeting and read the suggested criteria for electing a representative provided by the WSDCC. Martin Ivers nominated Marty Gilmore, Chair, as the representative. The nomination was seconded and Marty was elected.

The Chair resumed the role of directing the meeting.

The Chair read the suggested criteria for electing a representative to serve as the credentials committee representative for the JCD.

A member asked if there would be reimbursement for travel. The Chair reported that the travel policy adopted by the JCD does not allow for travel reimbursement for this meeting. The Chair also reported that the budget just adopted does not include this expense.

Claire Roney nominated Libby Wennestrom for the position as the JCD representative to the credentials committee. Libby was elected.

The Chair called on the JCD to thank David Sullivan for all his service as County Commissioner. The JCD expressed their appreciation.

The Chair reported that Kate Dean will run for reelection in District 1 for the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

Cynthia Koan rose to introduce Lorna Smith, candidate for District 2 for the BoCC. Cynthia reported on the work she shared with Lorna on the Jefferson County Planning Commission, including work on writing and adopting the gun range ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan. Cynthia reported that Lorna is one of the hardest working people on the Planning Commission.

Lorna Smith, Candidate for BoCC District 2, shared comments with the members. Resident of Cape George. Conservation futures, PC. Lorna is compelled to run out of a love of Jefferson County and our beautiful area. Lorna shared her extensive experience in County government, and on the PC. During the adoption of the

Comp Plan Lorna and the PC listened to residents about what they thought were the issues for the County; they have not changed much. Lorna listed issues facing the county (affordable housing, sewer, county services). Lorna gave her appreciation to David Sullivan for his support and help. Kick off party – 2/29 at Cape George, Leap into the Lorna

John Hamilton reported that Ken Collins announced his re-election campaign for the PUD. Ken has served for 6 years. Ken is a member of the JCD. Ken is running on the successes at the PUD, keeping rate raises to only those passed through by Bonneville Power. The PUD hires union workers, who manage outages during the storm season. John hopes the members consider voting for Ken. John does not know if there are any other candidates running in the race.

The Chair asked the membership to consider serving on committees for the County convention. Individuals can serve on committees, and attend the convention, even if they are not members of JCD. The Chair called for volunteers for the convention.

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John Hamilton, May 16<sup>th</sup> is the Rhody parade festival “Stop and Smell the Rhodies”. The membership committee will work on the JCD efforts. John asked for volunteers to help design the float and participate in the parade. Members can get a hold of John if they would like to volunteer.

Alise Moss Vetica rose to say that this year marks the centennial of the passage of the women’s right to vote. The state will have celebrations to commemorate the event, and Alise suggested to the members to look for these events and participate.

Gail Chatfield rose to announce that the Port Townsend symphony orchestra will present a spring concert 2 PM Sunday free at Chimacum High School.

Celeste Bennet rose to say that April 10<sup>th</sup> is census day. This year is the first time people may participate online. The Jefferson County Library will have a census workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup> on the census. Celeste encouraged members to participate and to let others know to participate in the census.

Jackie Aase participated in a rally for Bernie Sanders where over 2000 people attended, many of whom were young people. Jackie reminded the members that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a democratic socialist and was elected. Bethel Prescott reported to the members that political season is coming up, she had her Black Lives Matter sign stolen, and she will share some ideas for how to protect signs in the season in an article for the members. Cynthia Koan also reported on participating in a Bernie Rally, 17,000 people attended, or more. Cynthia said there was so much enthusiasm from young people to vote, and the event was inspiring. Bethel noted that the accommodations for the event were good. Wilma noted that the attendance of indigenous peoples was good.

David Griffiths noted that the accommodations were welcoming, and the rally were great to express their welcome. David felt very welcome. In contrast, at the state convention, there will be segregated seating again. There may not be communications for the seating area to communicate with the delegations. The convention meeting space will be even smaller and congested. The National convention also has difficult conditions, even though it is within weeks of the adoption and signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Diane Diamon asked about the rules for posting signs. Jean Ball reported that under elections, on the County website, there are links for rules about placement of signs, the ordinances that cover that. Bruce Cowan, Chair of the 24<sup>th</sup> LD, reported that the city and the County have different rules that can be found online. Enforcement is another matter. In the City, signs can be posted on private property only. If a sign is lost, signs may be collected from the City yard. State roads and County rules are very strict. Signs can be taken down. Alise reported that community development organizations have their own rules. David Sullivan reported that if you go to the county site and search for “signs”, there is a two page document about county signs.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. John Hamilton moved to adjourn. M/S/P 8:08 PM.

NOTE: Interested JCD members may request budget information directly from the Chair or the Treasurer.