

Second Quarter Meeting – May 8th, 2015 – Jackson County Democratic Committee

Chair Tom Wyrsh called the second quarter meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Committee to order at 7:05 p.m. in the ballroom of the Adams Mark Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Judy Briggs called roll. Fifty-six members were present in person, two by proxy.

Elections: Committeeman Keith Thomas moved to table the election of Ward 19 Committeeman until the next meeting. His motion was seconded and approved by the group.

Minutes: February 12th, 2015 quarterly meeting minutes were approved by the committee as published.

Report of Chairman: Wyrsh had no report but asked all to visit the hospitality rooms upstairs.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Coach Comstock noted a balance in the Wiggins Account (the Executive Director's salary fund) of \$40,289.37 and a balance in the JCDC checking account of \$26,897.28, which includes some income from Truman Days 2015.

Executive Director's Report: Lauren Gepford reported the JCDC will partner with the Raytown Democratic Association in their annual picnic fundraiser by purchasing 30 tickets at \$10 each (= \$300) and the tickets will be available to committee members on a first come basis. September 6 will be JCDC's fundraiser day at the K, October 3rd is Roll out the Red Carpet, and November 6 will be the JCDC chili dinner fundraiser. Four training sessions will be held at Truman Days following the morning breakfast. Additional trainings are coming. Approximately 1600 have viewed the website, and Truman Days has 200 breakfast and 400 banquet ticket reservations for the weekend.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Gene Morgan – asked all to contribute to the stream fundraising each month for the Executive Director's salary account.

Legislation: Scott Taylor, KC Council, spoke on energy efficiency benchmarking on buildings over 100,000 square feet. Senator Paul LeVota and Rep. Gail McCann Beatty spoke of legislation in progress.

By-laws: A motion to approve the proposed By-laws was made by Phil Glynn and seconded by numerous others. No amendments offered and motion approved. Chair Wyrsh thanked all who served on the committee for their efforts.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Sen. LeVota noted Nicole Galloway, newly appointed Auditor by the Governor, is upstairs in the hospitality rooms. He invited all to meet her. Lauren noted the Auditor plans to attend breakfast tomorrow morning. Also here for Truman Days are thirty-five Young Dems, and they have a hospitality room upstairs.

Renee Paluka -White introduced John Perkins running for 1st District in Independence.

Sheriff Mike Sharp will hold a fundraiser May 28th at the Cashew.

Rep. Joe Runions noted a \$300 million sports complex development in Grandview was celebrated by Congressman Cleaver among others in Grandview tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Briggs, Secretary