

## August 1, 2020 meeting minutes Green Lake County Dems & Friends

The meeting was called to order by Linda Wilkens at the Wilkens' residence for the in-person attendees and others viewed it through Zoom due to the Covid 19 crisis. Previous meeting notes were approved and can be found on the [www.greenlakecountymunicipalparty.org](http://www.greenlakecountymunicipalparty.org) website. Treasurer's report was given by Linda Wilkens due to treasurer's absence. The report was \$945.29.

The August 11 Partisan Primary will be here shortly. Only one party can be selected. No cross over voting permitted. People are able to vote absentee by mail by calling their clerk for information or may go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). It is of utmost importance to get your ballot in early and call your clerk to make sure they received it. You are also able to vote early, in person with your clerk. If unsure of times, call your county clerk.

Regarding candidate updates: The four Republicans running for the 41st Assembly are Alex Dallman, Luke Dretzke, Chuck Harsh and Gary Will. The winner will face off against Nate Zimdars. In the 14th Senate district, the two Republicans are Ken Van Dyke and Joan Ballweg. The winner of this race will face Joni Anderson. In the Democrat 6th Congressional District, Mike Beardsley, Matthew Boor and Jessica King are competing for the seat to run against Glenn Grothman in the November election.

We, as a party must be impartial until after the August Primary. We share items from all candidates. There was communication from Matt Boor thanking this organization for the support he has received and the ability to get to know the area better.

The best and only option at this time to GOTV is speaking directly to voters via phone banking. There are two options. One is weekly calls for volunteers, which generally consist of 20 calls per 45-60 minutes and the second is participating in the Weekend of Action which will next occur on Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9. The upcoming weekend will be focused on "issues" that are meaningful to the person called. Linda will be sending out information and links to sign up. There is planning for another weekend on August 29 and 30. Volunteers are needed.

Erik then spoke and had a power point display for phone call training, accessing the VPB (Virtual Phone Bank) and then The Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW), plan to win in November.

There have been about 170 signs put out for candidates and 6 large yard signs in the Ripon/Green Lake County area. Ten more large signs have been ordered. Contact Linda/ Kurt Wilkens for signs.

Future volunteer opportunities will include sending out written letters and postcards. The next letter mailing will be around September 8, after the WEC has sent out absentee ballot applications. Work continues on the letter content. Absentee ballots will be sent to voters around September 17. Voters can then either mail back their ballots or hand deliver them to their place of voting. Once candidates are known after the August primary, postcards, literature and another letter will be mailed. Other opportunities are using twitter and texting which Erik will assist the group in accessing. Letters to the Editors are also encouraged. An email will be sent out discussing this further. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for phone banking. Green Lake County Dems and Friends have withdrawn from the Markesan Parade next weekend due to high Covid numbers in the area.

The next meeting will be held September 5, presumably, in person at the Wilkens' residence and through Zoom. Today's meeting had 16 persons in attendance at Linda's house and 8 people participating through Zoom for a total of 24.

Submitted by Penny Howell. August 1, 2020.