

Meeting Minutes Nov. 2020 Democratic Party of Green Lake County Meeting

November 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at the home of Linda Wilkens for the in-person attendees and through zoom and telephone call-in. Previous meeting notes were approved and can be found on the website: www.greenlakecountymunicipalparty.org. The treasurers report came in at \$1174.79.

Thank you cards were available for signing and souvenirs were available for pick-up if interested. Thank you notes/emails/comments were read/heard from Jessica King, Joni Anderson and Nate Zimdars. Linda also gave some statistics about the local election, since she was a poll-worker. Also mentioned was the Ripon College webinar that is slated for this Thursday, November 12, called After the Elections: Now What? Pre-registration is recommended. If interested, contact Linda or may go to the Ripon College website/facebook page.

The 2021 slate of officers were read: Chairwoman Linda Wilkens, 1st Vice-Chair Jocelyn Hoepfer, 2nd Vice-Chair Jon RotiRoti, Secretary Penny Howell and Treasurer Marion Sobieski. After a brief discussion from the attendees, and opening the nominations from the floor, all office-holders have agreed to serve their terms in 2021. The election will be December 5th.

Of future importance to the group is the January Senate run-off in Georgia with two Senators vying for two open Senate seats. A progressive group in California has postcards to mail out to Georgia state residents to encourage a GOTV effort.

Re: the 2021 election, there will be a Primary on February 16th, which will have 6 candidates for State Superintendent of Schools in addition to any primary for local elections. These nominees will need 3000 signatures in the month of December to get on the ballot. Only one signature can be placed on one candidates papers and even though a person may sign the nominating paper, it does not require your vote. Joe Fenrick has asked for the group to sign his papers. There will also be a town supervisor elected in 2021, in addition to school board openings. If anyone would like to run for the supervisor position, please see Linda. The 6 candidates for State Superintendent of Schools are the following: Sheila Briggs, Jill Undrly, Troy Gunderson, Deb Kerr, Steve Krull (Milwaukee Principal) and Joe Fenrick. This is a non-partisan race and an attempt will be made to have a zoom meeting with the candidates.

There will be an effort to have a Fair Maps referendum on the April ballot in the county of Green Lake. All efforts to have a Fair Maps referendum passed in counties that offered it in this weeks election. This will be another opportunity to volunteer for next years election, by letter writing, making calls, etc.

A suggestion was made by Linda to donate to a local fundraiser as a Good Will gesture to the community. Suggestions for this will be given to Linda.

The next meeting will be held on December 5, location TBD, but due to Covid, zoom will be available.

Today there were 20 in-person attendees, and 11 participants through phone and zoom.

Noteworthy during the meeting, JOE BIDEN was designated as the new elected President!

Submitted by Penny Howell, November 7, 2020