

**Laramie County Democratic Party
Central Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007
Plains Hotel – Cheyenne
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Bell, President

CIRCULATION OF MINUTES

From February 27, 2007

Minutes were approved as circulated.

REPORTS

President – The Gary Hart event was a great success for the county party. Approximately 75 people attended the event and the event was covered by News Channel 5.

Meetings of the Laramie County Democrats will take place at the Plains Hotel instead of the Hitching Post. Rates at the Hitching Post increased and President Bell felt it was time to make a change in venue.

John Millin, the former President of the Laramie County Democrats, has expressed his intent to run for the office of State Chairman of the Wyoming Democratic Party. Elections for this office will take place in late April at the State Committee meeting in Casper. It is important that the party have a strong chairman heading into the 2008 election. It is rumored that Gary Trauner will run again and it is likely that the democrats can pick up a few more seats in the Wyoming Legislature. Along with the leadership of the State Party, it is critical that the Laramie County Democrats start some legislative district planning in preparation for next year.

Vice-President – No Report

Communications Director – No Report

Treasurer – The Party check register was distributed indicating that, as of April 24th, the party has \$3,043.17 in the checking account. The Gary Hart fundraiser event raised \$1,025 for the party.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Newsletter Committee – Paul O’Leary is pioneering a committee to develop a newsletter for the Laramie County Democrats. A meeting for the production of this newsletter will take place at the Laramie County Library on May 8th at 1:00 PM. Any questions or submissions for the newsletter may be directed to county2wy@yahoo.com.

The Grass Roots Coalition -- Hosted a great meeting and installation of officers during the month of April. This meeting also raised \$254 for the Winn-Hickey foundation at the University of Wyoming.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

County Party Bylaws – Mike Shay introduced a draft of the Laramie County Democratic Party Bylaws. This draft was distributed to all members present and initial changes were recommended. Nicole Novotny, Communications Director, volunteered to take the draft and work on the recommended changes during the next two months.

President Bell entertained a motion to approve the draft as a working document. Mike Shay moved for the approval and Vice-President Lance seconded the motion. The draft was approved with the corrections and suggestions expressed during the meeting. Nicole Novotny asked that all changed be emailed to nnovotny@bresnan.net by May 22nd in preparation for the next meeting.

Paul O’Leary volunteered to purchase and distribute a copy of the Wyoming Election Code so that the party would have a quick reference for updating the language in the bylaws.

Moment of Silence – Members present listened to an excerpt from Robert F. Kennedy’s speech, “The Mindless Menace of Violence.” After listening to the speech, members observed a moment in silence to honor the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings, the Holocaust, and the men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grass Roots Coalition – The Coalition will host a special meeting concerning health issues. This meeting will take place on May 24th at the Laramie County Library from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Laramie County Democrats will be held at the Plains Hotel on May 29th. The topic of this meeting will be “A Birthday Party for JFK”. During this meeting, we will honor the past president and celebrate his birthday with cake, ice cream, and memorabilia that anyone wants to bring and share!

ADJOURNMENT