

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

**Tuesday, February 26th, 2008
Plains Hotel – Cheyenne
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Bell, Chairman

CIRCULATION OF MINUTES

None circulated

REPORTS

State Chairman John Millin – If you have interest in running for office, this is the year to do it! Call the state party or contact your local party leaders if you have any questions.

Training sessions for citizens running for public office will be held during the Wyoming Democratic Party State Convention in Jackson over Memorial Day weekend. There are also training opportunities offered by the Wyoming Equality State Policy Center and the Trial Lawyers Association.

The State Party has been getting questions about young voters. New voters may register to vote as long as they will be 18 years of age by November 5th. This means these young voters can also participate in the caucus process.

The State Committee Meeting will start at 1 PM at the Plains Hotel on March 1st and will be followed by the annual Nellie Tayloe Ross Dinner. If you would like to participate, please see Director Owens or Chairman Millin.

Chairman – The Laramie County Convention/Caucus will be held on March 8th at the Cheyenne Civic Center. Media coverage will be big and we are expecting huge turnouts! Let's use this publicity wisely and get some new folks involved in the Democratic Party! Doors open at 8 AM for registration and the women of the Cheyenne Civic League have volunteered to help. All participants must register and acquire a wrist band if they would like to cast a ballot for presidential preference.

We must cut off the registration line at 9 AM per county party convention rules and then we will start the convention with the presidential preference vote, break for lunch, then move into delegate selection and our county party platform. The Grass Roots Coalition will have a table set up and we will have a few fundraiser drawings. We will set up at the Civic Center at 4:00 PM on March 7th.

Don't forget about the Legislative Reception that will be hosted by the Knudsen's from 6-9 PM at 514 West 24th Street on February 29th.

Vice-Chairman– No Report

Communications Director – No Report

Treasurer – Treasurer Marcum reported that the party has \$4,128.27 in the checking account as of February 26th. We collected over \$1,900 in contributions, with major help from Barak Obama supporters, to acquire the Civic Center for our county convention. Thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS

The Grass Roots Coalition – The next meeting is scheduled for April 17th and will focus on 6th Penny tax initiatives. The meeting in May will be held on the 15th and will feature Representative Mary Throne discussing environmental issues in our state.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SPECIAL EVENT

Presidential Campaign Visits

Hillary Clinton Campaign: Margi Biden and Molly McAndrew announced the opening of Hillary Clinton campaign offices in Cheyenne and Casper. There will be a grand opening reception on February 27th at the Cheyenne office from 5-7 PM. For more info, call Molly at 319-310-2017 or email at mollyrmcandrew@gmail.com.

Barack Obama Campaign: Gabe Cowen and Julia Warren have been in Wyoming for three weeks touring the state and getting to know the precincts. Precinct captains are needed for the upcoming caucus so if you are interested please talk to Gabe or Julia. People are also welcome to stop by the Obama campaign office in Cheyenne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Laramie County Democrats will be held at the Plains Hotel on March 25th at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT