July 2025 Minutes

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING MINUTES

July 2nd, 2025
Call to order at 6:05 pm

Welcome & Introductions – 11 people present
Pledge of Allegiance
Silence Phones Please

Acknowledged July Birthdays -Levi Shinkle 11th, Nels Kelly 24th, Kathy Von Osteen 29th
Motions by Michael Kersing, 2nd Jamie Anderson to approve June 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
Pass the Hat

Business:
Secretary's Correspondence Report – none

Newspaper Ad this month
August 2025 Meeting: 8/6/25 Date in Paper: 7/28/25 Dale & Janice Horkey pay
Please contact the Independant Record

Treasurer's Report: It was an inactive month. $1630.73 beginning balance. Received $205.00 in donations. $1,835.73 ending balance.

Discussion and reports from committees

1. Results of Pride: Read by Dale Horkey for Larry Alwin. 175 people, roughly double last year's numbers. Many more vendors. Lara Shook knows the exact number as the treasurer, but Larry guesses between $600 and $800 earned that day through donations and raffle tickets. Much more

was donated prior to paying for advertising, etc. The Big Horn Basin Pride Organization has roughly $1200 in its account to begin planning for next year's event.
Discussion regarding the current administration of the LGBTQ community

2. 4th of July Ice Cream Social, Georgeanne gave an update. Still needed: vanilla ice cream. She and Marilyn say they have lots of toppings for sundaes and banana splits. Georgeanne reminds us to "Show up and have Fun!"
3. Rally follow-up from June 14th in Worland. Dale gave an update: about 85 people participated, some hecklers, overall very positive. Sam suggests that we all wear resistance t-shirts. A link will be shared to buy shirts. Other "No kings" rallies are happening on July 4 and July 17. Unknown if any are scheduled in Wyoming.
4. Kim Bartlett report given by Dale: I have not been feeling super great the last couple of days, so probably won't make the meeting tonight (I'm trying to get feeling better before Friday's event). Not much to report: DNC elections resulted in Malcolm Kenyatta (PA) being re-elected as Vice Chair (David Hogg chose not to rerun) and Shasti Conrad (WA) being elected in his place. At the DNC meeting, August 24-27 in Minneapolis, we will elect Caucus and Council leadership. The DNC Western Caucus will meet in Denver, Oct. 3-5.
   There will be a come-and-go party for Dan and Margaret Stansill on Monday, July 7th, from 6:30-8 at the Lazy Fox, who are moving to Cheyenne. Need to announce to HS Dems via email.

5. Are we going to participate in the Gift of the Waters Pageant Parade? Theme, "United We Stand". 10 am Saturday, August 2nd. Entry fee is free. Registration is

due by July 31st. Georgeanne is interested in having a float, but needs help and is asking for volunteers. A comment was made that the event is outdated and prejudicial. Discussion was on how to change perspective, and decided too late for this year. The Gift of the Waters Pageant committee is in charge. A motion to not participate in the pageant parade was made by Jamie Anderson, 2nd by John Anderson. Motion carried with one dissent.

6. Donation for Discovery Days has been requested by Audra Dominquez. Motion made by John Anderson to donate $50, 2nd by Michael Kersing. Discussion regarding the amount, and if we would have a presence (voter registration). Georgeanne reminds us that we need to save for the upcoming elections to help candidates. Motion carried. Georgeanne says volunteers are always needed for the event.
7. We have been approached by Big Horn and Washakie Counties to participate in a Big Horn Basin for a combined Town Hall meeting with Rep. Mike Yin in August. Discussion to partner with Washakie and Big Horn counties was affirmative and could be more powerful in a larger group setting to bring up common issues. Motion by John Anderson to participate and help with expenses and promotion, 2nd by Michael Kersing. Dale will get the details and what would be expected from us. John Anderson will help with a list of local questions to present at the August meeting. Motion carried.
8. Georgeanne reminds us to bring in receipts for “in-kind” donations for any event where Dems purchase supplies but choose to pay out of pocket rather than requesting reimbursement.

Meeting adjourns at 7:08 pm
Next Meeting – Wed., 8/6, 6 pm, County Annex
Meeting Minutes Submitted by Janice Ladd-Horkey, Temporary Secretary