



Campbell County Democratic Party Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026 6:30 PM
George Amos Building 412 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, Wyoming 82718

The July meeting of the Campbell County Democratic Party was called to order by Chairwoman Heidi Kennedy at 6:38 pm. Thirteen people were present including Heidi K. Attendees introduced themselves. Our conversation starter was "What is one thing we should do to make elections better?" Responses ranged from having mail-in ballots to make voting an event by inviting someone else to go with you.

Guest Speaker:

- Jenny Sorenson spoke to us about Dark Money in Wyoming Politics. She illustrated the different ways dark money can be funneled to campaigns including through 501(c)(4) organizations, Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs), and PACs and Super PACs. Many of these organizations are working in the state and are very familiar; e.g., the League of Women Voters is a 501(c)(4) or social welfare organization, People for Honest Politics is a local PAC, and Americans for Posterity is a national Super PAC. Despite the growth of dark money in politics, Jenny said that grassroots efforts still work in Wyoming. At least one candidate for Sect. of State would like to clean up the laws that make it easy to set up LLCs here. "Money's dominance over politics is *the number one* problem our nation faces. It is a growing crisis that prevents us from tackling anything else." Senator Al Simpson in a statement to the American Promise Advisory Council in 2017.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

- Brenda K. moved and Billy M. seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18th monthly meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Heidi K. is the acting treasurer. Let her know if you are willing to serve in this position.
- Credits/deposits: Since the May meeting, we have received \$95.00 in new donations. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Announcements from the Chair:

- Voting Machine Testing - Heidi K. attended the demonstration and nothing is amiss
- Community Outreach
- Precinct Committee People
 - 2 write-ins during the primary will put you on the general election ballot!

Old Business:

- Adopt-a-Highway sign (no update)
- Campbell County Fair (July 22 - Aug. 2)
 - Planning - On July 8, a committee met and came up with some great ideas for our booth
 - Volunteers - Need 2 people per 3 hour shift
 - Booth Set-up is Tues., July 28 @ 9 a.m. at the CamPlex Wyoming Center
 - Show Hours are 10 am - 7 pm Wed., July 29- Sat., Aug. 1st

- Tear Down is Sat., Aug. 1st, 7 - 10 pm
- Second Annual Summer Picnic
 - When: Sat., Aug. 8th, 7 pm
 - Where: Dick Bratton Shelter @Dalbey Memorial Park
 - What: The party will provide hamburgers and hot dogs to grill, and condiments. Everyone else bring a side dish or dessert to share; a sign-up sheet was passed around
 - All Democratic Federal and state candidates as well as nonpartisan city candidates have been invited; several have already said they'll attend
- 2026 Midterm Elections Discussion
 - Donations to Wyoming Democrats who are running is appreciated: <https://wyodems.org/2026-candidates/>
 - Heidi K.'s Midterms Election Spreadsheet: <https://bit.ly/3Pib9P8>

New Business:

- Events - A handout with upcoming events was available

State Party Announcements:

- Results from State Central Committee Vote: Both resolutions passed
- WDP Project Hail Write-In Campaign: text messages will go out to Democrats in select House districts to see if they would be write-in candidates (need 25 write in votes to be on the general election ballot)
- There are four caucuses within the state Democratic party
 - [Labor caucus](#)
 - [Minorities & Allies](#)
 - [Women's caucus](#)
 - [Young Democrats \(ages 14-36\)](#)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Ebertz, Sect.

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