

Oconee County Democratic Party
Executive Meeting via Zoom
May 3, 2021

SPEAKER	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTIONS
Jody Gaulin	Call to order. Pledge to Flag. Present were : Todd Moore, Rita Moore, Sandra Land, Bev Teague, Cody Hunter, Jeff Steele, Dan Warner, Susan McLaughlin, Jody Gaulin, Ruth May, Kathy Barger, Cece Parker, Andrea Harbin, Gail Johnson, Gary Gaulin, Angela Geter, Emma Sauer, Kelly Pendarvis	
Jody Angela Emma	<p>Comments: Angela Geter, Spartanburg County Democratic Party Chair who is announcing her candidacy against Senator Tim Scott on Thursday in Greer, spoke to us briefly. With her background as an Airforce veteran, working as CFO for profit and non-profits and in medical technology within the Airforce, she will use her talents to persuade S.C. voters to elect a Democrat to the Senate.</p> <p>Comments: Jody would like us to formalize a letters-to-the-editor writing effort. Topics could be backing our police force with pay increase and not empty words; mental health issues; extreme gun toting laws, etc.</p> <p>Encourage some people to go to Angela's Senate Race announcement in Greer.</p> <p>Comments: Emma Sauer is interning at OCDP until the end of May. She gave us a brief overview of the political climate of CU. Clemson is known for its conservatism, but things are moving towards a more inclusive environment, especially since the football players organized a BLM march. Also there was student backlash when a conservative talkshow celebrity appeared on campus. The Clemson Student Democrats seem to be more active on social media than the Clemson Student Republicans. The Honors College has dropped Calhoun's name, and the Gant Center is helping with more name changes on campus. Also, because of student activism the University changed their decision to end the track and field program.</p>	
Cece	Minutes: April minutes presented	Susan made motion to accept minutes. Rita seconded. All approved
Jeff Steele Jody	<p>Treasurer's report: Beginning OCDP balance was \$8,165. Total revenues were \$1,471.00. Total expenses were \$896.57. Ending balance is \$8740.41.</p> <p>Fundraising efforts are being fruitful.</p> <p>Rita has removed OCDP from Ring Central.</p>	Jeff moved to accept Treasurer's Report. Susan 2nd. All agree.
	Business	
Jody		
Jody	US Senate 2022 Race: SC State Representative Krystal Matthews will announce tomorrow (April 13) at the SC Capital her run against Tim Scott. Also Angela Jeter who is chair of the Spartanburg Democratic Party, is planning a formal announcement soon to run against Tim Scott. We should get both of these candidates for our Fundraising Picnic.	

Jody	SCDP State Convention: An all-virtual call-in Zoom May 19-22. On April 27 SCDP will send email packet to all delegates. May 10 is last day to add any delegates or alternates. Anyone who wants to submit a resolution should do it. Check out how to write a resolution. Don't submit anything covered in SC Party Platform. May 10 Deadline?? Sandy Land suggested Medicaid Expansion. Dan suggested Plastics Re-Cycling trying to avoid DHEC regulations.	
Jody	Picnic Planning: Committees involved in this would be Fundraising and Communication and Social Committees. Creating a new PICNIC committee: Volunteers are Ruth, Pat, Andrea, Susan, Rita, Bev, Cece. Andrea suggested Manna from Heaven as a caterer for the picnic.	
Jody Rita Pat	Communication/Social Committee Report: Goals of committee are to communicate and socialize with fellow members. Next Thursday is the Evening Social. Jody suggested getting ideas from the Greenwood Democratic Party. Perhaps see their list of speakers they get for their breakfasts such as local immigration attorney, African American PoliSci professor from Lander. Also, Andrea is volunteering her cousin, a college prof with specialty in African American Women.	
Jody Cece	Voter Registration Committee Report: VR committee has had 2 meetings laying groundwork for activities when we are Covid "safe." Seeking permission to be at festivals, Jazz on Alley, food distribution sites, subsidized housing. We're trying to identify individuals within the community as resources for encouraging their neighbors to register and vote. We're working on "best dialogue" ideas. We are making contacts within the Hispanic community to hopefully create more dialogue there. We are creating a calendar of events when we will need volunteers to "man" the voter registration tables at these events. We have had Voter Registration T-shirts made for volunteers to wear at these events. Cece has had a productive conversation with Sarai Melendez who will help up make contacts with Hispanic community. Cece has contacted Libby Embody about MainStreetWalhalla events and Riley Johnson about Jazz on Alley and waiting for replies. Susan will ask YMCA representative about voter registration opportunities there. Can't do First Friday this month. Sandy Land can help us with Spanish translation. Cece will talk to LWV especially Cheryl Lee to help us with some more ideas.	
Jody	Lessons Learned Report: Training issues dovetail with the project that Emma is going to work on. Greenville, York, and Sumter counties are going to pilot the use of a program that uses a data base identifying potential voters who are NOT registered. If it seems workable, we may be able to use the same program.	
Jody	Candidate Recruitment Committee: We need to be thinking about how to get people to get on county and municipal commissions and boards. Next Exploring A Run meeting is May 13. Lakeesha Benson is serious about running for Seneca City Council.	
Jody Bev	Fundraising Committee: Bev is continuing to ask for individual contribution especially at the \$120 Club level. Soon will be calling sell Picnic tickets.	
Jody	HQ Issues: Need to decide when we can start meeting in person again for breakfasts, socials, and meetings. Straw vote decided 1st Breakfast can be outside in June; first face to face Social in July. Rita suggested first in-person gathering might be at Blue Ridge Community Center.	
		Todd moved to adjourn. Bev 2nd. All agree

