

Laramie County Democratic Party  
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25 people attended. Chili and Hot Dogs were served.

- 1) Minutes of the October meeting were approved.
- 2) Treasurer's report, showing \$3196.45 on hand, was approved.
- 3) Katherine Van Dell reported on the Grassroots Coalition. The Coalition had 25 people in attendance for its Halloween party. Louise Raimondi said the Coalition will have lunch for Coalition members at 11:30 on December 12 at the Holiday Inn. The meal will be soup, sandwich, and dessert for \$17.60. She asks that people RSVP by December 8<sup>th</sup> so they can let the Holiday Inn know how many people to expect. The Coalition will have a regular meeting in January, and host a legislative reception in February at the Knudson home.
- 4) Mike Bell reported on the Wyoming Democratic Party. The Nellie Taylor Ross dinner will be February 27 at the Plains Hotel. Screens will be set up to make it easier to see the speaker, because of pillars in the main ballroom. The party is still working on getting a guest speaker. One possibility is long time UPS White House reporter Helen Thomas. State party chair Leslie Peterson may also speak at Laramie County Democratic Party meeting. The state party's fundraising campaign is not going the way they wanted. In January they will be taking the list of people who attended the caucuses last year and calling them. The party is hoping for 100 people willing to give \$10 a month each.
- 5) The upcoming meeting of the Laramie County Democratic Party will be the last Monday in January at 7 PM featuring a legislative panel. On February 26, the party will host a legislative reception.
- 6) Paul O'Leary has offered to buy advertising on the home page of the Laramie County Democratic Party website for \$240 a year. There was discussion of the offer. Linda Stowers will check on the possible implications of accepting the offer and get back to Paul by early January.
- 7) There was extensive discussion of putting issues and positions on the county party website. Suggestions included the loss of funding for the community clinic, the proposal to increase the number of county commissioners from three to five, and others. Lori Millin moved to put issues on the website. Liz Byrd seconded. The motion was approved. Dave Lerner moved and Jim Byrd seconded a motion to create a committee that would research and write up positions. The positions would be submitted to the full county party for review and approval. The motion approved. Linda Stowers appointed Mike Bell, Senator Kathryn Sessions, and Nina Pike to the committee. The first issue will be the closure of the community clinic.
- 8) Gary Roadifer moved that the party donate \$100 to the Wyoming Tribune Eagle's Empty Stocking Fund – the motion was approved.
- 9) Guest speaker Senator Kathryn Sessions talked about giving to local schools for Christmas. The majority of her talk was on juvenile justice. She said Wyoming doesn't have specially trained juvenile judges and a juvenile court system, and we are the only state that doesn't. Juvenile crime is a huge problem in the state. Senator Sessions has served on the Judiciary Committee since she was first

elected to the State Senate 10 years ago, and has been working on juvenile justice issues ever since. She has now partnered with Senator Tony Ross on key issues and is seeing potential for progress. 18 of Wyoming's 23 counties have formed juvenile service boards, and the Legislature is considering setting standards for juvenile detention centers. Senator Sessions said the ACLU may consider a lawsuit over the way juvenile justice is handled in Wyoming.