

10/2/05

High Point Democrats in Action

Present: Lynn Dostal, Jim Brown, Martha Brown, Bob Davidson, Kay Spangle, Angel Schroeder

Lynn chaired the meeting as Kirby was unable to attend. Minutes from last meeting were approved.

\$44 in Treasury

What fundraisers can we do?

Outreach idea: a post-Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday or Sunday after Thanksgiving. Place could be First Presbyterian. We'd invite the homeless, as well as other Democrats. We'd need to advertise to get a good turnout. Rumor has it that Jim Brown does a mean Brunswick stew. Lynn could do turkey soup. We'd pay by passing the hat, perhaps asking for donations at the event. We could have a minister bless the meal.

Candidates for municipal elections. How do we decide who, if anyone, to endorse? It was suggested that we have our own forum, but consensus was that we probably don't have the clout to pull it off. Another idea is to go to the established forums (HPU, League of Women Voters), and "take over" with our own scripted questions. Some suggestions:

What qualifications do you have that will make you a good city council member?

What is your greatest asset? Greatest weakness?

How will you keep furniture market here?

What will you do to keep and create jobs?

How do you propose to solve the problem of high rent downtown? Local businesses can't afford to locate downtown.

What might you do to help bring downtown back to life?

How might you change the development plans for the City?

How do you feel about incentives for manufacturers to locate here?

Do you condone Bill Bennett's comments on race?

Jim Brown made a motion to set up our own candidates' forum. We agreed to take the idea before the rest of the group.

Bob brought up Yes Weekly, a new publication that seems amenable to our cause. Should we link them from our site?

Considered doing a mailing to certain Wards to spread our condemnation of Bill Bennett's racist comments. Bob agreed to write it, Angel will proof, then send to Kirby. Kay will check with Board of Elections for mailing list or labels. We could also hand out copies of the letter.

Adjourn.