

## Notes taken from Minutes Books of Platte County Democratic Central Committee

### 1902

- New Democratic Central Committee elected by townships: A.H. O'Dowd, John T Jackson, W.B. Pepper, John Burgess, T.M. Baugman, Ed Dowling, Thos. L turner, Jacob Harrington, Scott Wilson, A.F. Payne, Sidney Beery, J.P. Tucker. No credentials from May Township, so R.T. Murray was declared elected. (February) In April, he resigned and Ben Spicer elected to fill the vacancy
- Primary held in each voting precincts to nominate state and county representatives who need to pay fee to be printed/listed in the ballot. (7,000 printed) \$2. 50-\$5.00, but Congressman Cochran \$7.50
- Township reps were to appoint clerks and judges for the elections.
- Motion approved to print name of candidates for the different offices in groups in alphabetical order
- Repealed primary rule and adopted one that any voter who voted in the last general election or who will be eligible to vote in the coming general election and will pledge *himself* to vote for regular Democrat nominees shall be entitled to a vote in said primary
- Note: official returns of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1902 primary are printed in the PCCDC minute book, page 14/15

### 1904

- Democrat Mass Meeting held in March to elect Judicial delegates to, St Joseph Judicial, which convenes to nominate a candidate for the Supreme Court. To be qualified as electors should have supported the State Democratic ticket in last state election.
- Official returns of the April 30, 1904 Democratic Primary Election are page 26

### 1906

- Candidates assessed \$22.50, except for Coroner for \$5.00
- 1906 official returns of Platte County Democratic Primary, May 12, on page 37
- Committeemen to be committee of one to organize their precinct by appointing committees to bring out the vote at the coming election
- Platte County official vote in the Nov. 1906 election on page 39 & 41

### 1908

- Endorsed Francis M Wilson for State Senator
- County Candidates assessed \$15 and each hold over \$10 for campaign purposes

### 1909-10

- Each had only 1 set of minutes with purpose: to select delegates to the State Committee meeting
- Guy Park elected secretary/treasurer

### 1912

- Resolution to State Committee to reelect J.W. Farley to state committee
- Both Democrat and Republican Central Committee adopted resolutions opposing a proposition to amend state laws to allow limited branch banking in Missouri and urging voters to vote against at the Nov 11 election
- Endorsed candidacy of Hon Ch. L Bunke for Democratic nominee for District Congressman and congratulate for his splendid work in Congress and especially for his loyalty to the administration of President Wilson.

### 1920

- Township meetings held in March to elect 1 man and 1 woman to County Convention on March 20 to elect 6 men and 6 women to serve as delegates to the State Convention in Joplin in April.
- Elected officers in August: Dillingham, Sullivan, & Cockrill

## 1921

- Circulation by committee of petitions regarding the 12 bills enacted by State Legislature as well as one in regard to the County School Unit Bill.

## 1922

- Due to death of candidate J. O. Johnson for District Rep, committee met to fill vacancy; Rufus Miller elected by secret ballot

## 1924

- Mass meetings held in each township to select delegates to County Convention

## 1926

- Committee elections and officers selected page 72-74

## 1928

- Filling vacancies on the committee, elections major items reported, page 75-78

## 1930

- Committee approved plans for fall campaigns as chairman submitted; each precinct should have Advisory, Publicity, and Transportation checkers
- List of judges and clerks submitted to County Court
- Carl Porter for County Surveyor moved/approved

## 1931

- Resolution adopted to State Legislature about redistricting into necessary congressional districts and we endorse and approve the present Senate bill relative to said districts. Also that John H Fahay(Farley?) will be broadcast on April 13 - in recognition of Thomas Jefferson's anniversary.

## 1932

- Resolved that equal numbers of men and women delegates be selected in each township for County Democratic Convention on March 24 to select 18 delegates to the State Convention (see list selected on page 94-5)
- Resolution that the Democratic Committee of Platte County duly instructs their delegates to Congressional committee meeting to 'cast their votes' for J. W Farley for State Committeeman
- At the Platte County convention the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
- *Whereas, incompetency, reckless expenditure of public funds, increased cost of government and a general disregard for the welfare of the masses, which have characterized the conduct of affairs of and our nation and state under Republican administration, make it imperative and desirable that the Democratic party, whose record is marked by uprightness, competency and economy, be returned to power in order that the depleted treasuries be rehabilitated, the burden of taxation lifted and confidence and prosperity be restored. That under fearless and trust leadership, this end may be sure attained and our party returned victories at the November election.*
- *Therefore be it resolved by the Democracy of Platte county, in convention assembled, that we heartily favor the nomination of Hon. James A. Reed for president and we instruct our delegates to the state convention to be held in the city of St. Louis on March 28, 1932, to vote for delegates to the National Convention who share our belief that Mr. Reed should be the next president and who will earnestly endeavor to secure his nomination. And as president He is a true disciple of Thomas Jefferson, has the courage of Grover Cleveland and the statesmanship of Woodrow Wilson and would be president of and for the people of the United States.*
- Also resolution for Francis M Wilson for Governor; T. Kemper and Mrs. C.B .Farris as members of the National Committee from Missouri; and in support of Guy P Park as judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
- and for delegates to vote as a unit; Page 96 and attached media article
- Central Committee met to fill vacancy of Public Administrator cause by death of George W. Kirby. C.C. Cockrill ,elected /appointed

- Met in October to get election judges that work for the party's good rather than for the fee paid. Each township to be under special care of the committee men and women of that township.
- Enthusiastic gathering of Democrats and all expressed themselves willing to do their full part in behalf of the party ticket.

## 1934

- H.L. Dillingham resigned as chairman in April; Elmer F. Ross elected to fill unexpired term as chairman
- Mrs. Goldie Ferril attended Jefferson City meeting and was requested to each committeewoman in Platte County to select 20 reporters to work with her for the coming national election
- Adopted resolution that the Chair and Vice Chair instructed to cast their vote for J.W. Farley for member of State Committee
- Selected Abe Shafer of Edgerton, to fill the vacancy on the Democratic ticket for Judge of the Eastern District, caused by the death of nominee J.H. Rollins (note he did not win the Platte Dem primary, losing to Offuit by approx 500 votes)

## 1936

- Township mass meetings held in each township on April 11, 7 pm to elect delegates to the County Convention to be held on April 14. Number of delegates by township ranged from 2 in Fair to 9 in Green Carroll, and Pettis
- County Convention elected 11 delegates to serve at the State Convention in Joplin on May 5
- Resolution Committee at the April meeting presented the following resolutions:
- *Be it resolved that we desire to endorse our great president Franklin D Roosevelt, and his humanitarian ideas and his policies in their entirety.*
- *Be it resolved that we endorse our great citizen of Platte County, the Honorable Governor, Guy B Park and commend him on his splendid administration. We further commend Governor Park's administration*
- Endorsed James P. Aylward for State Chairman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressional meeting held at the Elms in Excelsior Springs o 8-26
- Elected John Walker as Dem Candidate for county surveyor for general election Nov 1936

## 1937

- Recommended to the Governor W. M Couch to be appointed County Treasurer

## 1938

- Eastern District committee members selected George Farmer to replace Abe Shafer, Deceased, as judge of the Eastern District of Platte County for the unexpired term (August) letter to Gov. Stark that he has endorsement of County Committee
- Officers elected were: Elmer Ross, Mrs. Goldie Ferril, Mrs. Bessie Coffey, Kinzea Cox

## 1940

- Township meetings, March 29 to select candidates to March 30 County Convention. 8 delegates were chosen by a committee and presented as recommendation; which carried, which made Guy B Park chairman of the delegation. During the committee recess, speeches given by 10 candidates and members, all of which stressed harmony, loyalty and hard work for the success of the Democratic principles and the party.

## 1941

- Protested Nov 5<sup>th</sup> election irregularities *“replete with glaring and wide irregularities, not only in the method and manner of casting votes, but also of counting the same, that there were excessive use of huge sums of money, the same being unlawfully used to unduly influence the voters, further that there is complete evidence from reliable sources that in many precincts throughout the state, there was Disregard by election officials and voters, of the election laws of this State, that all of these matters occurred more specifically in the race of Governor; and “whereas the Democracy of Platte County, desiring at all times to protect the sacred right of the ballot and the mandate of the people as expressed by their vote; and Whereas because of these irregularities there is grave doubt as to whom was elected Governor of this great State and said election”*  
They continued that they petition the 61<sup>st</sup> General Assembly to conduct a general and sweeping investigation in to the vote cast for Governor and that at the conclusion there may exist no doubt or iota of suspicion of the legality of the election

## 1942

- Platte County delegation instructed to vote for Goldie Ferril for State Committee Woman
- Discussed election, absentee votes, judges
- Allowed \$161 for transportation of voters for the November election, to be equally distributed to all townships.

## 1944

- Elected 5 delegates to State Convention
- Judge Moore County Court, Judge Kinzie Cox of Probate Court and James L Ward were called on to address the convention.
- Bessie M Coffey elected as Chairman of the Central Committee, Goldie Ferril as Vice, Bessie Harris Secretary and Kinzie Cox as Treasurer

## 1945

- Met to fill vacancy of the State Representative for Platte County, which was caused by the death of J. W. Farley. J. F. Sexton was endorsed for the unexpired term of Representative

## 1946

- Goldie Ferril was reelected for Vice, Bessie M Coffey elected as Secretary, Kinzie Cox as Treasurer. CC Woodson as Chair

## 1948

- New chair elected was R. B. Miller, but other 3 officers re elected
- R. B. Miller urged those present to work together for the good of the Democratic Party and to go down the line for the ticket in the November election

## 1950

- Approved Gas Tax
- Step taken to organize Young Democrat club
- Selected judges for the August Election from each township at July meeting
- Bessie M. Coffey reelected as secretary; Kenrick George as Chair, Maurine Gollard as Vice and Wallace J. Farley, treasurer
- Each township are under special care of the committee man woman of that township
- Advertised the November election in the 4 county papers
- Invited Hennings and Welch to the Tobacco show in October

## 1952

- Fred Eberwen, Weston, nominated to Gov Connely for County Superintendent of Schools, per resignation of Mrs. Marjorie Aikmus
- Committee favored Gov Adali Stevenson of Illinois
- Selected 6 for State Convention as well as 6 alternates

## 1953

- Park College Political Science class were guests at September meeting
- Considered possibility of closing some of the polls in Platte County. Two were discussed: Pisgah and Waukomis; recommendation will be submitted to County Court

## 1954

- Endorsed W.R. Hull for 6<sup>th</sup> District Congress
- Kendrick George reelected as chair, Mrs. Louise Eaves as Vice, Gate Wells as treasurer (who resigned 1 month later, & Bessie M Coffey continues as secretary
- Wallace J. Farley nominated and elected to serve as treasurer
- Young Democrats host Oct 11 Rally at El Rancho

- Meeting of the Demo Women's Club to meet Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, announced
- Necessity of future registration for all voters before election brought before committee

## 1955

- Senator Hennings in Platte City to give out God & Country awards at Christian Church and wanted informal meeting with friends. To be Oct 30 at VFW Hall in Platte City
- Plans made for annual convention of the Women's Democratic Club of the 6<sup>th</sup> District; Senator Symington will be principal speaker

## 1956

- Platte County Fair booth with speakers
- Meetings changed to Wednesday evenings
- Dance in Riverside as fundraising  
Campaign HQ in Weston, Platte City and Riverside
- Caravan for Nov 5 with speaker W.R. Hull
- Chairman of Central Committee, Kendrick George died in office, and as he was in charge of the Motor Vehicle License Office, created a vacancy: Missouri Director of Revenue asked for nominations; committee chose no action
- David R. Clevenger chosen to fill term of Committee Chair
- Endorsed Senator Stuart Symington as President of the United States and pledged full support
- 14 delegates chosen for State Convention and be instructed to vote for Symington for Democratic Nominee for President
- Campaign chairman. Andrew Higgins, who will work with county members who feel necessary to have Headquarters in their area
- Platte City HQ to open Oct 1 or immediately
- Committees are to furnish a list of 25 possible donors to the Party fund
- Gov. Donnelly requested Platte Central Committee submit 3 nominees to fill the vacancy in County Treasurer, due to resignation of William M. Couch

## 1957

- Floating of Loan moved and carried at June meeting re financial condition of committee
- Committee endorsed and highly recommended Judge John Yeaman to Gov. Blair to fill the vacancy to occur in Circuit Court the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, due to resignation of Judge Fred H. Maughmer

## 1958

- Opposed proposition to amend state laws to allow Limited Branch Banking. Resolution committee of O.V. Cecil, Jim Farley, David Whipple
- R.P.C Wilson nominated by committee to replace J.R. Moore as Pros Attorney, who is resigning. A wire followed by phone call to Governor notifying him of committee's decision.
- Approved report of organization of Symington for President

## 1959

- Dollars For Democrats, moved to collection to be Sept 25-Oct 4, 1960
- Louise Eaves, special agent of D.A.R, Parkville, informed committee of Luncheon on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at Mirror Lake with program at Park Hill High School. She suggested committee extend invitation to Gov. Blair and other State & County officials and their wives. Chairman will do so.
- Committee appointed 3 members to take care of the program and luncheon and to keep in touch with D. A. R: O.V. Cecil, Jim Farley, & David Whipple

## 1960

- Chair Higgins resigned, so new chairman elected in April: James W. Farley
- 7 delegates entitled to go to Jeff City State Convention—after selected at County Convention

- Committee reminded at July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to bring names of the election judges in their township to file with the County Clerk, not later than July 8
- John Dalton to be distinguished guest Friday evening of County fair with Democratic booth
- Demo News Sheet (mimeographed)
- Moved that Committee have Quarterly meetings: Jan, April, July, October on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday moved and carried
- Sponsored luncheon for John Dalton in Sept at Lakeside Country Club
- Hosted Dem office holders and candidates
- Precinct workers recruited
- Plan for 3 HQ in addition to Platte City to serve a clearing house for campaign workers and materials

## 1961

- Chose Democratic for Representative General Assembly for Special Election due to vacancy caused by death of William M Couch; William Fickle selected; also selected Alan Ashelford to fill unexpired term of County Surveyor
- Request to sponsor Democratic Club

## 1963

- Request made to recommend County Surveyor, and Alan Ashelford had died

## 1964

- Elected Presiding Judge of the County Court, to fill vacancy caused by death of Judge; Holt Coffey
- Fred O Russell was recommended

## 1966

- Newspaper item that Central Committee was endorsing all 3 amendments coming to a vote in the near future
- Promote absentee voting; hosting Teas and Coffees for Congressman Hull
- Met with Republicans in which voting instructions and procedures would be reviewed.

## 1967

- Called for nominations for candidate for Sheriff. Larry Reeves was voted unanimously
- Recommended Fran Durham for County Treasurer

## 1968

- Fundraiser for Secretary of State Kirkpatrick at Mirror Lake Country Club with \$5 tickets. Profit of \$1,200
- Hearnese at same place with \$6 tickets and profit of \$2,000
- 2 Platte County Dem HQ—with 1 staff/coordinator--\$2.50 per hour; space donated by Dr Miller in Platte City and other one at Riverside also donated
- Oct, 1968—letter to S. Platte about 129 years of progress under Democratic Party

## 1969

- Democrat Rally Picnic on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Platte County fairgrounds; Senator Thos Eagleton was invited guest speaker, --over 200 attended including Sec. of State Jim Kirkpatrick, Congressman Bill Hull and Senators W.B. Waters, John Downs

## 1970

- HQ offered by Charles McKeon on 71 Hwy in Riverside, Platte city donated by Dale Schwab and Don Soper; Both opened Sept 19th
- Fund raising dinner in September at Mirror Lake Country Club with National Democrat Chairman Larry O'Brien as speaker. \$100 a plate 204 tickets sold
- Push to help registration in all districts
- BBQ/Rally at Platte county fairgrounds—over 1,100 attended

## 1972

- Campaign store fronts in Weston, Parkville and Platte City (Laundromat)
- Sam Vaskov elected chairman in August
- Fund raising dinner planned for Mirror Lake Country Club at \$25 tickets and \$50 for sponsor level; Ed Dowd speaker; all profits to be spent IN Platte County
- SamVaskov, Jim Farley, June Graham and Georgia Wagers elected as rep to District meeting in Bethany
- Larry Perrin campaign chairman for Platte County
- Computerized list, developed by Political Science Profession, at William Jewel offered for Clay and Platte. Candidates can use for \$225. Committee will use this list for Phone Bank. The total costs would be \$2,600-\$2,700. List of candidates for 300 hours at \$450: McGovern, Litton, Dowd, and for Sheriff 100 hours and \$150. Other costs were phones

## 1973

- Townships redistricted
- Steering committee named
- September report that the Parkville HQ for Platte Democrats was not giving out literature on some candidates
- All registered voters broken into townships and given to committee members for recruitment
- Jerry Litton has 3 offices in his district and one is in Platte County; CC to award plaque to him
- Name tags for Central Committee purchased
- Century Club recognition dinner planned; FM Wilson Finance Chair of Century Club; At \$100 fee, already \$5,000 collected
- Democratic youth club

## 1974

- Voted to place full page ads in all county newspapers for 3 weeks each for \$3,200 and for billboard on I-29 for 3 months for \$3300 and hired consultant. But noted; that the treasury only had \$5,500
- Proposed Jackson, Clay, Platte off year fundraising event at Great Midwest Underground
- Committee is to nominate candidates for County Auditor and Recorder of Deeds; held meeting for all candidates to speak. Note: later in August, need for Magistrate Judge too
- Giant BBQ—free at fair grounds when Jerry Litton comes to county Sept 22;
- Fund raising dinner with Senator Thomas Eagleton as speaker at Marriott, Oct 22; \$15 tickets; ; \$1.50 for drinks with 20 cents to Dems
- Allocated up to \$1,200 for 40 campaign signs to be placed all over county (to be stored in Dave Cutting's barn, to use them again)
- Hosted a day before election breakfast for Candidates; CC to cover expenses;
- Paid political ad in local papers, addressing false facts/untruths in Republican candidate brochure

## 1975

- Fund raising event committee: George Lear available 2-27 and could be speaker; \$10 tickets with Committee members able to get in for half

## 1976

- Old Fashioned Democratic Rally Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at noon in Parkville, end up at Edgerton at 4 with a hot dog Roast. All candidates invited
- Allocated \$250 each to candidates Kutz, Kyle, Johnson & FM Wilson and \$500 for Democrat advertising
- Proposed Century Club sells necklaces & lapel pins, and give away bumper stickers and button; Recommendation they also are on sale at Weston Homes Tour
- Formed Voter Registration committee; money allocated for news releases or flyer to advertise voter registration events
- Fund raising event at Hilton Airport on Oct 6 with Senator Eagleton; \$15 per person
- John M Reineke heading up Century Club, assisted by Bill Grigsby, Lee Hull and FM Wilson.

- August: Shirley Kimsey offer her upstairs store rooms for HQ; also looking into Gulf State station in Platte Woods, and donated space by John M. Reineke in Riverside
- Senator Fritz Mondale in Platte County at Charles Johnston farm to access drought area
- Carter for President Peanut bus in Platte City and some farms and county; Farmers for Carter caravan goes through Platte County
- Democratic Breakfast on Nov 1 at Weston Fire Station
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## 1977

- Ice cream social on August 28 in conjunction with Democratic Women's Club and discussed a dinner also
- Went on record as being in favor of repealing the Blue Law on Nov 8.
- Federated Women's club and Central Committee coordinated an ice cream social

## 1978

- Selected nominee for County Collector to fill unexpired term of Irvin Reineke, which out of 4 candidates was Bill Johnson, as well for Magistrate Judge to replace R.H. Moss Jr who resigned. Committee elected Lee Hull (who when appointed would need to resign as Prosecuting Attorney), when then led to another special meeting where Gregory Plum was nominated by committee

## 1979

- Central Committee help with costs of Demo Memo mailing done by Federated Women's Group. Mailing list from both groups. This regular mailing will include calendar of events for all Democrat candidates
- Mike Burke proposed Jackson, Clay & P latte event at Great Midwest Underground; Jim Farley, OV Cecil, Dick Ryan, David Wells and Ruth Reeves on the committee

## 1980

- Demo Memo by Women's Democratic Group will accept items; we contribute names to add to the mailing list and assume partial costs of postage and materials.
- Teasdale for Governor Rally at Hilton KCI October 30. \$1.50 per person
- Young Democrat club defunct, turned in \$100 to Central Committee
- Fund raiser at Weston Winery discussed
- Fun Festival on Sept 20 to promote the party and candidates.
- Rally for Eagleton, August 24, Cameron
- Jim Farley offered use of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of old Chicago Title Building for Dem HQ for 1980 campaign
- Fundraiser at Riverside Union Hall with band, auction, food and entertainment \$7.50 tickets
- Adopted resolution for County Sales Tax
- Nominated Roland Giffie as committee recommendation to the Governor to fill the unexpired term of County Collector of William E Johnson who resigned Nov 5
- Nominated Henry Miller to fill the unexpired term of Coroner, and then the term of 4 year, on 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot

## 1981

- Testimonial dinner to honor Ronald Giffie to honor him for all his work for the Democratic party.
- State Democratic Committee "revitalized" trying to be more useful to the candidates, with new structure:
- 40-50 names of workers across the state for use of candidates
- Set up financial assistance for candidates
- Planning a regional workshop
- Want to have legal assistance for candidates
- Do as much as they can to target areas where the candidates can win instead of focusing on the areas they cannot
- Each candidate needs to belong to state committee-if not they will not endorse them



## 1982

- Democrat committee membership card at \$5 per member; and letterhead for committee members
- A sample Democrat ballot will be developed for polls and in newspapers before the election
- Phone Bank survey to cost \$3,400 for 2 weeks; donation of \$1,000 plus \$600 from Central Committee
- Coordinate with Women's Club to prepare and maintain an updated listed, (voter registration and computer Committee with Joel Brummer in charge)
- 2 HQ
- Recognition dinner at Hilton for Joan Cox and Leslie Dyer

## 1983

- Fund raisers discussed were Auction in July and Fish Fry on Oct. 23 which includes raffles on a Suzuki, which would be 1984 Campaign Kickoff; chair was Craig Cox
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, other than December, selected as meeting date
- Democratic booth at County Fair
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays continued at Ryan's Kerry Patch but with different format - seen as marketing tool for south of Highway 152; John Bless will plan first format for September 9

## 1984

- Reception for Kenneth Rothman, Harriett Woods Birthday Party at KCI Sheraton
- Platte County Women's Democratic Club memberships were \$3 or \$5 for couple
- Political Skills Seminar in May, Rod Wright son of Bob and Mary Lou leading
- Night at the Royals with Northland Democrats
- 32th Legislative District Meeting held and John Fairfield elected chair, Bridget Bless as vice chairman
- 31th Legislative District meeting held with Freda Cox as chair and John Bless as vice chairman
- Ways & Means and Camoaign 1984 committees formed

## 1985

- Computer list again addressed; Jim Boggs offered office computer
- Parkville Picnic and Wienie Roast at English Landing Park, 1-5 pm; \$5 donation for fun, food, beer, music; miniature RR display, cloggers, steam engine
- Women's club gave \$27.50 to defray cost of the \$40 3<sup>rd</sup> class mailing permit used by Demo Memos
- Cosponsored Harriet Woods morning Unity event at KC Municipal Airport
- PCDC fundraiser at Walnut Creek club house for Harriet Woods in October raised \$400
- Democrat Redirection event in April at Gladstone Community Center
- Continued Discussion of Platte County Democratic club by Craig Cox
- Democratic caravan and rally with 15 stops throughout the county (Nov 1985)
- Purchased case of paper for Women's group for newsletter printing
- Clay Platte Demo Picnic at Breen's home in August
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Kerry's Patch continued
- Formation of Women's Group reported by Ida Cox
- Park College Young Democrats club
- Report that corn dog sale at Platte County Fair had profit of over \$450 (473.16) and from Sept State Mudathon in September was about \$54
- Promotional booth at Parkville Days
- Roy Bray, Clay County, representing Coalition of Fairness announced rally for Monday/Ferreo at Liberty Memorial
- Co-hosted Unity Rally at Downtown Municipal Airport for Harriett Woods with Sen. Bill Bradley, John D. Rockefeller and Thomas F. Eagleton

## 1986

- Gave \$2,000 to 8 Dem candidates

- Allocated up to \$800 to hire individuals to use lists we have of registered voters and to further allocate \$150 for a victory party.
- Sold corn dogs at Platte County Fair—again
- June Flag Day event in Parkville-Jim McCall in charge
- Announced by Jim Trimble that a free computerized voter list would be available to committee and Democratic candidates, if the committee agrees to financially underwrite the creation of the list (\$2,000-\$2,500 estimated cost) This could provide mailing stickers and software program that would allow phone polling) At the October meeting, it was announced that there would NOT be a complete list for Nov. 1986 election.
- Jim Boggs reelected as chair, Helen Weigman as vice, Mary Bay as secretary, Craig Cox as treasurer
- Committee, chaired by Warren Plumb, drafted proposed platform for Democratic Party in Platte County including stands for constructive and forward looking in Platte County.
- Principals range from filling county offices: County Prosecutor, Director of Public Works and Engineering, support county wide fire protection and emergency services adopt & enforce land use planning and zoning, subdivision standards and standards for roads, bridges, sewers and water distribution systems. Action items included having a full service license bureau in southern Platte County, maintain sewer district office in southern Platte. Barry Road and highways 45/64<sup>th</sup> should be widened and improved, extend 911 services and KCMO and Platte should establish water and sewer systems to serve the construction boom. The proposed platform was not approved, but to allow individual candidates to speak out on the issues as they deem fit.
- Shirley Kimsey elected to serve on the State Democratic Committee representing the 34<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District
- Finance committee of John Cady & Shirley Kinsey plan one fund raiser a year and reinstating the Century Club; also includes computerization and telephone polls

## 1987

- November balance was \$721.91
- Consider giving or sponsoring a seminar on conducting a political campaign
- John Cady reported that February 27 fund raiser could be held at Windbrook Country Club with Cascones catering and a JD, for \$10.00 per person, but tickets will be \$20; —with cash bar and free beer; Each committee member given 10 tickets to sell;
- Protested DNC rule that individuals voting a Democratic ballot must have the letter “D” marked in their signature sheet when they vote.
- Committee tabled the motion to endorsed Richard Gephart for U.S. President

## 1988

- Rod Wright, conducted political campaign seminar in May; Committee paid \$118 for his expenses
- Bryce Harris presented seminar on candidate communications on July 23; committee fee \$250, but free to candidates
- Scarves purchased for \$325 to sell at Platte County Fair for \$5 each
- Central Committee will assemble a float for use by candidates in county wide events.
- Ida Cox & Mary Bay in charge.
- October- hosted a candidate reception
- Ad for 6 candidates in local papers
- April 12 County mass meeting held at Vocational Tech Center center to elect 6<sup>th</sup> District Delegates
- County candidates Carolyn Masoner, Larry Davis, and Doug Hughes US Congress 6<sup>th</sup> district candidate introduced at Feb meeting
- Committee named to plan event to honor John Birch; was held June 24 at Airport Hilton; \$800.37 “left over” was moved to general fund
- The Feb 27<sup>th</sup> event had 98 people with net profit of \$1124.00
- Purchased ad for \$25 - Pony Express Days
- \$100 paid to County Clerk for print out of the voter registration list
- Joint meeting of Central Committee and candidates after primary election held in August, with them suggesting ways they would like and then an October reception in Courthouse lobby
- Voted to not participate in phone bank as requested by Dukakis campaign
- Shirley Kimsey was reelected to the State Democratic Committee representing the 34<sup>th</sup> Senate District

## 1989

- The use and importance of computers in political election noted by speaker at Jan. meeting; committee to send a strong message to State Democratic Committee, urging steps to implement and coordinate a state wide software computer programs for comprehensive voter registration lists
- Suggestions on fund raisers at Nov meeting: BBQ—especially in southern Platte, Phone-a-Thon, collecting dues, get more Democrats interested, July picnic, Halloween event—with fund raising every 6 months.
- Resurrect monthly social night on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, starting in January at Kerry Patch. Each member should get 5 new members to attend
- Picnic and auction reported net profit of \$1422.65 July 23<sup>rd</sup> at English Landing Park
- Submitted Bob Griffith for unexpired term of County Auditor to Gov. Ashcroft
- Secured committee letterhead

## 1990

- \$1,000 allocated for computer programs of list of voters in Platte County: 1 per address, voter frequency, age, children in household, walk & phone lists;
- Endorsed John Birth for State Senate and contributed \$500 to his campaign.
- 11 county and state candidates attended June meeting
- Legislative District meetings held after CC meeting to elect delegates
- Candidates for County offices met during the CC committee to forward a list of requests to the CC. Some included walk lists, HQ location, coordinated media releases
- Shirley Kimsey was elected as State Committeewoman and reported on Campaign Seminar in Jefferson City

## 2004

- Rumble on the River bill in late March
- Spring Breakfast? April 24 so same thing? Argosy Casino; (bill was 95 buffets at \$9.95)
- BOE sent county candidate filing sees to PCDCC (Edwards, Vest, Brown)
- Delegate selection mass meeting held at Congress Middle School, 2-26; legal notice in Landmark

## 2007

- Golf Tournament at Tiffany Greens, July 14—3<sup>rd</sup> annual one; Mike Brazil & Brad Grill in charge
- Wine Tasting Event & Seminar—at Embassy Park Clubhouse, April 10
- Dem Picnic
- Hall of Fame Honorees: Jim Farley, Doris Gerner, Justice Andrew Higgins;

## 2009

- Hall of Fame Honorees: Joe Collison, Helen Weigman, William Bill Hull, Tammy Glick
- Annual Free Democratic Picnic, Sept 26, 2; 3-5 pm at Renner Brenner Park

## 2011

- Hall of Fame Honorees: Meg Harding, Ted Wilson, Don Witt

## 2013

- Hall of Fame Honorees: Bob and Mary Lou Wright, Sandy Krohne, Dr. Carl Myers

## 2015

- Hall of Fame Honorees: Sharon Aring, Kathy Bray

## 2017

- Hall of Fame Honorees: Pauli Kendrick, Steve and Sally Snook, Kate Eischens (Young Democrat)

## 2018

- Alice Wadsworth and Stacey Webb approved to fill committee seats of 13-3 and 13-2
- David Christian, Melissa Green, Becky Morrison and Robert Dixon elected as officers
- More detailed map of sub-districts will be requested from BOE to help potential member of Committee file
- Parkville Days report from Stacy Webb showed \$83 was total cost of booth, after subtracting from our merchandise sales; 11 people registered to vote; considered worthwhile for the PCDCC to participate and also in the parade, all Democratic candidates were next to each other.
- Northland Progress “Meet the Candidate” event Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at English Landing Park, over 150 in attendance
- Claire McCaskill campaign coordinated with Mitch Weber, Martin Rucker, and Matt Sain. Get out the vote will be focus final 2.5 weeks of campaign
- Plans from County Commissioners on jail expansion, medical marijuana are not known in August
- Contributions to candidates: \$2,500 to Rucker and Park, \$1,000 to State Reps whose district is fully in Platte, \$400 to Sandy VanWagner and Henry Martin and \$200 to Brady Odell in the 11<sup>th</sup> district
- PCDCC members met to vote on their officers for Districts 13 & 14; Melissa Green elected chair of 13 and Bob Dixon as vice chair; Ken Hunt elected 14<sup>th</sup> chair, and Paula Wilmarth vice chair
- Coordinated Campaign main focus is to get Democrats elected by knocking on doors (shown to be the most effective strategy). Top priority of State Committee is to get Claire McCaskill elected.
- David Park in several meet and greet, parades, and will send out 2-3,000 postcards. Requested help with labels and stamps
- Mitch Weber thanked committee for donation and reported on his events and door knocking. 3 Concerns identified by his district are education, health care and workers’ rights
- Campaign Planning Committee to run 2 weeks of ads in the local paper, print 1,000 flyers with names, photos and contact information of the candidates; also doing an ad words campaign through Google to drive traffic to candidates’ web pages. Working with consultants to track movement to make sure we are getting the “most bang for our buck”.
- Bob Dixon, Treasure suggested in November that committee consider contributions instead of Spring Fling and Hall of Fame Dinner in 2019.
- Paula Wilmarth re-elected as 34th District Senate Committee and Bill Caldwell as State Committee member
- John Kirchmeier elected committeeman for district 14-1.

## 2019

- David Park earned gratitude for his work to follow the county commission and keeping others informed what the commission is doing
- Continued discussion on the future focus of the PCDCC and how we could get a better result at the 2020 polls. This included suggested for different names for Hall of Fame, times and more events than just fundraisers; i.e. year round forums; Focus on issues, a particular strength of Democratic Party (Alice Wadsworth)
- VAN to be available to candidates at no or minimal charge, per State Committee Executive Director Lauren Gepford; September minutes reflect that House Victory Committee is taking over responsibility of VAN access and assuming its costs for candidates running in a Republican district or any formally held Republican seat.
- Spring Fling on 4-13 at Argosy, 10-2, silent auction; Melba Nicolaisen, will be honored as Democrat of the Year; Matt Sain will M.C.; Committee to take post cards and send them to people that might be interested, rather than a mass mailing. Approx 130 attended with \$5,000 gross income of meal ticket and silent auction of \$1,600 with expenses of \$3,700. Good Union representative, thanks to Alex & Mary Bay
- Committee of 2019 Spring Fling—Turn Platte Blue, evaluated event and made suggestions for improvement: table seating, check in process, earlier planning, promotion, better contacts with VIP guests and speaker, better coordination with neighboring Central Committee as to dates and all else helpful, continuing of information, contacts, mailing lists, union contacts needs to be ongoing job of CC
- Date set for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 1 pm; to invite state candidates; tickets \$35 and \$40 at the door
- PCDCC listed as co hosting Missouri Dems Fundraiser at Boulevard Brewing;
- Steve Miller, KCMO Mayoral candidate, Julie Stutterheim, Park Hill School board candidate spoke at March meeting; Henry Martin in April
- Series of forums hosted by PCDCC—planned for every 3 months:

- What is Good Government? By Rep Judy Morgan in August at North Patrol Police Station ; pre and post published publicity noted as always important
- 8 slots are still open on central committee
- More signatures needed for Amendment to bring insurance to 215, 000 Missourians (ie Medicaid Expansion)
- Platte Dem FB suggested offering a site for “survey action” in reference to planning events or forums
- State Committee update reports a MDP date team and trying to be more responsive to their membership as a whole, county committee manual developed
- Volunteers reported Trunk or Treat Event at Parkville YMCA was well attended, successful

## 2020

- Dr. Gena Ross, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional , Vic Abundis, MO House Rep 13<sup>th</sup>, Maxell Flanigan for Elizabeth Warren candidates spokes at Jan meeting
- Truth, Justice and the American Way forum on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> features KC Star journalist, radio reporter and digital marketing specialist
- Voter registration at “Day of Hope” and petition signatures for Medicaid expansion also at Snake Day parade, headed up by Mary Bay
- Table for \$500 approved for Clay County Dems Winterfest on 2-29.
- Truth, justice and the American Way, 2-24, 55-60 attendees; Panel presentation by Bill Grady, Lynn Horsley and Julie Stutterheim ; local media reported on event
- Spring Event planned for 4-4, postponed due to Health emergency. Teamsters Local 41 donation of \$500 to be used for later
- Mass Meeting set for 4-6 canceled-Congressional and State delegates to be selected on May 30; then changed to on line voting; conventions will be virtual
- Central Committee filings: Keith Stutterheim, Stacey Webb, Alice Wadsworth, Robert Dixon, John Kirchmeier, David Christian, Ken & Sharen Hunt, Paula Wilmarth.
- Ashley Aune, State Rep Candidate and David Park, county commissioner candidate spoke on efforts and points at May meeting (via Zoom)
- Rich Finneran, candidate for Democratic primary for Mo Attorney General, Dr. Gina Ross spoke at June meeting
- Biden Yard Signs will be on sale for \$10, to match Clay Co. price; delivery will be included, website to give donations/fees and address to be part of PayPal system to be set up by Ken Hunt
- Decision to not have HQ due to Covid issues so alternate methods of distributing yard signs, etc will be established
- Jim McCall spoke on the Platte County Tax Issue: funding for Parks & Rec and Jail

## Platte County Central Democratic Committee Chairs

According to Minutes Book of Platte County Democratic Central Committee - 1902-1960 and other sources

1902 - 04	John Thorn
1904 - 06	JJ Burgess
1906 - 08	E.W. Hall
1908 - 10	J.W. Farley
1912 - 24	Henry Dillingham
1924 - 26	Jack N. Moon
1926 - 32	Terrence Riley
1932 - 34	Henry .L. Dillingham (resigned in April, 34; E.F Ross was appointed to fill unexpired term then elected in August 1934 for full term)
1934 - 40	E.F. Ross (Elmer)
1940 - 44	Clinton Woodson
1944 - 46	Bessie M Coffee (all female officers: Bessie M Coffey, Goldie Ferril, Bessie Harris, Kinzea Cox)
1946 - 48	C.C. Woodson

1948 - 50	R.B. Miller
1950 - 56	Kendrick George (died in August 1956)
1956 - 58	David R Clevenger
1958 - 60	Andrew J Higgins (referred as Jack) Resigned in April, James W Farley appointed to fill unexpired term and elected in 1960 for full term)
1960 - 68	Jim Farley
1968 - 72	Joe Collison
1972 - 74	Sam Vaskov
1974 - 82	Roland Giffie
1982 - 84	Sue Farley
1984 - 86	Beverly Shand (resigned in 1985, Jim Boggs appointed to fill unexpired term and elected in 1986 for full term)
1986 - 88	Jim Boggs
1988 - 92	Helen Weigman
1992 - 94	Bob Wright
2002 - 04	Norman Ellis
2008 - 10	Russ Purvis (resigned in 2009, Pauli Kendrick was appointed to fill unexpired term then elected in August 2010 for full term)
2010 - 18	Pauli Kendrick
2018 - 22	David Christian