



Dawson County Democratic Party

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF THE DAWSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

February 17, 2011

This General Meeting was called to order at 6: 28 p.m. by Bette Holland, Co-Chair of the Dawson County Democratic Committee in the conference room of the Dawson County Library. There were approximately twenty members in attendance.

Bette gave a recap of the 2010 activities and accomplishments of the Democratic Party of Dawson County.

Since the end-of-the-year General Meeting scheduled for December had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the presentation of the annual Turner Award was made at this meeting. Bette read a tribute and announced the 2010 honoree to be Dr. W. Lorraine Watkins, and unveiled the framed document which will be on public display in the new County Court House. Lorraine was also presented with a framed certificate of the award.

Co-Chair Tom Foley gave a review of the 9th Congressional District Meeting which took place in Ellijay at the Gilmer County's headquarters on February 12th. Tom said that the new State of Georgia Democratic Party Chairman, Mike Berlon, spoke to the District Committee members. Tom also announced the appointment of R.J. Hadley as the new Party Vice Chairman for County Affairs, and also the election of David Robinson, the Pickens County Committee Chairman, as the new 9th Congressional Committee Chairman to succeed the retiring Margaret Ball.

Bette told the membership of the February 12th lecture given in Cherry Log, Georgia by Mr. Mark Braverman regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The lecture was organized and set-up by Tom Are, a member of the Dawson County Democratic Committee and the Chairman of its Fund Raising Subcommittee.

The Co-Chair next told the members of the "Values Project" for Georgia democrats and referenced the web site address as www.valuesmessage.org.

Bette then led an enthusiastic discussion of suggested Goals & Projects for 2011. Before deciding to continue this discussion a future meeting for this specific purpose, two projects were recommended. Suellen Tritt recommended collaborating with the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce to increase public awareness of Dawson County Democratic Party activities. And, Carolyn Maddux suggested a project dedicated to the support of Dawson County military veterans and their families.

Brian Roberts announced the next scheduled Adopt-A-Highway workday for April 2nd meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Applebee's parking lot.

Annual subscriptions to *The Dawson News & Advertiser* were awarded to four lucky winners as door prizes for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.