

Bonhomme Township Democratic Club

Notes from meeting June 8, 2017

Speakers:

Two representatives from the MO Democratic Party led a “listening session” to elicit the priorities and strategies necessary for increasing support for Democrats in future elections. They distributed a written survey and walked participants through discussions of several issues. The emphasis was on devising positive messages about Democratic values on several issues rather than specific issues. For example, attendee suggested that rather than emphasizing a specific minimum wage issue, we should be sending a message about the inequity of income disparity.

The lack of participation by young people was raised. While the Young Democrats Club in St. Louis County is active, many democratic clubs find that young people are not drawn to standard meetings. They are more likely to participate in action events, such as protesting, training about election activities, or canvassing.

The completed surveys will be compiled and the results will be shared with attendees who provided their e-mail address to the MO Democratic Party representatives.

Guests:

Members of the Jefferson Township were invited and several were present. Elected officials included State Representative Deb Lavender. Representatives of the Strong Blue organization formed to support new Democratic candidates reminded people to check out their website, <http://strongblue.us/>