

Democratic Party of Washington County
Central Committee – Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Meeting
Held at PCC Willow Creek – 241 SW Edgeway Dr., Hillsboro, OR 97006

6:30 – Special Guest Speaker: Chair Louise Currin introduced Representative Suzanne Bonamici before the meeting was called to order for a special presentation on her work in the U.S. Congress.

7:00 – Call to Order: Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order. Secretary Patrick Maguire recorded the minutes. Central Committee members were present as indicated in the attendance log, and a quorum was found to be present. **Agenda:** The prepared agenda was approved as amended. **Minutes:** Minutes from the February 28, 2018 regular meeting and the March 14, 2018 special meeting were approved as presented. **Introductions:** New guests were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Greg Malinowski, Kathryn Harrington, Tom Colett, and Kyle Allen. Candidates for elected office present were John Orr, Max Wall, Todd Huegli, Kathy Proctor, Steve Burke, Rachel Prusak, Sarah Grider, Ryan Spiker, Kimberly Culbertson, and Kathryn Harrington.

7:10 – Officer, Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** – Veronica Williams presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$3,986.93; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$1,748.53; *Business Checking* \$35,837.72; *Total* \$41,573.18. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$3,335.28. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$4,697.86. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$3,590.43. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$8,987.56. Ms. Williams reported that donations to the party must be reported immediately due to the pre-election reporting deadlines. Ms. Williams, as **Chair of the Budget Committee**, then presented the 2018 budget to the Central Committee and moved its adoption. Keith Haxton moved to amend line 70030 - Central Committee salary expense of the budget from \$30,678 to \$18,934. After discussion, Jaime Rodriguez moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The amendment failed. The main motion to adopt the budget as presented passed.
- **Endorsements Committee – New Endorsements** – On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Wendy Kroger recommended announced that a new candidate filed recently for a Beaverton City Council position in which the Central Committee has already made an endorsement. The Endorsements Committee did not recommend taking any action to amend the previous endorsement. Candidates applying for endorsement then spoke briefly before the Central Committee took action on endorsements. In the election for Washington County District Attorney, one candidate applied for endorsement: Max Wall. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. Wall. Mr. Wall took questions. Nancy Lewis moved to allow non-members to ask questions as well. The motion passed. After discussion, the main motion to endorse Mr. Wall passed. In the election for Judge of the Circuit Court, District 20, Position 15, two candidates applied for endorsement: Kathy Proctor and Todd Huegli. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. Huegli. The motion passed.
- **Endorsements Committee – Partisan Race Contributions** – On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Wendy Kroger recommended and moved to contributed \$750 to Ryan Spiker, running as the only Democratic candidate in House District 26 (Rich Vial Republican incumbent) and \$750 to Rachel Prusak, running as the only Democratic candidate in House District 37 (Julie

Parrish Republican incumbent) and to contribute \$750 to the winner of the Democratic primaries in each of House District 32 and Senate District 13 after the May primary concludes. The motion passed.

- **Endorsements Committee – Nonpartisan Race Contributions** – Wendy Kroger recommended and moved to contribute \$150 to Lynn Peterson, \$300 to Dana Carstensen, \$550 to Kathryn Harrington, \$550 to Kimberly Culbertson, \$300 to Max Wall, \$300 to Steven Burke, \$150 to Kate Kristiansen, \$550 to Greg Malinowski, and \$150 to Marc San Soucie. The motion passed.
- **Training and Education Committee** – Nancy Lewis reported that a training program for new members of the Central Committee is coming up in April. There will also be a parliamentary procedure class held in June.
- **Finance Committee** – Linda Erickson introduced Second Vice Chair Chrissy Erguiza to report on the Blue Horizon Fund. Ms. Erguiza encouraged Central Committee members to sign up to provide monthly recurring donations. Ms. Erickson then introduced Victoria Long to report on the SpringFest fundraising event. Ms. Long encouraged the purchase of raffle tickets related to that event. Ms. Erickson reported that state Sen. Michael Dembrow and candidate Rachel Prusak will be speaking at the event.
- **Communications Committee** – Ian Barrett reported that the communications committee has many active volunteers that promote communication by means of letters to the editor and social media.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Cody Climer reported that the March for Our Lives sign-making event went well, and the march enjoyed strong support. Mr. Climer reported that the county fair will need outreach volunteers. Mr. Climer moved to make honorary members of the Democratic Party the students that helped organize the march. Three students were present: Alexandria Goddard, Finn Jacobson, and Eliana Andrews. The students reported on their activities. The motion passed.
- **Resolutions and Platform Committee** – Jeremy Likens reported that the Legislative Action Item prioritization process is currently underway and voting is occurring online.
- **Rules Committee** – Jeremy Likens offered a presentation on the operation of parliamentary procedure and decorum in meetings.
- **Latinx Outreach Committee** – Wlnsvey Campos reported that a bilingual Facebook group is being formed to share Democratic activities.
- **Information Technology Committee** – Natalia Zhang reported that SpringFest volunteers are needed for check-in. Individuals who are skilled in Python and PHP programming should contact the IT chair to volunteer. Content and photography is needed for the new website.
- **State Central Committee Delegation** – Louise Currin reported that Sal Casteñada has resigned, and an election will be held following this Central Committee meeting for a new delegation chair. Additionally, two male alternate delegates will be elected at the Central Committee meeting in April.
- **First Congressional District Committee Delegation** – Keith Haxton reported that the CD1 Committee met this month, and will meet again on May 19.
- **Black Caucus** – Amelia Manlove reported that the Oregon Black Political Convention is being held in the month ahead.
- **Progressive Caucus** – Keith Haxton reported that a quorum was not present for the March meeting.
- **Field Director** – Carl Fisher reported that the neighborhood leader program is beginning now for the May election. Mr. Fisher introduced Carol Greenough to discuss the East Washington County neighborhood leader program and other events related to the East Washington County Democrats group.

8:45 – New Business:

- **Bylaws Changes** – On behalf of the Rules Committee, Dan Jensen presented four proposed bylaws amendments. Mr. Jensen moved approval of the first proposal related to electronic meetings (2018-002). After discussion, Melanie Keebler moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. Amendment 2018-002 passed. Mr. Jensen then moved approval of the second proposal relating to standing committee meeting notices (2018-003). Wendy Kroger moved to remove “and ad-hoc committees” from Section 4, Line 1 of the proposed bylaws amendment. Linda Erickson moved to refer this proposal back to the Rules Committee for further consideration. The motion to refer passed. Mr. Jensen then moved approval of a third proposal relating to bylaws change notice processes (2018-005). Amendment 2018-005 passed. Mr. Jensen then moved approval of a fourth proposal related to meeting notice processes (2018-006). Amendment 2018-006 passed. The the three approved bylaws amendments, as voted on by the Central Committee, are appended to these minutes.
- **Beaverton School Levy Endorsement** – Kyle Allen moved that “the Washington County Democrats endorse a yes vote on Measure 34-284 in support of Beaverton teachers.” The motion passed.
- **Appointed Precinct Committeepersons** – Wendy Kroger moved appointment of Garrett Fleenor, Alexandria Goddard, Janice Karpenick, Sarah Moll, and Dan Neill as precinct committeepersons. The motion passed.
- **Announcements** – Members presented announcements on various subjects.

9:22 – Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Please feel free to contact Patrick Maguire at secretary@washcodems.org with any questions about these minutes.

Appendix 1: Bylaws Amendments

Red words will be removed and underlined words will be inserted in existing bylaws upon approval by the central committee.

BL 2018-002

Electronic Meetings

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: This will bring the WashCo Dems into the 21st century with digital technology and modernize the way we conduct our meetings in emergency situations and when people are unable to physically attend.

Add Article VIII, Section 3

Section 3: Electronic Meetings

1. The Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Ad-hoc Committees may conduct electronic teleconference meetings.
2. Hybrid in-person/teleconference meetings may occur at the discretion of the committee chair, only when the need arises.
3. Electronic meetings require the same notice as other committee meetings.
4. Electronic meetings must be run as follows:
 1. Identities of committee members will be verified after calling in. Verification may be done visually or aurally by the committee chair or another person designated by the committee chair.
 2. A roll call of the verified committee members will take place before the agenda is adopted.
 3. The committee chair will explain the teleconference process to all committee members.
 4. The conference call will allow for bidirectional aural communication while the meeting is in session.
 5. All committee members must have the ability to unmute themselves at their own discretion. Committee members will self-mute, except when speaking or raising a privileged motion, or raising a point of order.
 6. Other than privileged motions or incidental motions, the committee chair will recognize, to the best of their ability, committee members by digitally "raised hands" in the order raised, when possible.
 7. Digitally "raising hands" within the teleconference software shall be used to ascertain vote totals. If this is not possible, roll call votes shall be used instead. A vote by unanimous consent is also acceptable.
 8. The votes cast by committee members will be recorded in the minutes.
 9. The language of all motions will be displayed for all committee members who are visually connected.
5. A committee may approve a vote to be conducted by SurveyMonkey, or a similar service. Such votes will include all committee members, will have a set deadline, and be announced to all committee members via email. No votes shall be conducted by email.

BL 2018-005

Amendments

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: Clarification of ambiguity in bylaw as now written.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT

These **By-laws** Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Central Committee provided that:

a. The proposed amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee;

b. **, and written** Copies of the proposed amendment are made available on the website not later than the fifteenth day in advance of the meeting; with the meeting notice;

c. All members are notified and provided either a link to the amendment and/or the text of the amendment by postal mail and/or email at least 15 days in advance;

db. Two-thirds of those present and voting vote to adopt the amendment. (ORS 248.045)

BL 2018-008

Notice of Meetings

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: Clarification of ambiguity in bylaw as now written.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 5: Notice of Meetings

Notice containing date, time, and location shall be sent by postal mail to all members of this Central Committee not later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting (ORS 248.012). Any supplemental materials may be sent by email or postal mail.