

April 2015 Exec Board Minutes

Washington County Democrats Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on April 15, 2015

7pm. Call to Order: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

- *Attending:* Lisa Allen, Alice Bartelt, Rosa Colquitt, Louise Currin, Sorah Dubitsky, Carl Fisher, Kristin Fitzpatrick, Steve Hall, Mignon Hamlin, Matt Koehler, Kevin Malstrom, Sheri Malstrom, Jon McWilliams, Luis Nava, Gerritt Rosenthal, Veronica Williams and Bobbi Wolf.
- *Guests:* Ramona Crocker, Glendora Claybrooks, Barb Glazer, Barb Hess, Kellie Johnson, Ron Morgan, Karin Olson, Bob Seward, Kim Thayer, Kathy Wnorowski and Clyde Wolf.
- *Agenda:* Accepted as presented.
- *Minutes of March Meeting:* Accepted as changed.
- *Treasurer's Report:* A balance of \$17,708.99 (includes \$2,471.15 in Schouten Fund)

7:15pm. Continuing Business

- *SpringFest Report:* The event made about \$3,000 on a total of \$6,496. A total of 102 tickets were sold. Table sales were low.
- *2015 Budget Proposal:* The budget was reviewed line by line. At its conclusion, the beginning deficit of \$6,650 had been reduced to zero. The proposal will be prepared for a vote at the CC meeting

7:35pm. New Business

- *Volunteer of the Month:* Tami Stoddard for her service cleaning the office.
- *Washington County Spirit Award:* Gerritt Rosenthal and Carl Fisher will present the new award (WashCoDems Spirit) to Phyllis and Jack Kirkwood saluting their many years of volunteering.
- *Local Elections Forum:* Will be held at the next CC meeting. Doherty will moderate two minute presentations by nine candidates. Participants are Linda Degman* (Beaverton SD #7), Melissa Potter* (Beaverton SD #3), Daniel Vazquez* (Beaverton SD #6), Kim Strelchun* (Hillsboro SD #4), Lisa Allen* (Hillsboro SD #5), Noel Reiersen (West Slope Water District #5), Kevin Van Dyke (Forest Grove Fire District #2), Tom Forest (Banks SD). *endorsed by Democratic Party of Washington County
- *Standing Committee Roundtables:* This activity will replace a featured speaker at the April CC meeting. Members will rotate among three committees of their choice. The event is expected to boost participation in standing committees. Chairs are urged to be thoroughly prepared for questions from participants. An email blast on Thurs., April 16 will announce the event.
- *Poker Tournament:* Takes place on Sat., May 9 at UA Local 290 Hall in Tualatin. About 30 players are expected at the game, which has a \$75 buy-in.
- *Proposed By-Law Amendment:* Because state law is silent on the matter of filling a vacancy and because residency requirements are not specified, the following change is proposed: "The Central Committee may elect any person registered as a Democrat for at least 180 days and currently registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists, or in a precinct which has a common boundary with the precinct in which the vacancy exists, to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson (ORS 248.026 (1) and (2))." Alice Bartelt, committee chair, also issued a reminder that PCPs without email addresses (presently totalling 19 members) must receive a postal notice of CC meetings until state law is changed.
- *West Side Drinking Liberally:* Twenty people attended the inaugural meeting, which will be held the second Thursday monthly at 7pm at a wine bar called Primrose and Tumbleweed in downtown Hillsboro. Clyde Wolf, organizer, said that this third group of the independent organization is the largest concentration in the nation.

8:05pm. Voter File Agreements. Guest speaker Ron Morgan, DPO Political Organizing Coordinator, explained the VAN authorization policy and its impact at the local level. The qualifying criteria of being a Democrat in good standing has resulted in an ongoing discussion for two years. Based on DPO monitoring capacity, a nominal fee will be charged for use of the list. The fee will depend upon the size of the list needed for the campaign applying. Access to VAN is explicitly not linked to party endorsement. An appeal process exists for candidates who have been turned down for VAN access.

8:25pm. Standing Committee Reports

- *Campaign:* Slate cards are being printed. Starting to cut turf. Carl Fisher, Chair, moved to grant VAN access to Kim Strelchun (Hillsboro SD #4). Motion seconded and unanimously approved.
- *Finance:* Neuberger fundraiser is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 10 at Meriwether National Golf Club. Venue cost will depend on minimum food cost with no additional rental charge. The food minimum is \$2,000 and WCD will meet that easily.
- *Platform:* Two resolutions, "Regarding Paid Sick Leave" and "Regarding US Military Involvement in Peacekeeping Operations," will receive a second reading and vote at the April CC meeting.

- *Communications*: Chrissy Erguiza is the new manager of social media. Ian Barrett and Paul Erickson had letters to the editor published. Steve Packer is improving the design of the online county newsletter.
- *Young Dems*: First meeting was held in March. Event planning is underway. Facebook account is reviving. Meeting is on the fourth Monday of the month at the McMenamins at the corner of Murray Blvd. and Allen Blvd.
- *Office*: New volunteer needed for front desk duty on Mondays. A training will be held in May on the revised procedures. Excess file cabinets will be stored for loan to candidates' campaigns. The WCD Chair has office hours on Tuesday and Thursday after 1pm.
- *Outreach*: Latino Cultural Festival takes place Sun., April 19 from noon to 5pm at the Hillsboro Civic Center.
- *Training*: Next committee meeting is in May. Next PCP training is Sat., June 6. Membership: Grace Harrington, Nancy Lewis, Cheryl Bittle and Lisa Allen, Chair.
- *IT*: Current projects are upgrading wifi, replacing the office computer tower and moving network storage onto more than one server. Possible training sessions on topics such as gmail/google docs are under consideration. The Chair requested a survey to determine topics for training.
- *First CD*: Meeting is being rescheduled due to illness. Venue to be announced.

9pm. Adjournment: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

Results of VAN Access Votes: During the month of April, the board voted by email ballot to grant VAN access to Lisa Allen (Hillsboro SD #5), Eric Simpson (Beaverton SD #3) and Daniel Vazquez (Beaverton SD #6) by nine votes in favor. A subsequent email ballot yielded votes of eight in favor, three opposed and one abstention for Tom Forest (Banks SD) and Melissa Potter (Beaverton SD #3).

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary