

August 2015 E-Board Minutes - Draft

Washington County Executive Board Minutes of Meeting, August 19, 2015

7:07pm. Call to Order: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

- Attending: Lisa Allen, Alice Bartelt, Rosa Colquitt, Louise Currin, Sorah Dubitsky, Chrissy Erguiza, Kerensa Gimre, Carl Fisher, Steve Hall, Mignon Hamlin, Matt Koehler, LaVerne Landauer, Jon McWilliams, Dorila Nava, Luis Nava, Gerritt Rosenthal, Veronica Williams and Kathy Wnorowski.
- Guests: Ian Barrett, Barb Glazer, Barb Hess and Bob Seward.
- Agenda: Approved as submitted.
- Minutes of June 2015 Meeting: Approved as presented.
- Minutes of July 2015 Meeting: Approved with a correction.
- Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$3,628.60 was announced, including \$2,775.59 in the Karen Schouten Memorial Fund.

7:20pm. Continuing Business

- Neuberger Update: A letter has been prepared to promote the fundraiser among county legislators, city leaders and union officials. Members of the board are urged to purchase tickets for the banquet immediately. Donations of wine are requested for inclusion in gift baskets for the silent auction. Also needed are donations of personal care services and vacation home stays. Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley have invitations to speak at the event. The four activities at the fundraiser will be: the "Heads and Tails" game, a silent auction, the sale of donkey pins and the "Dessert Dash." A table reserved for the Young Dems will be subsidized at 50 percent to make it affordable. The balance will be provided from funds in the Schouten memorial fund.
- Strategic Planning Update: Recommendations originating from the workshop have been released to the appropriate chairs, along with the suggestion that the top two or three ideas for each committee begin the implementation process. A "parking lot" section contains recommendations that overlapped or could not be classified. Matt Kohler will follow up quarterly with each chair.

7:50pm. New Business

- Google Drive Project: Matt Koehler is leading the effort to bring the knowledge base of the organization into an electronic realm that allows members with appropriate permission to copy, share and upload information that was previously isolated in individual notebooks. The Training and Education Committee has already loaded its information into the new Google Drive account. A workshop is planned to train other members of the Board to move documentation so that information is accessible to the group.
- Double 2016 Project Update: The voter education project has identified Latinos, African Americans, millennials and the disenfranchised poor as groups where numbers can be increased. The program will stress Democratic values, family values, freedom, justice, fairness and equality in terms of the opportunity to achieve prosperity to the identified groups. Implementation of the program will be carried out through one-on-one meetings, linking through other groups, including caucuses. Consistent messaging will be key. Information will be uploaded to Google Drive. On Monday, Jan. 18, Double 2016 will take part in Community Service Day, commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by speaking with disenfranchised voters.
- Volunteer of the Month: A motion was made to nominate Kerensa Gimre for her service as Co-Chair of Young Dems prior to her relocation to Washington DC. The motion was seconded, and received a unanimous vote.
- Spirit of Washington County: A motion was made to nominate Bob Seward for the Spirit of Washington County award for his many progressive activities. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

8:22pm. Standing Committee Reports

- Community Outreach: At the Washington County Fair, results were challenged by hot weather and low volunteer participation. There were 63 voter registrations completed. The rent for next year's space at the fair is due a year in advance. In previous election years, the organization has reserved two spaces. The price for a space in the desired area of the 2016 fair is \$700. Following discussion led by the Outreach Chair and the Treasurer, it was determined that if funds become available, only one space will be reserved for 2016. A question raised during the discussion involved the possible need to re-register voters in areas where ZIP codes have been changed. Carl Fisher will call County Elections to discover the requirements. The next Outreach event is the Beaverton parade on Sat., Sept. 12. A truck with heavy duty hauling capacity is needed for the event, as well as a wagon or

trailer. These items will be requested at the August CC meeting. On Tues., Sept. 22, Voter Registration Day will feature events at local high schools and Virginia Garcia medical clinics. Adopt-a-Road follows on Sat., Sept. 26.

- **Young Dems:** Kerensa Gimre is leading the effort to find her replacement as Co-Chair of the committee. A planning meeting has been held to prepare for the next meeting. The committee will gather on Mon., Aug. 24 on the second floor of Market of Choice on NW Barnes Road at 7pm. In addition to strategizing for the 2016 elections, the meeting will engage members with exercise action-items packets designed to keep the meeting goal oriented. A guest speaker from Basic Rights Oregon is scheduled to speak to the group.
- **Campaign:** There are three upcoming events in support of US Sen. Bernie Sanders' campaign: Mon., Aug. 24 at Primrose & Tumbleweeds in Hillsboro, from 6-8pm; Sat., Aug. 29, a barbecue from 4-7pm, contact Ross Lampert for location details; and Thurs., Sept. 17 at the Tigard Grange from 7-9pm. The Independent Party of Oregon has been granted major party status. Candidate Paul Southwick met with HD37 Democrats at the Crawfish Festival. A potluck will be held on Fri., Aug. 21 with Senator Mark Hess, chaired by Alice Bartelt and Sheri Malstrom. On Tues., Sept. 15, the Durham Democrats will gather on behalf of HD37. The East Washington County Democrats do not meet in August. Drinking Liberally meets: in Beaverton on Wed., Sept. 9 at Ringo's at 7:30pm; in Hillsboro on Thurs., Sept. 10 at Primrose & Tumbleweeds at 7pm; and in Tigard on Thurs., Aug. 20 at the Tigardville Station at 7:30pm. The next Campaign meeting will discuss the Double 2016 Program, the PCP Write-In Plan, the 2016 House District Nights, and the 2016 Neighbor for (candidate name) Program. A Vote Builder training session for HDLs, PCPs and office staff will be held in November at a location to be determined.
- **State CC:** Due to wildfire, the August meeting has been moved from John Day to Portland at the Pacific Northwest Carpenters' Union on Sat.-Sun., Aug. 22-23. Funds raised at that event will benefit victims of the fire. The group hopes to return to John Day in 2016.
- **Platform:** Due to a September 17 voting deadline, an emergency Resolution in Support of the 2015 Iran Nuclear Agreement will be presented at the August CC meeting. Alice Bartelt, Rules Chair, said that procedure may be suspended with a two-thirds vote or the general assent of the group. Due to the deadline, there is no time for a second reading of the resolution. An announcement of the suspension of rules will be made in advance of the August CC meeting. Letters to the editor in support of the agreement will be written leading up to the vote.
- **Latino Outreach:** In the last meeting, the results of the county fair were discussed. Rep. Joe Gallegos, HD30, and Rep. Susan McLain, HD29, are coordinating their calendars to participate at a series of events designed to inform and motivate voters. Jaime Rodriguez is providing voter data from his two campaigns to form the foundation for Saturday canvassing drives.
- **Communications:** A joint meeting with Platform was attended by 18 participants. Issues identified by the group as priorities for action until the end of the year include student debt, climate change, minimum wage, environmental pollution, campaign finance, the health insurance exchange and prosecutorial misconduct. The group agreed that each member would write two letters about each topic before December. A handout with writing tips and delivery instructions was distributed by Chair Sorah Dubitsky. Each letter will be copied to her for filing. She will also provide editing help to letter writers. The Communications Committee has already commenced action on the recommendations received from the Strategic Plan. Twenty emails have been sent to contributors whose recommendations impacted the committee. All 20 contributors were invited to the August committee meeting, with Paul Erickson and Karin Olson attending. Following discussion, designing a bookmark was determined to be the most accessible idea. Design ideas are underway. The next issue of the newsletter will include an article by US Sen. Jeff Merkley. Two Letters to the Editor (LTE) workshops are scheduled for Sat., Sept. 26 and Sat., Oct. 24 from 10am to noon at the office. Additionally, Chrissy Erguiza will lead a workshop on social media on Sun., Oct. 4. The workshop will include tips on using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. It will meet from 11:30am to 1pm at the office.
- **Training:** The regular meeting of the committee has settled on the first Wednesday of the month. At the next meeting, recommendations from the Strategic Plan will be discussed. The last PCP training of the year will take place on Sat., Oct. 3 at the office. Existing PCPs are invited to the training, in addition those newly appointed.
- **Office:** Thanks to a donation, a second handset has been ordered for the telephone. A lightweight frame has been built to create a more portable sign for the monthly meetings. A new volunteer is scheduled for training in office procedures. An additional volunteer is still needed to cover existing shifts at the front door.

9:18pm. Adjournment: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary