

January 2015 Exec Board Minutes

Washington County Democrats Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, January 21, 2015

7:00pm. Call to Order by Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

- Attending: Rosa Colquitt, Luis Nava, Jon McWilliams, Steve Hall, Sheri Malstrom, Kevin Malstrom, Veronica Williams, Lisa Allen, Carl Fisher, Mignon Hamlin, Bobbi Wolf, Dorilla Nava, Sorah Dubitsky, Gerritt Rosenthal, Louise Currin, Kristen Fitzpatrick and Matt Koehler
- Guests: Kim Thayer, Wlnsvey Campos and Bob Seward.
- Agenda. Adopted unanimously.
- Minutes of November 2014 Re-Organizational Meeting. Accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report. Balance of \$27,040.85 reported by amendment. Motion to approve current budget was seconded and passed unanimously.

7:30pm. New Business

- Goals and Strategies by Rosa Colquitt. Handout provided.
- Clarification of Roles and Responsibilities by Rosa Colquitt. Handout provided.

8:20pm. Standing Committee Chair Updates

- *Community Outreach*. The first meeting was held with twelve attending. The committee is partnering with Training to increase attendance at events. The top priority for 2015 is voter registration. The committee's budget is based on its past needs. New activities will be presented at Strategic Planning meeting. The committee is working closely with Communications for press releases, website updates and Facebook posts. Integrative outreach with HDLs, PCPs and supportive organizations is underway. Matt Koehler is the executive liaison.
- *Communications*. Chair Sorah Dubitsky reported that the committee has met three times with six members. A Twitter account has been established. Efforts are underway to bring additional viewers to the website and to meetings. The Letters to the Editor subcommittee is an ongoing priority, with more volunteers sought. An electronic newsletter with a circulation of 3,000 is in the planning stages. Matt Koehler is executive liaison to the committee.
- *Budget*. Chair Veronica Williams reported that the committee will meet to review the current budget proposal before seeking final approval by the CC.
- *Finance*. Chair Sheri Malstrom noted that installing new events will impact Finance. Dates are being set for major events in 2015. Discussions are underway for SpringFest, poker night and a cookbook. "Dessert Dash" at the Neuberger banquet yielded nearly \$1400 for 25 desserts. This event might be added to other large functions. SpringFest may shift to a Saturday morning brunch format. It is possible that the 50/50 Raffle will continue as a twice yearly event. A new committee will be formed to organize fundraisers throughout the year.
- *Platform and Resolutions*. Chair Gerritt Rosenthal stated that the next DPO Platform Convention will be held in 2016. The committee is presently preparing resolutions to let legislators know what is important to WashCo Dems. A positive relationship will be maintained with legislators by scheduling group visits to the state capitol. A second reading of the Intel Toxic Air Emmissions resolution is scheduled for the January CC meeting.
- *Campaign*. Chair Carl Fisher explained that, due to the final filing date on March 19, the subsequent CC meeting should plan for nonpartisan endorsements. New HDLs are being developed. New leadership has emerged in the East County group. Contacts with friendly organizations are underway.
- *Young Democrats*. New Chair Kristen Fitzpatrick was introduced, along with College Democrats of Oregon president Wlnsvey Campos.
- *Office*. Chair Bobbi Wolf raised the issue of continued food service at CC meetings. A motion to thank Willow Washburn for providing food at the meetings, and a request that the service be continued was made. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Veronica requested that an in-kind statement be submitted monthly. Willow will be proposed as the February Volunteer of the Month.
- *Training and Education*. Chair Lisa Allen announced that the committee has changed its regular meeting to the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting on Tues., Jan. 27, will establish the 2015 calendar. The first PCP training session will be held on Sat., Feb. 7 at the Hillsboro office. Some PCPs from Yamhill will attend the workshop, paying for their costs.
- *Latino Outreach*. Chair Dorila Nava said that voter registration will be the top priority in 2015, focusing on what Oregon can do for the Latino community. There is widespread disappointment among Latinos around the issues of rape, drivers licenses and immigration. Efforts are underway to help Latinos feel welcome at CC meetings, with special attention paid to addressing language issues. State Rep. Joe Gallegos (HD30) is providing guidance to the committee.

- *Information Technology.* Chair Kevin Malstrom noted Steve Packer's stalwart support to continued improvement of IT functions. Goals in 2015 are continued efforts to increase the effectiveness of established systems and the formation of a central WashCo Dems database of commonly used information.
- *Office.* Chair Bobbi Wolf will provide an extensive report at the February E-Board meeting.

9:05pm. Adjournment by Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary
