

January 2016 Exec Board Minutes

Washington County Democrats Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on January 20, 2016

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

- **Attending:** Wlmsvey Campos, Rosa Colquitt, Louise Currin, Sorah Dubitsky, Chrissy Erguiza, Eva Fellner, Carl Fisher, Steve Hall, Mignon Hamlin, Gary Jelinek, Matt Koehler, LaVerne Landauer, Jon McWilliams, Gerritt Rosenthal, Veronica Williams, and Kathy Wnorowski.
- **Guests:** Ian Barrett, Barb Glazer, and Bob Seward.
- **Agenda:** Accepted as presented.
- **Minutes of the November 2015 Meeting:** Jon McWilliams moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt Koehler, and the Board approved it unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Veronica Williams reported \$734.70 in membership savings; \$2,675.96 in business savings (Karen Schouten Memorial Fund); and \$8,024.08 in business checking.

7:10pm. New Business

- **Review of Chair's Roles and Responsibilities:** Rosa Colquitt.
- **Introduction of the New Community Outreach Chair:** Rosa Colquitt introduced Gary Jelinek, who spoke about his political background.
- **Annual Fundraisers:** Dates for SpringFest, the summer picnic, and the Neuberger Banquet have been scheduled to avoid conflicts with the DPO calendar of events. The first Movie Night was held for a group of 30. There was no charge for the room, and food costs were \$160. The event yielded \$303. A second Movie Night will be scheduled following SpringFest. The brunch fundraiser will be held on Sat., March 19 at the Senior Center in Hillsboro. Menu planning is underway with Dalton's Catering. Tickets will be \$40 for standard admission; \$35 for PCPs., seniors and veterans. Tofino is expected to be available for the January CC meeting, so that tickets can be sold. Eva Fellner is assembling a committee of volunteers to help organize SpringFest. Decorating help is needed.
- **State Platform Convention:** Will be held Fri., March 4 through Sun., Mar. 6 at Hillsboro High School. Rosa Colquitt wants to sponsor four Young Dems for the event.
- **January CC Speaker:** Diego Hernandez, Co-Executive Director Momentum Alliance and a candidate for HD47 in Multnomah County, will speak on the systemic change needed to achieve racial equality.
- **Business Sponsorship Program:** In an effort to close the gap on Blue Horizon income, Matt Koehler introduced a new program that will encourage businesses to support WCD and boost their visibility among progressive voters. The Sponsor's level of participation will be \$20 per month; the Friend's level will be \$35 per month; and the Patron's level will be \$50 per month. The program will build community, as well as make it easier to sell tickets and tables to WCD events. A handout was provided to explain the program in greater detail.
- **Volunteer of the Month:** Rosa Colquitt asked members of the Board to send email suggestions regarding the Volunteer of the Month to Matt Koehler prior to E-Board meetings. Chrissy Erguiza moved to give the January Spirit of Washington County award to Alex Soto, newly named secretary of the Young Dems Committee. The motion was seconded by Matt Koehler and approved unanimously by the Board.

8:45pm. Standing Committee Reports

- **Double 2016:** Barb Glazer announced that the first volunteer training for the Voter Registration-Education Special Project will be held on Sat., Jan. 30 from 10am to 1pm at the office. She added that a second screening of "The Color of Fear" will be held on Thurs., Feb. 4 at 6:30pm in the office.
- **Platform and Resolutions:** Gerritt Rosenthal said it is likely that two resolutions will be ready for first readings at the January CC meeting. One resolution concerns oil tax credits and the other concerns rail fees for oil spills. He announced that 60 issues identified at the 2015 WCD Platform Convention will be released in a survey in order to prioritize the top 20 issues. Veronica Williams moved that survey participation be restricted to PCPs and Neighborhood Leaders. The motion passed.
- **Communications:** Sorah Dubitsky, Glendora Claybrooks, and Steve Mauer had Letters to the Editor (LTEs) published in December. The press release for the first WCD Movie Night was published in The Oregonian. Board members are reminded of their responsibility to write two LTEs per year. The Progressive has been redesigned shorter and tighter to allow room at the bottom of the page for advertisements by business sponsors. The upcoming edition of the newsletter will include an embedded video to encourage readers to click on the link. Chrissy Erguiza said that a calendar has been created to generate exclusive content development for the newsletter in order to increase business sponsorship. Plans are also underway to increase traffic to Facebook and Twitter sites.

- Young Dems: The first Officers' meeting was held on Mon., Jan. 11 with a full slate comprised of two Co-Chairs plus Alex Soto, newly named Secretary, and Rachel Gowland, newly named Events Coordinator. A candidates' forum is planned for May. The next committee meeting will be held on Mon., Jan. 25 at 7:30pm. Gnora Gumnaw, Field Organizer for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, will speak. Business will include a review of the committee's platform issues and its calendar of events. Tee-shirts promoting the committee are now available.
- Campaign: Carl Fisher urged Board members to turn in the paperwork required to run for PCP on the May ballot. He announced that David Taylor (Independent Party) dropped out of Rep. Joe Gallegos' race to re-election in HD30. There are four events scheduled for Sat., Jan. 23, including: Chuck Riley Coffee; Margaret Doherty Coffee; Better Oregon Winter Kick-Off; and Oregon Women's Campaign School. Other scheduled events include: Mark Hass Fundraiser on Thurs., Jan. 28; Burdick, Doherty, Devlin Town Hall on Sat., Jan 30; Tobias Read Fundraiser on Sun., Jan. 31; DPO Local Elections Training on Sat., Feb. 6; and Aron Carlson for Mayor Kickoff on Sun., Feb. 21. The East County Democrats have rescheduled their monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month.
- First CD: Steve Hall reported that the first quarter meeting has not been scheduled by the Chair. Vice Chair Donna Nyberg has been advised by Rosa Colquitt to step up and lead the First CD due to its inactive Chair.
- Office: Shifts have been changed to three hours in order to schedule volunteers more easily. The Monday and Wednesday morning shifts are currently available for volunteer service. The committee will bring WCD tee-shirts to the January CC meeting for sale. The Republican raffle is still underway, and will be available at the meeting.
- State CC: The next meeting will be held Fri., March 4 through Sun., March 6 in conjunction with the DPO Platform Convention.

9:33pm. Adjournment: Rosa Colquitt, Chair

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary