

May 2015 E-Board Minutes

**Washington County Democrats
Executive Board
Minutes of Meeting on May 20, 2015**

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

- *Attending:* Lisa Allen, Alice Bartelt, Ian Bennett, Rosa Colquitt, Carl Fisher, Steve Hall, Mignon Hamlin, Matt Koehler, Sheri Malstrom, Jon McWilliams, Luis Nava, Gerritt Rosenthal, Veronica Williams and Bobbi Wolf.
- *Guests:* Lee Coleman, Ramona Crocker, Barb Glazer, LaVerne Landauer, Karin Olson, Jaime Rodriguez, Bob Seward and Kathy Whoroski.
- *Agenda:* Adopted as presented.
- *Minutes of April 2015 Meeting:* Approved as presented.
- *Treasurer's Report:* The current balance of \$13,430.12 includes \$2,595.25 in the Karen Schouten Memorial Fund.

7:12pm. Continuing Business

- *Poker Tournament:* The event grossed \$2,188 from the sale of 21 tickets plus proceeds from the bar. The net yield exceeded \$700. Tournament winners were Bill Kroger, Ron Morgan and Kyle Malstrom. Plans are underway to schedule two or three poker fundraisers throughout the year. The event was created by Matt Koehler.
- *Summer Picnic:* Bobbi and Clyde Wolf are coordinating the event, which will be held on Sat., June 27 at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro. State Rep. Tobias Read, HD27, will emcee the picnic, and Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum is scheduled to speak. Games will be added to the event, including a ring toss for the Wall of Wine. Activities for children are planned. Dave Dalton will cater the event. Interested volunteers are invited to attend the next planning meeting on Tue., May 26.
- *Election Review:* With more than 46,000 ballots submitted, Washington County garnered a turnout of nearly 17%. Two elections are yet to be decided: Eric Simpson for Beaverton School District and Alan Pearson for Sherwood City Council. Neighborhood Leader participation hovered at 15%.

7:28pm. New Business

- *Local Non-Partisan Candidate Endorsements:* The county party takes a leadership role in this activity, which the DPO promotes among all counties as a means of impacting communities and growing a bench of seasoned candidates. Complaints about endorsing these races were received this year, but WCD will continue to endorse local, non-partisan candidates where appropriate.
- *Volunteer of the Month:* Chrissy Erguiza for her substantial contributions as a new volunteer to the Communications Committee in the area of social media.
- *Spirit Award:* Steve Hall, yeoman of yard signs, for his coordination of delivery and pick-up in an off-year election season.
- *Visits to Washington County Legislators:* Seven state representatives and five state senators received visits from a group headed by Platform Chair Gerritt Rosenthal on May 12-13. He provided a handout to the E-Board detailing the issues covered with each legislator.
- *Double 2016 Campaign:* A statement concerning the goals of the campaign was read by Chair Barb Glazer.

8:20pm. Standing Committee Reports.

- *Communications:* Ian Bennett represented Chair Sorah Dubitsky. He reported that the close of the campaign season brings a slight break for Letters to the Editor (LTE) volunteers. Gerritt Rosenthal said that the Platform Committee will create a list of issues to promote through letter-writing as the legislative session ends and members are polled on topics they wish to spotlight. New volunteer Chrissy Erguiza has greatly increased activity and traffic on the Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- *Young Dems:* Matt Koehler represented Chair Kristen Fitzpatrick. Eight members held a meeting devoted to generating ideas for new group activities.
- *Office:* New Co-Chairs Kathy and LaVerne were introduced. Broken and dirty partitions have been removed from the office. The back room is being cleaned of extraneous storage items to make room for more meeting space. A training workshop and potluck for office volunteers has been held. New volunteers are needed to cover the front desk on morning shifts.
- *Community Outreach:* Upcoming events include the Hillsboro Fourth of July parade and the Washington County Fair. Chair Luis Nava announced that a second wagon is needed for the parade so that volunteers can ride the lengthy route. Following discussion of a recommendation by Doug Plambeck, it was moved and seconded to skip participation in the Tualatin Crawfish Festival and the Robin Hood Festival for 2015, a non-election year. The motion passed.
- *Rules:* Chair Alice Bartelt will explain an amendment to the bylaws at the May CC meeting. The proposed change clarifies who qualifies for appointment as a PCP. It requires that an applicant be a registered Democrat for minimum of 180 days and live in the district where they are requesting appointment.

- *Training:* Chair Lisa Allen announced that PCP training workshops will be held on the first Saturdays in June and August at the office. A class in mastering Google documents will be offered at a date to be announced.
- *Platform:* Chair Gerritt Rosenthal will announce the first reading of “*A Resolution Regarding Term Limits for Washington County Commissioners.*”
- *State CC:* The next meeting will take place June 27-28 in Clackamas County. The following meeting will take place Aug. 22-23 in John Day. Members are advised to reserve their lodging early.
- *First CD:* The second quarter meeting is scheduled to take place in Multnomah County. Chair Lee Coleman said the focus will be on the “Double 2016” campaign, including how to finance and achieve its goals. A training video for prospective Neighborhood Leaders has been produced. It will be previewed at the June E-Board meeting.

9pm: Adjournment: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary