

November 2015 Eboard Minutes - Approved

Washington County Democrats Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, November 11, 2015

7pm. Call to Order: Rosa Colquitt, Chair

- Attending: Lisa Allen, Alice Bartelt, Rosa Colquitt, Winsvey Campos, Sorah Dubitsky, Eva Fellner, Carl Fisher, Mignon Hamlin, Matt Koehler, Jon McWilliams, Luis Nava and Kathy Wnorowski.
- Guests: Barb Glazer, Gary Jelinek and Bob Seward.
- Agenda: Approved as amended.
- Minutes of the October Meeting: Moved by Matt Koehler and seconded by Lisa Allen to accept as presented. Supported unanimously.
- Treasurer's October Report: Membership savings: \$734.64. Business savings (the Karen Schouten Memorial Fund): \$2,675.74. Business checking: \$27,575.52. Blue Horizon donation: \$1,150. October receivables: \$41,482.99. October expenses: \$14,093.30. Several large checks from the Neuberger banquet have not yet been cashed. All figures are current to Nov. 11, 2015.

7:15pm. Continuing Business

- Appointment of Finance Chair: Eva Fellner was introduced by the Chair.
- Purchase of Replacement Computer for Front Desk: The noisy fan has been replaced by Field Director Carl Fisher. It is expected that the computer and a back-up system will be installed before the end of the year. The Chair has received commitments from two PCPs to act as advisors in IT matters. They are consulting in the purchase.
- Double 2016 Report: Education Chair Lisa Allen has accepted responsibility for writing the curriculum for the project, based on Democratic values. The project is a voter education registration project geared towards unregistered and non-affiliated voters, built on the work of Neighborhood Leaders. Neighborhood Leader participants will be expanded to support Double 2016, which focuses on canvassing and one-on-one conversations with people who may be uncommitted or uncertain. So far, 15 PCPs have qualified as volunteers for the project. A total of 35 will be needed. Most of the work for the project will take place in the six weeks before ballots drop. A Double 2016 presentation will be given at the November CC meeting. If the pilot program is effectively implemented in Washington County, it may be introduced statewide.
- Platform Convention Update: Will be held on Sat., Nov. 15 from 9am-3pm at the Tigard Grange. Food and supplies have been ordered and collected. About 25 PCPs are registered for the free event. It is expected that 50 people will attend.

7:50pm. New Business

- Holiday Party: A gathering was proposed for Sat., Dec. 5. Jon McWilliams proposed that the Chair check back with the Board to gauge enthusiasm for the event. A volunteer will be needed to coordinate the party.
- Office Committee Party: Rosa is hosting the event on Fri., Dec. 18 from 11:15am-1pm at the office. Members of the E-Board are invited to attend.
- Chair's Update: A handout was provided updating Board members. The November CC meeting will complete its business agenda, as required by WCD by-laws, at 8:30pm so that participants can enjoy hot cider and eggnog. Gary Jelinek was introduced as the Legislative Coordinator. Three dates and one venue have been selected for 2016 fundraisers. SpringFest, the first event, is scheduled for Sat., Mar. 19 -- the first day of spring. The summer picnic will not return to Rood Bridge park next year. Tualatin park has been targeted as a possible site. The goal is to announce event chairs at the January E-Board meeting.
- Volunteer of the Month: The nomination of Henry Baudino for his work as an office volunteer received unanimous support.
- Scheduling 2016 CC Presentations: Tentative topics were reviewed via a handout.

8:50pm. Standing Committee Chair Reports

- Platform and Resolutions: Second reading of "Resolution Regarding the Cap on Social Security Taxes." Discussion centered on a change in the protocol specified in the resolution.
- Communications: Two Letters to the Editor by Gerritt Rosenthal were published. The next newsletter will be posted in January. The average edition is receiving 100 clicks and 500 "opens." A redesign of the bottom of the page is underway. The next committee meeting is Mon., Dec. 7.

- Young Dems: Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian spoke at the October meeting. The Young Dems holiday party will be held on Fri., Dec. 18, with time and venue to be announced. The next business meeting is Mon., Jan. 25. Guest speakers will continue to be scheduled, with a speaker from Planned Parenthood will be featured at the January meeting. The committee has established a website. A search is underway for a recording secretary and an events coordinator. Upcoming activities include: launching a petition to ban the plastic bag with the Beaverton Social Justice League; possibly working with HomePlate Youth Services; and participating with Double 2016 on National Service Day on Mon., Jan. 18.
- Campaign: The November election had a 35 percent voter turnout, which was normal considering that nothing controversial appeared on the ballot. There are currently 470 PCPs and Neighborhood Leaders, with continued outreach to former educators.
- Office: A handout was provided concerning quotes for internet and phone service for the office. The IT advisors will be consulted in the search, due to concern regarding an adequate level of service going into the 2016 campaign.
- Education: A meeting was held last week. Grace Harrington, former Chair, is leaving the committee. A new member will be added. The 2016 schedule has been posted, with committee meetings to be held on odd-numbered months, and workshops on even-numbered months. Tasks associated with Double 2016 have also been scheduled.
- State CC: The fourth quarter meeting will be held on Sat., Nov. 21. The speaker will be Governor Kate Brown, and it will include a holiday party. A full delegation attended the first three quarterly meetings, and another is expected again.
- Community Outreach: Luis Nava spoke to the Board about resigning his chairmanship due to his increased involvement with helping Latino parents understand the importance of supporting their children's education. He pointed out that he can continue to influence disenfranchised Latino voters through his work with parents. He plans to invite legislators to speak to Latino parents. He has been elected Vice Chair of the new Portland chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Luis will continue to work with the League of Women Voters, especially in connection with mock elections. The Board wished Luis well, and promised its support in his new endeavors.

9:20pm. Adjournment: Rosa Colquitt, Chair.

Mignon Hamlin, Recording Secretary