
REMINDER: The November Central Committee meeting is held on the THIRD wednesday of the month rather than the fourth wednesday, so it will be on November 20, 2019!

Monthly Update

Patrick Maguire, County Chair

Happy October!

As the hot days of summer turn to the crisp breezes of autumn, I've been spending more time indoors reading. One book I recently finished was an account of the years immediately preceding the American Civil War. A passage in that book mentioned a politician speaking at a county political party event in the New York area.

It was a tangential passage in the book, only mentioned because this political figure happened to be attending a meeting of that county party. But it made me think of those people gathered generations ago to discuss the events of their day and consider their civic duty to move the country forward.

How will history record the events of our day? Will the things we consider here in our political party gatherings be a part of some greater story, as was the case back then? I hope so. I hope that in some small way we, like political groups throughout the history of our nation, are influencing the course of our state and our nation, and that we will therefore be able to say that the world is a better place because of our efforts.

Our Purpose for Gathering

Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 248, Section 031

"The precinct committee persons of the county shall constitute the county central committee of their party. The county central committee of each major political party is the highest party authority in county party matters and may adopt rules or resolutions for any matter of party government within the county which is not controlled by the laws of this state."

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Opening (7:00 p.m.)

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Prepared Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Introduction of Party Officers, First-Time Attendees, and Democratic Elected Officials
- Chair's Opening Remarks and Meeting Overview
- Volunteer of the Month Recognition

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2. Reports from Party Officers & Staff

- Treasurer – **Veronica Williams**
- First Vice Chair – **Martita Meier**
- Second Vice Chair – **Jeremy Likens**
- Organizing and Campaign Coordinator – **Gabe Mendez**

4. Committee Informational Updates

- Training and Education – **Nancy Lewis**
- Campaign – **Adam Gretzinger**
- Finance – **Victoria Long (Interim Neuberger Chair)**
- Community Outreach – **Sue Cocking**
- Rules Committee – **Garrett Fleenor**

5. Caucus & Special Group Informational Updates

- Black American Caucus | Hard Conversations Group – **Glendora Claybrooks & Barb Glazer**
- East Washington County Democrats Group – **Carol Greenough**

6. Delegation Informational Updates

- State Central Committee Delegation – **Farrah Chaichi**
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation – **Janice Karpenick**

7. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

NOTE: Any new precinct committeepersons selected by the Central Committee will not take office at this meeting. They will take office after being verified and registered by the county elections official.

8. Committee Reports Requiring Formal Votes

- Resolutions and Platform Committee – **Gerritt Rosenthal**
 - Resolutions For Action at This Meeting: Second Readings
 - ▷ **#2019-003: “Ban the Manufacture, Sale, or Trade of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Ammunition Devices (LCAD) in the State of Oregon”**

9. New Business

- Metro Bond Endorsement – **Jeremy Likens**

10. Announcements

NOTE: Announcements from non-members will be limited to thirty seconds in length, and no more than one speaker will be permitted to speak on behalf of the same candidate or political campaign.

This regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Washington County, Oregon is held at Portland Community College Willow Creek Center. A meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December. Visitors and guests are welcome!