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Washington County Democratic Central Committee  
January 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes– DRAFT  
Portland Community College Willow Creek Center

Credentialing and Networking (6:00–6:45 pm)

Special Presentation (6:45–7:10 pm) - Rep. Margaret Doherty and Rep. Susan McLain on the Student Success Act

1. The meeting opened at 7:14 pm by Martita Meier. Officers present were: Martita Meier, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair) Jeremy Likens (2nd Vice Chair), Veronica Williams (Treasurer) and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary). Also, present was Alice Bartlet, Parliamentarian. Quorum was met; there were 70+ PCPs present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Martita Meier. Jeremy Likens began to chair the meeting at 7:16pm.
  - The Prepared Agenda was approved.
  - The Minutes of the November 2019 Meeting were approved with the following change:
    - ❖ Janice Karpenick moved (*MM1222020-1*) to change the minutes to include an omission stating **“Notice was given for an open position for a male/non-binary delegate. We will hold an election for that position in January 2020.”**

Reports from Party Officers and Staff

- County Chair — Patrick Maguire not present
  - First Vice Chair — Martita Meier - Veteran’s Caucus Update reported that they will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly. The next meeting is on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Op-Ed presentation. Announcement of Tentative Fundraising Event Dates for 2020 (Apr. 18, Jul. 18, Oct. 24)
  - Second Vice Chair — Jeremy Likens – Candidate Filing Forms due to the Election Office by March 10, 2020.  
Remembering Dan Jensen – There was a Moment of Silence in honor of his passing.  
The Volunteer of the Month was Robin Grenier-Portman.  
Party Officers, First-Time Attendees, and Democratic Elected Officials were introduced.
  - Treasurer — Veronica Williams – Treasurer’s Report on file.
  - Organizing and Campaign Coordinator — Gabe Mendez reported that he will be delivering Candidate Filing Form to Election Office tomorrow, January 23.
3. Special Reports
    - Non-Affiliated Voter Project Presentation — Paul & Linda Erickson; Clyde & Bobbi Wolf
    - Discussion of 2020 Organization Meeting Potential Dates (Nov. 21 vs. Dec. 5) tabled.
  4. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees
    - Training and Education — Nancy Lewis not present. Leslie Roman reported.
    - Information Technology — Patrick Konsor – new IT members welcome.
    - Campaign — Dave Coburn – VAN training through Dave and Gabe Mendez. If requesting VAN voter access, contact the WashCo Dems.

- Communications — Brian Gardner
- Finance — VACANT – Victoria reported on current fundraising plans for SpringFest.
- Latinx Outreach — Alex Díaz Rios not present
- Community Outreach — Sue Cocking & Derrick Ragan, Co-Chairs – report on Fair Booth
- Young Democrats — John Harrigan – not present
- Office — Robin Portman/Connie Chen – new Office Chair-Connie Chen

## 6. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

NOTE: These three committees are mainly parliamentary, focused on scrutinizing proposals and recommending action to the Central Committee for a formal vote.

- Resolutions and Platform — Gerritt Rosenthal

### 1. RPC 2019-005: Opposing Use of Standardized Tests As A High School Graduation Requirement (Appendix 1)

- ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (MM1222020-2) **to adopt this resolution on an emergency basis.** Discussion.
- ❖ Martita Meier moved (MM1222020-3) **to limit debate on this measure to 6 minutes.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- ❖ W. Leaf Fenner-Zuk moved (MM1222020-4) **to add a second item to say that the Washington County Democrats support this resolution.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.  
Vote on (MM1222020-2): Ayes have it.

### 2. RPC 2019-007: Regarding Continuing Support for Carbon Cap and Trade (Appendix 2)

- ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (MM1222020-5) to adopt this resolution. Discussion.
- ❖ Martita Meier moved (MM1222020-6) **to limit debate on this measure to 5 minutes.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it. Debate is limited to 5 minutes.  
Brian Gardner stepped up to make a motion but needed time to prepare the motion.
- ❖ Veronica Williams moved (MM1222020-7) **to postpone the motion to later in the meeting so that Brian Gardner can write out the motion.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

### 3. RPC 2020-001: Supporting a Resolution by US Senator Tim Kaine (VA) to Prevent War with Iran (Appendix 3)

- ❖ Garrett Rosenthal moved (MM1222020-8) to adopt this resolution.
- ❖ Martita Meier moved (MM1222020-9) **to limit debate on this measure to 5 minutes.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- ❖ Farrah Chaichi moved (MM1222020-10) to make an administrative change, “General” spelled out. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.
- ❖ Discussion and Vote on (MM1222020-8): Ayes have it.

### 4. RPC 2020-002: Supporting a Bill to Restore \$50 million in Funding for Oregon's Community Health Centers (Appendix 4)

- ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (MM1222020-11) **to adopt this resolution.** Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

- Rules — Garrett Fleenor – Working on Bylaws Revision.

❖ Brian Gardner moved (MM1222020-12) to amend (MM1222020-5) as follows:  
**2. While we recognize the need for action, we believe this bill does not go far enough and urge further steps during this or a future session. Such further steps could include, but are not limited to: closing loopholes on big polluters, allowing Oregon to join California's market, funding for job retraining, and investment in sustainability.** Discussion. Votes: Ayes have it.

Vote on (MM1222020-5) as amended: Ayes have it.

➤ Budget — John MacDonald – not present

#### 7. Reports from Temporary and Special Committees

➤ Contributions Recommendation and Endorsement Committee — Steve Hall reported on Committee members. Names on file.

#### 8. Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups

➤ Black American Caucus & Hard Conversations — Glendora Claybrooks & Barb Glazer – not present

➤ Education Caucus — Lisa Stiller

➤ East Washington County Democrats — Carol Greenough not present. Bridget Brooks made a report.

#### 9. Updates on the Activity of Delegations

➤ State Central Committee Delegation — There was an election for an open position of an Alternate Female/Non-Binary SCC Delegate.

❖ Farrah Chaichi moved (MM1222020-13) **to appoint Victoria Long as an Alternate SCC delegate.** Discussion – only candidate. Vote: Ayes have it.

First Congressional District Committee Delegation — Janice Karpenick – There was an election for an open position for Male/Non-Binary Delegate. Andrew Stiffler nominated himself as the newest CD-1 delegate and was appointed by unanimous consent. There are two vacant Female/Non-binary Alternate Delegate positions open; the election for these will be at the February CC meeting.

#### 10. New Business.

❖ Martita Meier moved (MM1222020-14) to adopt the new version of the PCP / Volunteer Form. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

#### 11. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

NOTE: Any new PCP's 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.

❖ Victoria Long moved (MM1222020-15) **to appoint Don Anwar-Kelley, Joyce Herres and Brian Gardner as PCP members to the Democratic Party of Washington County.** No discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

#### 12. Announcements made by Lucinda Hites-Claburgh – contact for Criminal Justice Reform, Wlnsvey Campos, and Gerritt Rosenthal.

❖ Martita Meier moved (MM1222020-16) to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Discussion. Vote: Ayes have it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Recorded by:

*Victoria Long*

Victoria Long

Recording Secretary, Democratic Party of Washington County on January 22, 2020

Approved:

**APPENDIX 1**

**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee**

**Resolution # 2019-005**

**Opposing Use of Standardized Tests As A High School Graduation Requirement, HB 1572**

- A. WHEREAS our nation's future and well-being rely on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and
- B. WHEREAS students earning a high school diploma increases the opportunity for economic and social well-being, and
- C. WHEREAS our nation's public-school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes testing in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, and
- D. WHEREAS the over-reliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy, and
- E. WHEREAS it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of student learning, and
- F. WHEREAS it has been documented that comprehensive in-class educational support including providing arts, music, and career and technical education through K-12 is a far more effective means to enhance motivation and learning for all students than "high stakes" testing, and
- G. Whereas high stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, especially for students from low-income families, English language learners. children of color and those with disabilities, and
- H. WHEREAS the culture and structure of the systems in which students learn must change in order to foster engaging school experiences that promote joy in learning, depth of thought and breadth of knowledge:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. We urge the Oregon Governor, Oregon Legislators and the Oregon Department of Education to recognize the negative impact of high-stakes graduation requirement testing and oppose efforts to replace comprehensive teacher-based achievement evaluations with these tests.
2. The Washington County Democrats support this resolution.

*Originator: Carol Greenough, October 20, 2019; modified to reflect resolution passed by DPO Central Committee, November 17, 2019.*

**APPENDIX 2**  
**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee**  
**Resolution WCDCC 2019-007**  
**Regarding Continuing Support for Carbon Cap and Trade**

- A. WHEREAS Oregon should continue to lead in the fight against climate change, and
- B. WHEREAS the Washington County Democratic Central Committee's (WCDCC) adopted 2020 Platform, Article VII - Sustainability/Climate Change, Plank 1 states that we believe "climate change is a global crisis...and we must take immediate actions to reverse or reduce its negative impacts", and
- C. WHEREAS the WCDCC 2020 Platform, Article VII Plank 14 states that "we support the basic principles of the Green New Deal which envisions a fundamental transition to a sustainable energy economy," and
- D. WHEREAS a carbon cap and trade bill, also called the Clean Energy Jobs Bill (CEJB) was brought forward in 2019 after an extensive public and stakeholder outreach, and would set diminishing carbon emission limits for Oregon and utilize the revenues generated for sustainable energy alternatives, and
- E. WHEREAS passage of the CEJB bill was stymied in the 2019 legislative session by an illegal walkout of Republican Senators based on false claims of massive economic disruption, and
- F. WHEREAS the CEJB is scheduled to be reconsidered in the 2020 short legislative session:

THEREFORE we, the WCDCC Resolve as follows:

1. We reiterate our call for substantive climate action and strongly endorse the passage of the CEJB in the 2020 legislative session \*; further, we exhort all of our Representatives and Senators to work for its passage.
2. While we recognize the need for action, we believe this bill does not go far enough and urge further steps during this or a future session. Such further steps could include, but are not limited to: closing loopholes on big polluters, allowing Oregon to join California's market, funding for job retraining, and investment in sustainability.

*Resolution submitted 12/14/2019: G Rosenthal, R&PC Chair; Passed by the R&PC 7 January 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation.*

*\* Listed s of 1/15/2020 as LC 19*

### **APPENDIX 3**

#### **A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee Supporting a Resolution by US Senator Tim Kaine (VA) to Prevent War with Iran Resolution WCDCC 2020-001**

A. Whereas the recent attack on the American Embassy in Iraq and the assassination of General Suliemani has precipitated a crisis situation in the Middle East, and

B. Whereas President Trump has circumvented the War Powers Act of 2001 (Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002) to authorize the killing of General Suliemani, and

C. Whereas the US Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war, and

D. Whereas US Senator Tim Kaine (VA) has introduced and the House passed on January 9, 2020 a War Powers resolution which emphasizes that Congress has the sole power to declare war in order to force a debate in Congress over authorization for military action against Iran:

#### **Therefore, The Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) Resolves as follows:**

1. The WCDCC opposes war with Iran and opposes sending any troops to the Middle East to deal with the Iran crisis.
2. The WCDCC supports Senator Tim Kaine's War Powers resolution.
3. The WCDCC applauds Oregon's Congressional members who voted for the resolution and encourages Oregon's US Senators to support Senator Kaine's resolution when it reaches the Senate.
4. This resolution shall be forwarded immediately to all of Oregon's Congressional delegation and released to the public.

*Submitted by Lisa Stiller, 1/6/2020; Passed by the R&PC, January 7, 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation.*

### **APPENDIX 4**

#### **A Resolution of the Washington County Democrats Central Committee WCDCC Resolution 2020-002 Supporting a Bill to Restore \$50 million in Funding for Oregon's Community Health Centers**

A. Whereas 6% (approx. 243,000 Oregonians) were uninsured in 2019. (State of Reform, Sept 27, 2019), and

B. Whereas 51% of Oregonians are under-insured ((Oregon Health Insurance Survey, June 13, 2018), and

C. Whereas the top reasons for being uninsured cited by those not eligible for Oregon health Plan (OHP) coverage include loss of OHP coverage and high premiums for private insurance companies such that those losing OHP coverage are among the many uninsured who do not qualify for OHP but cannot afford private insurance (Oregon Health Insurance Survey 2017), and

D Whereas positive links between health insurance coverage and access to health care, better health, and lower mortality rates have been cited by various studies (Oregon Health Authority, Sept 8, 2018), and

E. Whereas over 430,000 (most of whom are uninsured or under-insured) Oregonians receive their primary care at a Community Health Center at Oregon's 32 community health centers (Oregon Primary Care Association), and

F. Whereas funding for Community Health Centers was not increased by the state legislature during the last session, and the \$50 million increase is needed to restore essential funding due to inflation and rising costs of operation.

**Therefore, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolves as follows:**

1. To support HB \_\_\_\_ [Note Bill numbers will be assigned 1/13/2020] which will restore \$50 million for Oregon's Community Health Centers, and to urge all of our elected state legislators to support this legislation.

2. To forward a copy of this resolution to all state legislators who represent Washington County.

*Submitted by Lisa Stiller; Passed by R&PC 7 January 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation.*