

Washington County Democratic Central Committee
September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting
Minutes

The electronic credentialing process started at 6:30 pm.

1. The Meeting opened at 7:01pm. Officers present were: Patrick Maguire (Chair), Martita Meier, (1st Vice Chair), Amelia Manlove, (2nd Vice Chair), Veronica Williams (Treasurer) and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary). Also present was Alice Bartelt, Parliamentarian. A quorum was met; there were 62 PCP's present and a total of 70 in attendance (Appendix 1).

- o Chair comments on Zoom meeting participation.
- o The Prepared Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- o The Minutes of the August 26, 2020, Meeting were approved without correction.
- o Introduction of Democratic Elected Officials, Candidates, and First-Time Attendees

2. Reports from Chair & Vice Chairs

o Chair's Opening Remarks — **Patrick Maguire** – Comments regarding the SCOTUS vacancy, the Presidential Election in November; state and local level elections; Washington County Democratic Party fundraiser, Neuberger 2020; comments on the November 21st (Saturday) Organizational Meeting and election of Washington County Party Officers and state delegates to the Democratic Party of Oregon.

o First Vice Chair — **Martita Meier** – Review of the washcodems.org website, comments on endorsements; Neuberger on October 24, 2020; the theme is ***Fight to the Finish***.

o Second Vice Chair (Credentials) — **Amelia Manlove** – We had a minor hiccup in credentialing last month, but that has been investigated and resolved. (See Exec Board minutes for more details.) An audit of our targeted email system is being made to see how many PCPs seem to not be opening our emails, which could indicate there's a problem somewhere that's preventing them from seeing them in their inboxes. There are a number of folks who are not subscribed or who are unsubscribed even though they're PCPs. That is an ongoing issue. Everyone is encouraged to update your contact preferences using the self-service portal. For those of you on the phone, please email vicechair2@washcodems.org The link to the self-service contact preferences portal: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/4weqgbydnE6BDUtxWMeiYQ2>.

3. Campaign Committee Report on the Neighborhood Leader Program — Dan Riker – See Appendix 2

4. Special Report: Additional Candidate Endorsements — Steve Hall – the following candidates spoke for one minute each.

- o **Nadia Hasan** for Beaverton City Council (Position 6)
- o **Angeles Godinez-Valencia** for Cornelius City Council

- ❖ Steve Hall, on behalf of the Endorsement Committee, moved (CC9232020-1) for the Washington County Democrats to endorse Nadia Hasan for the Beaverton City Council in the November 3rd General Election. Discussion. Vote: 52-YES, Unanimous approval.
- ❖ Steve Hall, on behalf of the Endorsement Committee, moved (CC9232020-2) for the Washington County Democrats to endorse Angeles Godinez-Valencia for the Cornelius City Council in the November 3rd General Election. Discussion. Vote: 52-YES; 1-NO
- ❖ Steve Hall, on behalf of the Endorsement Committee, moved (CC9232020-3) to grant each candidate \$100 for their campaigns. Discussion. Vote: 52-YES

Steve Hall – slate cards have already been printed so Neighborhood Leaders will need to hand-write in the newly endorsed candidates. Chair – Endorsements were already made in August in order to have the slate cards printed in time.

6. Special Action: Election of Nominating Committee Members – Chair: The Nominating Committee is 4 members: a former Chair; a Rules Committee Chair and 2 CC members. If there are more than 2 nominations, an election is required.

NOTE: Every two years we elect county party leaders and delegates to the state party at our organizational meeting. That’s coming up this November, and a nominating committee is formed in advance to find qualified candidates for these roles.

- Bridget Brooke nominated Lisa Stiller, and Lisa accepted.
- Bill Gallup self-nominated.
- Gerritt Rosenthal nominated Vallie Gilham, and Vallie accepted.
- ❖ Garrett Fleenor moved (CC9232020-4) to have this election conducted via online vote. Gerritt Rosenthal seconded. Discussion. Vote: 47-YES 0-NO

5. Report from Resolutions and Platform Committee — Gerritt Rosenthal

All the following documents are on the Washington County Democrats’ website (washcodems.org):

- Second Reading - RPC 2019-006: Amendments to 2020 WCDCC Platform
 - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC9232020-5) to approve RPC 2020-006. Discussion. Vote: 51-YES Unanimous
- Second Reading - RPC 2020-003: Priority Legislative Action Items for 2020/2021
 - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC9232020-6) to approve RPC 2020-003. Discussion. Vote: 51-YES Unanimous
- First Reading - RPC 2020-010: Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act (on website)
- First Reading - RPC 2020-011: Black Lives Matter (on website)
- First Reading - RPC 2020-012: Juneteenth - Emancipation Day (on website)

- o First Reading - RPC 2020-014: Support for Oregon Governor Brown (on website)

7. Party Financial Updates

- o Treasurer's Report — **Veronica Williams** – See Appendix 3
- o Budget Committee — **John MacDonald** – we have completely revamped the budget for 2020. When we started out the year, we had different expectations; but when COVID hit, we started operating online meetings and fundraisers.

8. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

❖ Victoria Long moved (CC9232020-7) to appoint as PCP members of the Democratic Party of Washington County the following: Joseph Booth, Ramona Crocker, Brian Gardner, Susan Foust, Martin Kilbourne, and Zelozelos Marchandt. Steve Hall seconded. Discussion. Vote: 52-YES Unanimous

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 office.

9. Updates from Committees, Caucuses, Delegations, and Special Groups

- o Community Outreach Committee — **Sue Cocking & Derrick Ragan** – Every Saturday from 12-2pm there will be a Blue Wave Gathering. For more information contact: community@washcodems.org and <https://washcodems.org/2020/09/22/blue-wave-gatherings/>
- o Communications Committee — **Brian Gardner** – see meeting schedule on website.
- o Young Democrats Committee — **John Harrigan** – brief comments
- o Information Technology Committee — **Patrick Konsor** – IT Committee has responsibility for the website but not the content as well as Zoom software/online streaming/office tech equipment
- o Office Committee — **Connie Chen** – great political swag in the Office – 10-4pm weekdays and 10-2pm on Saturdays
- o Training and Education Committee — **Nancy Lewis** – working on a flowchart – next training is October 15th
- o Education Caucus — **Lisa Stiller** – Distance learning concerns/isolation concerns/tech concerns/required testing and state government funding concerns
- o State Central Committee Delegation — **Farrah Chaichi** – SCC meeting this weekend at 11:30 on 9/26 on the phone. Some potential resolutions and bylaws amendments. Election of National Delegates. Debate issues discussed.
- o First Congressional District Committee Delegation — **Janice Karpenick** – 9/12 was our last meeting. Timber Unity has a large presence in the rural parts of the county and state, and are flipping many local seats. Motion passed to request that the DPO Credentials committee substantially include the CD1 delegates in the credentialing process. Motion passed to strongly condemn Trump for purposely downplaying the Covid virus, and hold him and his administration responsible for the over 190,000 deaths and 6.5 million sickened with the virus; this condemnation will be sent to our entire Congressional delegation and Governor Brown.
- o East Washington County Democrats Group — **Carol Greenough** – meeting Oct. 1st – asking candidates to answer questions when posed to them

o Rules Committee — **Garrett Fleenor** – hope to finish up the new bylaws by the beginning of next year/delayed due to COVID

10. Additional New Business

- ❖ Lisa Stiller moved (CC9232020-8) to send the following statement to the entire Oregon Congressional delegation and Governor Kate Brown: The Washington County Democratic Central Committee strongly condemns President Trump for purposely downplaying what he knew was a grave threat to the lives and health of the American people as early as January 2020, and holds him and his administration, as well as all of those aware of the intelligence briefings, responsible for the over 200,000 deaths in the US and the suffering of almost 6.5 million people who have been sick with COVID-19 in the US. Discussion. Vote: 40-YES, 1-NO

The Chair directed the Secretary to send the above statement to the entire Oregon Congressional delegation and Governor Kate Brown.

11. Announcements

Steve Hall - October 3, 2020 at 10:00 at the Heritage Farm barn– Annual Road Cleanup by the Washington County Dems (info on washcodems.org)

NOTE: Announcements from non-members are limited to thirty seconds in length, and no more than one speaker may speak on behalf of the same candidate or political campaign. This regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Central Committee is held virtually via the Zoom platform during the continuing pandemic-related limitations on in-person gatherings. A meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Recorded by:

Victoria Long

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Recording Secretary, Democratic Party of Washington County on September 23, 2020

Approved: October 28, 2020

Appendix 1 – List of Attendees

PCP count at time of credentials report: 62

PCPs that attended any portion of the meeting: 63

Bartelt	Alice
Bell	John

Billings	Christa
Bliss	William
Brooks	Bridget
Buratti	Brenda
Campos	Wlnsvey
Chaichi	Farrah
Chandramouli	Sushruta
Chen	Constance
Cocking	Susan
Doctor	Diane
Erguiza	Christine
Erickson	Linda
Erickson	Paul
Fleenor	Garrett
Fox	Michael
Franks	Julian (Dan)
Gallup	Charles
Gatchell	Charles
Gilham	Vallie
Greenough	Carol
Hall	Stephen
Hamilton	Brett
Hamilton	Kami
Harrigan	John
Hartmeier Prigg	Ashley
Hellman	Walter
Hobbs	William
Karpenick	Janice
Kohout	Carolynn
Koller	Duncan
Konsor	Patrick
Lewis	Nancy
Long	Victoria

Ludeking	Larry
MacDonald	John
Maguire	Patrick
Manlove	Amelia
McDonald	Kendal
McWilliams	Marilyn
Meier	Martita
Mestre Noria	Christen
Moberg	Dean
Morgan	Claire
Murawski	Sara
Neill	Daniel
Nichols	Nancy
Prigg	Brady
Ragan	Derrick
Riker	Daniel
Riley	Charles
Riley	Katherine
Rosenthal	H Gerritt
Roussel	David
Sever	Kerry (Megan)
Sheldall	Gordon
Silver	James (Jim)
Stiller	Lisa
Wakkila	Wynne
Waszink	Remco
Wending	Cyndi
Williams	Veronica

Appendix 2 – Campaign Committee Report on the Neighborhood Leader Program

The Campaign Committee consists of the House District Leaders who oversee and support the operations of the Neighborhood Leader Program in their districts.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Leader Program is to increase Democratic party turnout. Democrats who receive any form of contact from Neighborhood Leaders vote in higher percentages than those who receive no contact. It has been shown over the years that the Neighborhood Leader Program has been a major factor in the conversion of Washington County from red to blue. Similar results have occurred more recently in Clackamas County.

House District Leaders recruit new Neighborhood Leaders, provide training in the operation of the Neighborhood Leader Program, and create what we call “turfs,” which are lists of Democratic voters who live near a Neighborhood Leader. In normal times, the Neighborhood Leader would knock on the doors of these neighboring Democrats, give them the party’s list of endorsed candidates, and urge them to vote. The Neighborhood Leader Program software displays a gold star by the name of every voter when their ballot is received by the county elections department. As election day approaches Neighborhood Leaders can remind by phone call or text message those who have not yet voted.

Because of the virus we are not knocking on doors for the General Election. Instead, we are mailing postcards to every house on the turfs of every Neighborhood Leader. The postcards are customized to each House District. One side of the postcard lists the county party’s endorsements of federal, state, county and local Democratic candidates. The printing of the postcards is being donated by Local 555 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. The county party has purchased the stamps.

We are preparing to mail nearly 19,000 postcards, a 50% increase over the number mailed in the Primary. We also have more than 300 active Neighborhood Leaders for the General Election, also a 50% increase over the Primary.

We are timing the mailing of the postcards so that they should arrive about the same time as the ballots, which are going to be mailed on October 14. The post offices in Oregon have been handling ballots for our all-mail elections for many years and we do not expect any serious delays. However, as insurance, the county Department of Elections has increased to 20 the number of ballot-drop locations.

While there seems little doubt who will win Oregon’s Electoral Votes, there are many important state, county and local elections the results of which will impact our state for years to come. Our teams of House District Leaders and Neighborhood Leaders are working hard to win every election, from the city councils to the Secretary of State.

Appendix 3 – Treasurer’s Report - Operational and Fundraising Financial Transactions

1. Bank Balances as of 09/23/2020– Washington County Democratic Central Committee

A. Membership Savings	\$ 7,826.08
B. Business Savings (KS)	\$ 544.41
C. Business Checking	\$ 43,555.32
D. TOTAL:	\$ 51,925.81

2. Incoming Blue Horizon Donations – August 2020 \$1552.14
3. Blue Horizon 2020 YTD - \$16,177.78
4. Total August 2020 Receivables - \$19,269.76
5. Total August 2020 Expenditures - \$3,684.54

NOTES:

Gross Clear Blue Vision 2020 Fundraiser: \$16,240.00

Pending Pledges from donors: \$200 (reflected in Gross)

YTD Swag sales at the Office total: \$13,401.25 (through 9/22)

Sept TD Swag sales at the Office total: \$9,325