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## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Chair Patrick Maguire called the meeting to order (7:00 p.m.)

- The Prepared Agenda was approved as amended without objection.
- The Minutes of the February meeting were approved without objection. The Special Meeting minutes were not visible on the website for review, so they will be up for approval next month.
- Chair Patrick Maguire invited First-Time Attendees, Candidates, and Elected Officials to introduce themselves.

### 2. Special Presentation: Update on Essential Metro Council Work

- **Metro Councilors Gerritt Rosenthal & Juan Carlos Gonzalez**
- Presented information and underscored the importance of Metro Council work to the region and thanked the body for Juan Carlos Gonzalez's endorsement. They discussed Metro's priorities and the relationship of the priorities of the people in the region. They reviewed progress on the Housing Bond and the Supportive Housing Measure-that work on shelter, transition and long term housing all together. Transportation-roads, trails, tolls, and public transportation were overviewed. Garbage and recycling information was shared including-Rid Patrol program, cleaning up after COVID, and reduced delays in clean up. Parks and Nature Bond information was also presented-covered new assets and parks, Zoo updates, Expo Center progress, and touched on other venues including the Convention Center. The Councilors took questions and comments from the body.

### 3. Reports from Chair & Officers

- Chair's Opening Remarks — **Patrick Maguire**-Reported on the elections with focus on the upcoming primaries and went through all of the state legislative house districts highlighting all of the Democratic candidates. HD35, HD27, HD34 are contested Democrat races. Carl Fisher announced SD13 and SD18 races are also Democrat contested. Federally CD6 is a crowded field with 9 Democrats running.
- First Vice Chair — **Martita Meier** submitted report (Appendix 1)
- Second Vice Chair (Credentials) — **Amelia Manlove** submitted credentials report (Appendix 2) Reported 71 PCP's and that she accepted the Compliance Director position with the state party and is paring down her responsibilities with the WashCo Dems and may also take longer to respond to emails.
- Secretary — **Bridget Brooks**-Reported if anyone wants to become an appointed PCP to submit their form to her email at [Secretary@washcodems.org](mailto:Secretary@washcodems.org). She also thanked everyone who volunteered and joined the endorsements meeting and noted her desire that candidates seeking endorsements leave the process without feeling attacked or misunderstood, reminding people that these are volunteer or low paying positions, difficult to recruit for, and that in a big tent it's her desire to treat everybody with dignity and respect whether agreeing with each other on every issue. She invited anyone who would like to talk further to reach out through email or phone.

#### 4. Party Financial Updates

- Treasurer's Report & Finance — **Veronica Williams**-submitted report (Appendix 3)Also reported on Springfest Apr 9, 2022 from 11-12:45 with Governors Forum with Tina Kotek and Tobias Read. Money will go to the NLP and our candidates! She also announced the Summer Picnic Jul 10, 2022 . CD1 and CD6 Candidates are the anticipated special guests that will be highlighted.
- Budget Committee — **John MacDonald** Reported in the process of simplifying the account structure to make things work a little easier and quicker. Plans to show the new version at the next meeting.
- Finance Committee (Fundraising Event Planning) — **Ryan van Domelen** Chair Maguire thanked him for stepping up and welcomed him aboard.

#### 5. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees

*NOTE: These committees are mainly operational, focused on the day-to-day work of accomplishing our party goals. These action-oriented groups could use your help!*

- Training and Education — **Nancy Lewis**
- Community Outreach — **Sue Cocking** announced upcoming events including June 26 Beaverton Pride Parade and Festival, Hillsboro 4th of July Parade, and more-also, candy for the parades has been purchased.
- Communications — **Brian Gardner/Martita Meier** reported that interviews for endorsed candidates are upcoming and encouraged endorsed candidates to reach out if they have not seen the notification.. She also went through the process to add campaign events to the Washco Dems calendar.
- Campaign (Neighborhood Leader Program) — **Carl Fisher** reported close to 300 NL's activated and announced to contact your HDL if not signed up yet. He also noted that we are still waiting for the Secretary of State to update Van votebuilder to be able to cut turf. Quote from printer for slate cards \$2000 and \$2700 for 10,000-20,000 pieces.
- Information Technology — **Patrick Konsor**
- Office — **Connie Chen** Submitted report (Appendix 4)

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

*NOTE: These special groups work on particular issues or to amplify specific communities.*

- Latinx Outreach Committee — **Hector Hinojosa**-Reported that they are now regularly meeting, invited people to attend, and they added discussion of the endorsements meeting along with other items on the agenda during their March Meeting.
- Education Caucus — **Lisa Stiller/Carol Greenough** reported encouraging people to learn who their school board members are and shared her concerns about lack of candidates running for office
- Black American Caucus — **Zelos Marchandt**-reported on upcoming events including TDOV (trans day of visibility) and events at PDX Q Center 3/31/2022 from 12-8pm. The Heritage Panel via the Black Advisory Business Council registration is via: [info@wcchamber.org](mailto:info@wcchamber.org).and suggested Beaverton Black Parent Union and Parent Village for contacts to support parents involvement of the School Board.
- East Washington County Democrats — **Carol Greenough**-reported 9 Democratic candidates running for CD-6 panel slated for the next meeting
- Asian American & Pacific Islander Caucus — **Chrissy Erguiza**

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

*NOTE: These two groups of elected delegates represent our county in state party matters.*

- State Central Committee Delegation — **Farrah Chaichi**-reported that the next SCC

Meeting is in person, only members may attend in person but others can watch through streaming. The Oregon Summit was also announced.

- First Congressional District Committee Delegation — **Lisa Stiller/Larry Ludeking** reported at the 3/12/22 meeting they made a decision to continue by Zoom for the second quarter meeting and then plan to resume in person for the third quarter meeting. They had a productive meeting with staff from Suzanne Bonamicci and are planning a forum as well.

## 8. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

Secretary Bridget Brooks moved to provisionally approve the following applicants as PCP's: Philip Nelson, Deborah Hobbs-Murphy, Jonah Luden and was seconded. The motion passed 53-0

*NOTE: Any new PCP's selected by the Central Committee did not take office at this meeting. They will take office after being verified and registered by the county elections official.*

## 9. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

*NOTE: These committees develop, discuss and evaluate proposals that they may recommend to the Central Committee for a formal vote.*

- Resolutions and Platform — **Coy Lay**-reported nothing to report and present at this meeting. He submitted a statement of concern about the war in Ukraine: "Washington County Democratic Party Platform and Resolutions Committee expresses our concern about the situation in Ukraine and our support to use diplomacy to bring peace to the area. We also condemn Russia for this invasion that demonstrates lack of concern for human lives."
- Rules — **Garrett Fleenor**
- **The Chair** announced a vacancy for the SCC for a female or non-binary person.

## 10. New Business

- Additional Endorsements and Contributions Recommendations — **Diane Doctor** made a motion to endorse Christine Lewis from Metro District 2 and noted that Lewis applied later and the committee reported unanimously to endorse her and was seconded after several endorsements by other elected officials. The motion passed.(56-0)
- **Diane Doctor** made a motion that the PCPs accept the recommended contributions of the Endorsements Committee as a base recommended.candidate contributions and was seconded. The motion passed (52-5). See submitted reports (Appendix 5)
- First Reading — Resolution on Special Education Testing (SPED) — **Brian Gardner/Patrick Maguire** reported

## 11. Calls to Action from Members

Dale Feik announced his support for the Democratic Candidates for Washington County Commissioners-Commissioners Treece and Chair Harrington to help maintain a majority.

Wynne Wakkila announced May 15 memorial for Bud Clark

*NOTE: Members may take thirty seconds to share opportunities for political activism on key issues aligned with party priorities. Each should include who to contact about the issue.*

## 12. Announcements

Hector Hinjosa announced Latin America Element Elections events for Spanish speaking people.

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

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*This regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Central Committee was held virtually via the Zoom platform during the continuing pandemic-related limitations on in-person gatherings.*

### *Appendix 1*

Been spending my time between the endorsements committee (support and access etc) ..., the finance committee, and website updates in preparation for the May election.

Next month we are having a special guest speaker Bob Horenstein from the Jewish Federation of Portland. He will share his work to build consensus on a variety of legislative and policy issues, and about his work with other religious, ethnic, and cultural groups.

NOTES:

#### **RAMADAN**

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer for Muslim people, the followers of Islam. It is celebrated as the month during which Muhammad received the initial revelations of the Quran, the holy book of the Islamic faith. Muhammad (c.570-632) from the Arabian city of Mecca started receiving revelations from God, or Allah, via the angel Gabriel. The revelations were collected into a 114-chapter holy book known as the Quran (or Koran).

Fasting is one of the five fundamental principles of Islam. Each day during Ramadan, Muslim people do not eat or drink from dawn to sunset. They are also supposed to avoid impure thoughts and bad behavior.

They break their daily fasts by sharing meals with family and friends, and the end of Ramadan is celebrated with a three-day festival known as Eid al-Fitr, one of Islam's major holidays. Ramadan always falls on the ninth month of the 12-month Islamic calendar. Ramadan 2022 begins at sunset on Saturday, April 2, and ends on the evening of Monday, May 2

#### **PASSOVER**

Starting April 15th this year

Passover is one of the most important religious festivals in the Jewish calendar. Jewish people celebrate the Feast of Passover to commemorate the liberation of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses. In the story of Exodus, during the 10th and final plague, God "passed over" the houses of the Jewish people as they were marked ...as told to do by God. The holiday is ultimately a celebration of freedom, and the story of the exodus from Egypt is a powerful metaphor.

The Passover Seder is a feast held on the first night of Passover that marks the beginning of the holiday. A festive meal in which the book of exodus and related writings is recited in a set order. During the entire duration of the holiday, it is forbidden to eat leavened food products (such as bread, pasta, etc.). The reason for this is that Jewish tradition states that in their haste to escape from Egypt the Jewish people did not have enough time to wait for the bread to rise. Instead, they ate matzah, unleavened bread.

#### **EASTER**

Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar, Easter is a holiday that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After his crucifixion, death, and burial, three days later, He rose from the grave. By this, He conquered death and redeemed mankind from sin.

Observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, as calculated according to tables based in Western churches on the Gregorian calendar and in Orthodox churches on the Julian calendar. Also called Easter Sunday. the day on which this festival is celebrated.”

Like many traditions, Easter isn't a single thing created out of whole cloth. Instead, our modern incarnation is a multi-layered tradition that has incorporated significant ancient festivals, beliefs, symbols and activities. Easter is a perfect example of how newer mythologies are built from the ideas of old.

There are multiple stories that form the backbone of Easter. The most repeated theory is that Easter comes from the word 'Eostre', who was an ancient Anglo-Saxon pagan goddess responsible for harvests and other spring rights. The attribution for this origin comes from the Venerable Bede, historian of ancient Northumbria and author of "Ecclesiastical History of the English People." In one of Eostre's stories, she saves the life of a bird, by turning it into a hare. Partway through this transformation, the bird / hare offers her a gift; an egg.

Easter and Passover: Why do they often overlap?

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring,

"At the time of Christ, most people had a lunar calendar, not a solar calendar," Madden said.

The Jewish calendar is also a lunar calendar and Passover is always on the 15th of the Jewish month of Nissan, which is also a full moon in the spring. Therefore the two holidays often overlap. While Easter is fixed to the full moon, spring and Sunday, the Jewish calendar is fixed to Passover.

## Appendix 2

Adams-Wannberg	Kristine
Barnhart	Maureen
Bell	John
Brooks	Bridget
Buratti	Brenda
Carleton	Linus
Case	Elizabeth
Chaichi	Farrah
Chandramouli	Sushruta

Chen	Connie
Cleary	Edward
Cocking	Susan
Colquitt	Rosa
Culbertson	Kimberly
Decker	Brian
Doctor	Diane
Doherty	Margaret
Dudley	Leslie
Epstien	Barbara
Erickson	Linda
Erickson	Paul
Feik	Dale
Fisher	Carl
Foreman	Lujuana
Garman	Deborah
Gilham	Vallie
Gray	Julian
Greenough	Carol
Hamilton	Brett
Hamilton	Kami
HARRINGTON	Kathryn
Hellman	Walter
Hinojosa	Hector R.
Hutzler	David
Hutzler	John
Karpenick	Janice
Konsor	Patrick
Kozo	Joyce
Lay	Coy
Ludeking	Larry
MacDonald	Jennifer
MacDonald	John
Maguire	Patrick
Manlove	Amelia
Marchandt	Zeloszelos
Martin	Anthony
Martin	Teri
McDonald	Kendal

McWilliams	Marilyn
Meier	Martita
Murray	Kirsten
Neill	Dan
Newcombe	Karolina
Nichols	Nancy
Peterson	Sara
Pratt	Valerie
Ramey	Rhys
Roman	Leslie
Rosenthal	Gerritt
Silver	Jim
Sosa	Nathan
Tronco	Annie
Uhlig	Hilary
Velji	Raman
Wakkila	Wynne
Waszink	Remco
Wending	Cyndi
Whittington	Joseph
Williams	Sharon
Williams	Veronica
Wise	Michele
Wise	Ronnie
Wurst	Matthew

*Appendix 3*



**Treasurer’s Central Committee Meeting Report: Operational and Fundraising Financial Transactions** *Wednesday, March 23, 2022*

1. Bank Balances as of 03/23/2022 – Washington County Democratic Central Committee

- A. Membership Savings \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 7,831.60
- B. Business Savings (KS) \_ \$ 524.77
- C. Business Checking \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 96,231.12
- D. TOTAL: \$ 104,587.49**

2. Incoming Blue Horizon Donations – February 2022 - \$ 1567.00 3. Blue Horizon 2022 YTD - \$ 5294.00

*Appendix4*

WCD  
Office Committee Report  
March 23, 2022

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the WCD Office will reopen to two shifts a day 10AM-4 PM, M-F. We will only have one volunteer per shift until we have more Volunteers available.

Masks will continue to be required for all visitors as we are unsure of their Vaccination Status. Our staff will wear masks when unknown visitors enter our office.

We have a new Ukraine Flag up in our front window. Our hearts hope that this war ends soon and that innocent civilians remain unharmed.

We have forty “I Stand with Ukraine” stickers available.

Campaign News:

Brian Decker’s campaign manager will use the desk in the rear of HQ. We have his signs available along with Kathryn Harrington & John Hutzler if you want one stop into our office to pick one up.

We have canvasses running out of our office each weekend and we might be having a couple of phone backings next month.

Thanks to all Dems who have submitted the SEL 105 for the Elected PCP’s. We were glad we could help facilitate this process.

We need Volunteers to help our candidates Win! You can help by signing up on the candidate website or Volunteer on our website!

Respectfully submitted

Connie Chen



## Appendix 5

### Washington County Democrats Endorsements Committee Recommendations for May 17, 2022 Primary Election Submitted March 14, 2022

#### **Metro**

Christine Lewis, District 2 (Incumbent)

Opponent: Mei Y. Wong (R ).

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend Christine Lewis for endorsement. She will continue to employ the Racial Equity Strategy in all Metro initiatives going forward to include the voices of the underserved and will facilitate the participation and engagement of everyone in the community.

Recommendation to endorse? YES

Endorsements Committee

Diane Doctor, Chair

Joanne Delmonico

Cynthia Moffett

Sushmita Poddar

Reiko Williams

### Washington County Democrats Endorsements Committee Recommendations for Contributions for May 17, 2022 Primary Election Submitted March 16, 2022

It is critical that we retain a Democratic majority on the Commission, establish a Democratic majority on Beaverton City Council, and elect Democrats in all races in the County. We must support the endorsements approved by the Central Committee with meaningful contributions that will help to achieve this goal. Based on the total dollar amount available--\$7,500, as determined by the Executive Committee, the Endorsements Committee makes the following recommendations.

#### **Washington County District Attorney**

Brian Decker

Opponent: Kevin Barton (N-Incumbent). This is a crucial race in Washington County; campaign research shows that this will be a close race and that Brian has a good chance of winning with strong financial and volunteer support. In light of the direct impact that this powerful position has on the lives of Black, brown and poor residents in Washington County, we urge the voting members to approve the largest contribution that the Party is able to provide.

Recommended contribution: \$2,500 immediately. We request an additional \$1,000 after the SpringFest fundraiser on April 9, if the SpringFest exceeds its net income goal. We are seeking approval for this quest now rather than at the April 27 CC meeting so that the additional funds can be provided to Brian's campaign the week after the SpringFest event.

#### **Washington County Commissioner**

Kathryn Harrington, Chair (Incumbent)

Opponent: Beach Pace (D).

During her first term, Chair Harrington created the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement; launched the Child Care Assistance Program; created 1,000 affordable housing units, including permanent and temporary housing, rental assistance and support services, and bridge shelters; led all counties in vaccination outreach and in vaccination rates; implemented new economic relief and workforce training programs during the pandemic.

Recommended contribution: \$1,000

Pam Treece, District 2 (Incumbent)

Opponent: Don Frazier (R).

Commissioner Treece helped to implement the vaccination program at Muslim Educational Trust, voted with the Democratic majority to pass the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resolution, to increase the availability of childcare programs, to provide pandemic relief to local businesses.

Recommended contribution: \$500

### **Washington County Auditor**

John Hutzler (Incumbent)

Opponent: Kristine Adams-Wannberg (D). John Hutzler was endorsed by the PCPs at the special endorsements meeting on March 2.

Recommended contribution: \$500

### **Metro**

Lynn Peterson, President (Incumbent)

Opponent: Alisa Pyszka (D) who did not apply for an endorsement. Lynn has done an excellent job of reorienting Metro's focus to serve all communities in Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties, rather than special interest groups who profit from Metro projects. She and the Council have engaged in Targeted Universalism, increasing outreach efforts to obtain community participation in policy-making and focusing on those areas most in need, which benefits everyone. Her strong leadership, and emphasis on collaboration in order to improve the lives of all residents reflect core Democratic values and have earned the Committee's support going forward.

Recommended contribution: \$750

Juan Carlos Gonzalez, District 4 (Incumbent)

Opponent: James Ball (R). Juan Carlos has consistently led initiatives to include communities of color in Metro's decision-making in order to adequately address their needs. His primary focus is on environmental justice, especially in the area of transportation. He plans to work with ODOT on the statewide transportation plan and advocate for funds to be spent where they are needed most. His is a huge district of 170,000 residents and he will need the Party's strong support to get out the vote.

Recommended contribution: \$750

Christine Lewis, District 2 (Incumbent)

Opponent: Mei Y. Wong (R). Christine will continue to employ the Racial Equity Strategy in all Metro initiatives going forward to include the voices of the underserved and will facilitate the participation and engagement of everyone in the community.

Recommended contribution: \$500 (subject to approval of her endorsement by PCPs at the March 23 CC meeting)

## **Beaverton City Councilor**

Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, Position 1 (Incumbent)

Opponent: None. As the newest Beaverton City Councilor running for reelection, Ashley will continue to focus on housing for all, COVID recovery, and climate action.

Recommended contribution: \$250

Kevin Teater, Position 2

Opponent: Teresa Payne (N). Kevin's continued support for small businesses and communities of color reflects the values of the Democratic Party.

Recommended contribution: \$250

Edward Kimmi, Position 3

Opponent: Jennifer Kamprath (R). Edward has an extensive history of advocating for communities of color, aging populations, and small businesses.

Recommended contribution: \$250

John Dugger, Position 5

Opponent: None. (open seat as Marc San Soucie is ineligible to run again due to term limit). John's continued advocacy for all Beaverton residents reflects the values of the Democratic Party.

Recommended contribution: \$250

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