

Washington County Democratic Central Committee
May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. Officers present were: Patrick Maguire (Chair), Martita Meier, (1st Vice Chair), Amelia Manlove, (2nd Vice Chair), and Victoria Long (Substitute Recording Secretary). A quorum was met; there were 69 PCP's present.

- o Chair commented on the school shooting tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. A moment of silence.
- o The Prepared Agenda was approved by unanimous consent (with the addition of a motion by Lisa Stiller to be placed under New Business.)
- o The Minutes of the April 27, 2022, CC Meeting will be presented for approval at the next CC meeting.
- o Democratic elected officials, candidates, and first-time attendees were introduced.

2. Invited Guest Speaker Mohamed Alyajouri, Portland Community College Board of Directors, spoke about the Washington County Muslim community and related topics.

3. Reports from Chair & Officers

- o Chair's Patrick Maguire made comments on the May 17th Election and the endorsement process.
- o First Vice Chair Martita Meier reported that during most of this month she assisted with various campaign and promotional needs and continued working with the Latino/a/x Outreach to promote their growth. This committee had a presentation with gubernatorial candidate George Carillo on April 20th. Martitia made remarks about API Month and the history behind the Juneteenth Federal Holiday.
- o Second Vice Chair (Credentials) Amelia Manlove reported 69 PCPs present (see Appendix 1) and made remarks about the November Organizational Meeting. Amelia encouraged anyone interested to run for an Officer position; she would be available for training for the 2nd Vice Chair position.
- o Secretary Bridget Brooks was absent. Victoria Long (Substitute Recording Secretary) reported that the Elections Office will soon issue a report on the Washington County Democrats PCP's election of May 17, 2022. If you were not able to submit your name in time for the election and want to become an appointed PCP, please submit the PCP Application form to Bridget Brooks online or via an office drop-off anytime between Monday – Friday 10:00am-4:00pm. Contact info was presented on a slide.

3. Party Financial Updates

- o Treasurer's Report & Finance — Veronica Williams was absent; (See Appendix 2).
- o Budget Committee — John MacDonald presented the report – (See Appendix 3).
- o Finance Committee (Fundraising Event Planning) — Ryan van Domelen reported on the Summer Picnic fundraiser.

4. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees

- Training and Education — Nancy Lewis – no report.
- Community Outreach — Sue Cocking presented the report (See Appendix 4)
- Communications — Karolina Newcombe – After the May Election, they are pivoting toward the November Mid-Term Elections. Please feel free to forward any information for articles, etc., to the committee.
- Campaign (Neighborhood Leader Program) — Carl Fisher reported on the NL program and election.
- Information Technology — Patrick Konsor – no report.
- Office — Connie Chen presented the report (see Appendix 5).

5. Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups

- Latinx Outreach Committee — Hector Hinojosa was absent.
- Education Caucus — Lisa Stiller reported on mental health needs in schools. They meet on the 3rd Wed. of the month, and this information is on the calendar.
- Black American Caucus — Zelos Marchandt – June 14th is the next Black Caucus meeting.
- East Washington County Democrats — Carol Greenough – The next meeting is June 2nd at 7:00pm, focusing on issues re unemployment monies, Oregon Health Plan, and how to make government effective and efficient. Many former and current Electeds will be speaking via Zoom.
- Asian American & Pacific Islander Caucus — Chrissy Erguiza was absent.

6. Updates on the Activity of Delegations

- State Central Committee Delegation — Farrah Chaichi reported on the last SCC meeting. The next SCC is June 11/12th (The business meeting is on Sunday at 1:15pm.)
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation — Lisa Stiller – the next meeting is June 18th (10am-12pm); Ellie from Suzanne Bonamici's staff will be meeting soon with the CD1 committee. A CD1 Male Alternate position is open for an election at next month's meeting.

7. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons – no PCP applications were accepted due to the May 17th election of PCPs.

8. Calls to Action from Members – Mr. Hutzler reported a reduction from 4 FTE to 1 FTE at the Auditor's Office.

8. Reports from Parliamentary Committees

- Resolutions and Platform — Coy Lay – no report.
- Rules — Garrett Fleenor – The new bylaws will be ready sometime in August. An introduction of the new bylaws will be presented at two different meetings before that time.

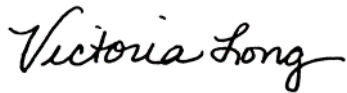
9. New Business

o Resolution on Special Education Testing (SPED) – Brian Gardner reported on the background history of this resolution (See Appendix 6). Carol Greenough made a motion to postpone this resolution until next month (this was seconded). Brian made remarks. Vote: 34 in favor of postponing vs. 9 against. Motion to postpone passes.

o Lisa Stiller made a motion: “The Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Washington County strongly encourage our elected State and Federal legislators to immediately work towards enacting legislation to address gun safety and end gun violence. There is no excuse for inaction.” Vote: 48 voted for Unanimous approval. Message to be sent to stakeholders mentioned above.

10. Announcements – Carl Fisher reported that Silvia Davidson just turned 100 in the mist of the campaign. Carol Greenough made a note of thanks to Carl Fisher for his help in the election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm



Victoria Long, Substitute Recording Secretary
Washington County Democrats

Appendix 1
Credentials Report

Accardi	Kristen
Adams-Wannberg	Kristine
Barnhart	Mary
Bell	John
Brown	Gene
Buratti	Brenda
Cadambi	Sudarshan
Chaichi	Farrah
Chandramouli	Sushruta
Chen	Constance
Cocking	Sue
Colquitt	Rosa
Culbertson	Kimberly
Davis	Heather
Decker	Brian
Doherty	Margaret

Dudley	Leslie
Ellenberger	Briana
Engbretson	Suze
Fai	Nafisa
Feik	Dale
Fisher	Carl
Fleenor	Garrett
Franks	Dan (Julian)
Gardner	Brian
Garman	Debby
Greenough	Carol
Hamilton	Brett
Hamilton	Kami
HARRINGTON	Kathryn
Hutzler	John
Jewett	Stan
Justice	Carol
Karpenick	Janice
Kim	Alexa
Koller	Duncan
Konsor	Patrick
Liden	Jonah
Long	Victoria
Ludeking	Larry
MacDonald	Jennifer
MacDonald	John
Maguire	Patrick
Manlove	Amelia
Martin	Anthony
McWilliams	Marilyn
Meier	Martita
Newcombe	Karolina

Nichols	Nancy
Peterson	Sara
Pratt	Valerie
Ragan	Derrick
Riley	Chuck
Rivers	Jamie
Rivers	Joshua
Roman	Leslie
Roussel	David
Seltz	Rachel
Silver	Jim
Squires	Eric
Stephenson	Christina
Sterling	Claudia
stiller	Lisa
Thompson	James
Thompson	Linda
Van Domelen	Ryan
Velji	Raman
Wakkila	Wynne
Wending	Cyndi
Wightman	Judith
Wise	Michele
Wise	Ronnie
Wolf	Bobbi
Wurst	Matt

Appendix 2
Treasurer's Report

1. Bank Balances as of 05/25/2022 – Washington County Democratic Central Committee
 - A. Membership Savings _____ \$ 7,832.25
 - B. Business Savings (KS) _ \$ 524.81
 - C. Business Checking _____ \$ 79,035.29
 - D. TOTAL: \$ 87,392.35

2. Incoming Blue Horizon Donations – April 2022 - \$ 2912
3. Blue Horizon 2022 YTD – not available

4. Total April 2022 Receivables \$ 8152.49
5. Total April 2022 Expenditures \$ 16,551.34

Note: Bank numbers as of Wednesday morning, 5/25. Filed from Italy, updated Blue Horizon year to date totals are not available.

Appendix 3
Budget Report

2022 Budget versus Actual through April 30, 2022

Updated May 10, 2022

Receipts	77,155.00	19,152.35
Expenditures	<u>92,390.00</u>	<u>31,179.79</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(15,235.00)</u>	<u>(12,027.44)</u>
2022 Budget as amended		
Actual through April 30, 2022		
Blue Horizon Income (pledges to support office)	21,500.00	8,398.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,905.00	3,247.35
SpringFest Income	12,500.00	6,857.00
Summer Picnic Income	11,500.00	0.00
Neuberger Income	26,500.00	650.00
Special Events Income (Baseball and soccer)	1,250.00	0.00
Receipt Totals	<u>77,155.00</u>	<u>19,152.35</u>
Less: Credit Card and Act Blue fees	(4,700.00)	(1,424.79)
Net receipts	<u>72,455.00</u>	<u>17,727.56</u>
Expenditures		
Party Operations		
Central Committee Expense	35,980.00	11,306.50
Blue Horizon Expense (office rent, etc.)	19,915.00	7,036.86
Office Committee Expense	6,755.00	1,078.10
Budget Committee Expense	2,140.00	1,140.00
Communications Committee Expense	700.00	40.70
Policy & Resolutions Committee Expense	200.00	0.00
Rules Committee Expense	0.00	0.00
IT Committee Expense	3,450.00	705.52
Training Committee Expense	200.00	0.00
Outreach		
Community Outreach Committee Expense	5,000.00	1,735.16
Latinx Outreach Committee Expense	0.00	0.00
Campaign Committee Expense	10,000.00	6,250.00
Young Democrats Committee Expense	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses		
SpringFest Expense	150.00	222.16
Summer Picnic Expense	150.00	240.00
Neuberger Expense	250.00	0.00
Special Events Expense (Baseball and soccer)	800.00	0.00
Receipts		
Contingency Fund	2,000.00	0.00

Expenditure Totals	<u>87,690.00</u>	<u>29,755.00</u>
Beginning Surplus	103,433.00	103,433.00
Current Period Surplus or (Deficit)	(15,235.00)	(12,027.44)
Ending Surplus	88,198.00	91,405.56

Appendix 4 Outreach Report

1. Pride Orenco will be held on June 11th from 12:00 to 7:00PM at the Jerry Wiley Plaza.
2. Beaverton Pride Parade and Celebration June 26th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Beaverton Library.
3. 4th of July Parade 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- 4 La Strada Chalk Art Festival July 16-17th 10am to 6 pm in Downtown Hillsboro, Oregon
5. Washington County Fair from July 22-31.

Appendix 5 Office Report

The office is open 5 days a week 10AM-4PM and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM. Please stop by if you are in downtown Hillsboro. We have helped visitors with voting questions and have helped House District Leaders get Slate cards to Neighborhood Leaders. The Office Volunteers assisted Candidates to distribute yard signs and recycle returned signs. Summer will be a challenge to staff our office with the fair and festivals. Please help if you are able.

Appendix 6

A Resolution for the Washington County Democratic Central Committee Regarding **Special Education Testing – Second Reading**

- A. WHEREAS there are laws in place to support enhancements in education structures that support Special Education (SPED) testing, it is often the reality in many school districts that parents have to act as strong advocates for their children year-round to get the needed services, and
- B. WHEREAS the current systems in the school districts within Washington County and the state of Oregon are complicated, and rely on follow-through from Special Needs advisors, including “student advocates,” testing specialists, and lawyers, and
- C. WHEREAS, with the diverse population in Washington County, it is a likely outcome that a great number of parents (and realistically even teachers) will not know or understand how to navigate through the SPED evaluation hurdles effectively. This will mean that many children will fall through the cracks and not receive that kind of education that will provide the pathways for them to excel in the future, and
- D. WHEREAS all of these issues are exacerbated even more for children of single parents, girls (who are historically under-tested), children in poverty, and kids from historically marginalized communities, and
- E. WHEREAS it needs to be assured that districts are following all the federal and state laws that apply to special education and testing, and

F. WHEREAS the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation, and ensures special education and related services to those children,"¹ and requires identification of needs through the Child Find protocols, and

G. WHEREAS children with "disabilities" are known to develop coping mechanisms to bury or hide their internal struggles, and otherwise mask their need for different learning environments and/or approaches, and

H. WHEREAS the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) makes available evaluations for students to whom SPED needs are suspected, and

I. WHEREAS the "Child Find" statute of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that:

(i) All children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated; and

(ii) A practical method is developed and implemented to determine which children are currently receiving needed special education and related services,¹ and

J. WHEREAS it is the legal requirement of the school and school district to provide "Prior Notice" to parents regarding the state of an evaluation, the results, and an evaluation closure; thus helping to insure end to end communications and clarity for parents, and

K. WHEREAS Child Find is the School Districts requirement to conduct testing at the parents or teachers request, and with note that some differences or disabilities could hidden by young learners, leading to false rejections based solely on peer equivalency, and

L. WHEREAS schools have been coping with Covid 19, mask mandates, and remote education, in an understaffed environment means children are less likely to have been identified (via traditional Child Find procedures), and

M. WHEREAS the same issues identified in G create a more traumatizing environment for children making them more likely to need SPED services, and

N. WHEREAS experts advocate for early testing to identify children with special needs at the beginning of their impact, rather than waiting for them to develop outward signs of the impact, which - undiagnosed - start to appear as emotional outbursts, and lower self esteem as early as third grade.

THEREFORE WE, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee, call on the school districts of Washington County to:

1. Place emphasis on reviewing and revising processes to better implement the intent of the Child Find requirement to conduct testing at the parents or teachers request.
2. Implement structures that will simplify the process for engaging in SPED programs, and assume that parents have insights into the whole child that school teachers might lack. These processes should be in non-specialist language and terminology; with attention, but not limited to: clear and easy-to-find directions, which are translated into the most-used

second-languages.

1 <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/b/300.111/a/1> and <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/b/300.111>

3. That all requests for evaluation be assigned a "Student Advocate" that has the capability to ensure the process is fulfilled from beginning to end.

4. Utilize these new procedures to provide SPED and evaluation for every child in their purview for which the parent does not opt out as soon as possible, and perennially into the future at: 1st grade, when a new child who has not been tested enters the system above 1st grade, and/or at the parents or teachers request.