

Washington County
Democratic Central Committee
February 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Martita Meier. Officers present were: Martita Meier (Chair), Ryan Van Domelen (1st Vice Chair), Derrick Ragan (2nd Vice Chair), Lars Ludeking (Treasurer) and Kimberly Culbertson (Recording Secretary). Also, present was Alice Bartlet, Parliamentarian. Quorum was met; 61 PCPs and 7 guests.
 - o Land Acknowledgement was made.
 - o The Prepared Agenda was approved as presented.
 - o The Minutes of the September 2022 Meetings and January 2023 (Buratti will be corrected as a scribner error) were approved.
 - o First-Time Attendees and Democratic Elected Officials were introduced.
2. “Opportunities to Engage” Reports
 - o Office — Connie Chen reported.
 - o Community Outreach — Sue Cocking reported.
 - o Training and Education — Barry Johnson-Smith reported.
 - o Pickleball Tournament — Martita Meier reported and will be participating.
 - o CD6 - run for office on March 19th — Martita Meier reported.
 - o In Person March 22 CC Meeting at PCC — Martita Meier made remarks.
3. Special Presentations —
 - o Deb Lev from Divest Oregon made remarks in support of HB2601.
 - o A letter from the Treasurer Tobias Read in opposition to HB2601 was read by Martita Meier.
 - o Pro/con information – Appendix 1
 - o Martita Meier made a report on the motion made at the 1/27/2023 CC meeting that was referred back to Committee and was considered as a First Reading. Public testimony was requested 2/16/2023. At the Executive Board meeting on 2/8/2023, the Executive Board directed Janice Karpenick to testify at the public legislative meeting.
4. Reports from Parliamentary Committees
 - o Resolutions and Platform
 - Resolutions Report: Washington County Democrats support HB2601 - Treasury Investment and Climate Protection Act. — Coy Lay reported that there was no need for any further action.
 - Emergency Resolution - Supporting the right of cannabis workers to unionize and support the right of transit workers to strike — Coy Lay reported on Bill 3183 and Senate Bill 187 and moved (2-22-2023-01) to approve the Emergency Resolution. Discussion. VOTE TO APPROVE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION: YES/48 – NO/0

4. Delegation Updates

- State Central Committee Delegation Report — Zelos Marchandt was absent as he was in an Endorsements meeting tonight.
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation — Brenda Buratti made a report. Next meeting is March 11 via Zoom. No agenda yet. No meetings are set yet.
- Sixth Congressional District Committee Delegation — Lisa Stiller made a report. March 19th is CD-6 Organizational meeting. DPO is handling this.

5. Reports from Chair & Officers / Special Reports

- Chair — Martita Meier reported:
 - Endorsements Special Meeting is March 8th (March 2nd we will post info from candidates. On the day before the meeting, the agenda and the report from the Endorsements Committee will be posted on the website.)
 - Garrett Fleenor moved (2-22-23-02) to approve the updated PCP Form. Derrick Ragan seconded. Discussion. Lisa Still moved (2-22-23-03) to amend the form by adding a bullet point for the Education Caucus and adding the Neighborhood Leader Program under the Campaign bullet point. Victoria Long seconded. VOTE on the amendment: (2-22-23-03) YES/42 – NO/1
VOTE: (2-22-23-02) YES/43 – NO/0
 - 2022 Annual Audit is finished.
 - Field Director Kyle Linhares was hired by the WashCo Dems and made remarks. kyle@steadfastadvocates.com

- First Vice Chair — Ryan Van Domelen made a report including remarks on SpringFest.
- Second Vice Chair (Credentials) — Derrick Regan reported the quorum was met; 61 PCPs and 7 guests.
- Secretary — Kimberly Culbertson made a report.

6. Party Financial Updates

- Treasurer's Report & Finance — Lars Ludeking – See Appendix 2
- Budget Committee — John MacDonald – See Appendix 3
 - Budget Review and Revision – John moved (2-22-23-04) to approve the revised budget. No discussion. VOTE: YES/37 – NO/0

7. Provisional Election of New Precinct Committeepersons – Kimberly Culbertson moved (2-22-23-05) to appoint Brian Gardner, Martita Meier, Joseph Sorenson, and Madison Walters as PCP's. Seconded by Garrett Fleenor. No Discussion. YES/ 38 – NO/0

8. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees

- Campaign (Neighborhood Leader Program) — Matt Wurst was not present.

9. Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups

- o East Washington County Democrats — Carol Greenough invited everyone to the East Dems Meeting on March 6th.
- o Education Caucus — Lisa Stiller remarks on importance of school boards and education. Meets every 3rd Wednesday.

11. New Business

o Lisa Stiller moved (2-22-2023-06) “Washington County has found itself with a \$25 million shortfall. The County Commission will be making tough decisions about cuts and priorities. The Democratic Party of Washington County is concerned about cuts to services to the county's most vulnerable and marginalized residents. We strongly encourage county commissioners to avoid cuts to the Health and Human Services Department and Housing Resources. As the county has seen increased need for the resources these departments provide, we believe residents in our county most in need must retain access to the safety net services these agencies provide. This motion will be sent to all our county commissioners.” Trish Smith seconded. Discussion.

Sudarshan Cadambi moved (2-22-2023-07) to amend the second paragraph as follows: “We strongly encourage county commissioners to avoid cuts to the Health and Human Services Department, Housing Resources, and other safety net programs.” Seconded by Lisa Stiller. Discussion

VOTE on (2-22-2023-07) amendment: YES/34 NO/0

VOTE on (2-22-2023-06) YES/37 NO/0

FINAL MOTION PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

“Washington County has found itself with a \$25 million shortfall. The County Commission will be making tough decisions about cuts and priorities. The Democratic Party of Washington County is concerned about cuts to services to the county's most vulnerable and marginalized residents. We strongly encourage county commissioners to avoid cuts to the Health and Human Services Department, Housing Resources, and other safety net programs. As the county has seen increased need for the resources these departments provide, we believe residents in our county most in need must retain access to the safety net services these agencies provide. This motion will be sent to all our county commissioners.”

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27pm

Recorded by,



Kimberly Culbertson, Secretary, Washington County Democrats, 2-22-2023

Approved: