

Clark County Democrats Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017

1. Call to order

Rich Rogers called to order the regular meeting of the Clark County Democrats' Executive Board at 7:01pm on February 6, 2017 at the Coxley Office.

Attendance

The following persons were present: Rich Rogers, Tanisha Harris, Jackie Kuran, Ginger May, Andrew Hill, Hattie Stigum, Angela Wilkinson, Roy Valo, Rowan Coash, Ian Coker, Gwen White, Mandalynn Harbert, Katie Archer Jolma, Justin Oberg, Liz Campbell (for Karen Hengerer), Jackie Lane. Guests: Ed Martinee, Richard McCluskey, Cheryl Aichele, Terri Niles, Dorothy Gasque, Joshua Seeds, Kayla Farrell, John Oberg, Wade Schmasow. Not present: Karen Hengerer, Ed Cote. Total voting members present = 10.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Angela Wilkinson; seconded; approved.

3. Reports & Updates

A. Chair: (Rich Rogers)

- i. First leadership meeting happened Sunday, 2/5, where good new ideas were shared. Will be implementing the "action items" idea effective this February general meeting.
- ii. Will be at County Council tomorrow night, 2/7, testifying regarding a District Court judge as he has made donations to candidates.

B. Treasurer: (Jackie Kuran) As of 12/31/16, reconciled bank balance is \$45,048.09. Budget meeting at end of month. Full report and proposed budget coming in March.

C. Committees:

- i. **ComTech: (Roy Valo)** ComTech Committee voted 6-3 to recommend removal of the Facebook private page. Not a new subject. Fourth time these same issues have come up. Every time in the past ComTech voted to keep it and try something new. Nothing has worked. Continuing to burn bridges down. Affects our ability to get things done. Motion to discuss by Jackie

Kuran; Gwen White seconded. Discussion. Motion to close the discussion by Katie Archer; seconded by Jackie Kuran. Motion to close the Facebook private page by Gwen White; Andrew Hill seconded. For 10; oppose 0; abstentions 0.

- ii. Dinner: Gwen White spoke on behalf of proposed new chair, Hector Hinojosa. Tentative date will be 7/22/17. Location not yet determined. Price point per plate not yet settled. Will not be at the Hilton; price too high and not willing to negotiate. An auctioneer has volunteered his services. Discussion of utilizing union labor since the Hilton is a union hotel. That conversation will be had with our Labor brothers and sisters.
- iii. Candidate Development: (Jackie Lane) A plan has been formed. Reaching out and meeting potentials right now. Has compiled a spreadsheet of all open races. Plans in the works for training for candidates, treasurers. Committee forming. Rich meeting for breakfast tomorrow (2/7) re: three possible new candidates in Washougal. Discussed a concern about Betty Sue Morris being on the committee and supporting Democrats. Contact candidatedevelopment@clarkcountydems.com if interested in sitting on this committee.
- iv. Election Observing: (Liz Campbell, for Karen Hengerer) Election running slowly. Observer coverage has been canceled for several days due to not enough ballots or weather. Only 11.2% ballots in. Modified observing hours occurred again this morning. VOTE.
- v. New Venue: (Rowan Coash) Looking at new venues. So far considered: Veterans Chateau (a.k.a. 40 et 8 Bingo Hall), Big Al's, Battle Ground Senior Center, Moose Lodge at 18th/112th (needs a member to book). Looking into ranges (needs a member to book). Will work on list of options and present at March E-Board meeting. Rowan and Jackie Kuran will work on this together.
- vi. State Committee People Reports: (Justin Oberg) Elected as new 3rd congressional district rep at the recent state central committee meeting in Olympia. Has since been going to all meetings across the CD. Fifty people showed up in Klickitat County. DCCC has already been in contact with him re: congressional race as they will be targeting this district. Mandalynn Harbert and Justin said their state committee assignments have not yet been determined. Mandalynn was interested in the Elections or Resolutions Committees; Justin wanted Rules, Elections, or Tech. Look for State Committee People's reports to be posted on ClarkCountyDems.com after every state central meeting.

D. Committee Approvals & Openings

- i. Candy Bonneville is working on new plan for all committee chairs to fill out which will include membership, mission statement, objectives, budget, and their plan for the next two years.
- ii. Outreach Committee: Distinction made that this is separate from the Affirmative Action Committee. Three-year plan approved last year by E-Board. Rich asked that Jay Renaud chair this, with Tanisha Harris as Co-Chair. Tanisha spoke re: why Jay: long-time Dem, commitment to diversity with LULAC and others, known in community. Discussion brought by Mandalynn Harbert about bringing in a new grassroots movement member as chair. Commitment was made to include a wide variety of members on this committee. Special effort will be made to announce open seats. Motion to vote made by Ian Coker; seconded. For 5; oppose 0; abstain 5. Chair voted as the tie-breaker; voted for. Jay Renaud approved as new Committee Chair.
- iii. Labor Committee: Lee Jensen being talked to to head up Labor. This needs to be in agreement with our unions.
- iv. Volunteer Committee: Still open. No volunteers. Big job with cloud database. Needs someone technical.
- v. Bylaws Committee: Still open.
- vi. Financial Review Committee: Daniel Hsieh (pronounced “Shay”) being considered. Will be coming to speak more with us next month. He answered the call for Deputy Treasurer. After reviewing his background, Treasurer Jackie Kuran said he’d be great to do the financial audit.
- vii. Activism Team Committee (ad hoc): Open.

Note: A list of all committee openings will be published online as well as e-mailed out to the body.

- E. Meetings: Discussion to move business issues (budget, printer, leases) to the end of general meetings, on a quarterly basis only, and have other meetings (April, May) be event oriented. Motion to move ahead with changing the meeting structure for 2017 made by Mandalynn Harbert; Angela Wilkinson seconded. For 10; opposed 0; abstentions 0.

4. Executive Session

Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. No official actions were taken; nothing to report.

Motion to invalidate meetings out of compliance per bylaw 10.01 for lack of proper notice by Ian Coker; second by Angela Wilkinson. For 10; against 0; abstentions 0.

Motion to ratify all actions taken at meetings referred to in previous question by Ian Coker; seconded by Gwen White. Notation made that this vote will require 2/3 approval. For 10; against 0; abstentions 0.

5. Adjournment

Rich Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted on 2/7/2017 by:
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