

Clark County Democrats Central Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

1. Call to order

Rich Rogers called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Clark County Democrats Central Committee at 7:07 pm on Monday, February 13, 2017, at the Labor Hall on Andresen.

1.1 Welcome. Implementing a new system of meetings. Some meetings will be event focused, with business meetings now occurring quarterly.

1.2 Introductions.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the agenda and minutes by Jackie Kuran; seconded; approved.

3. Approval of New PCOs

3.1 18th LD – Reading by Ian Coker, 18th Chair, of PCO names to be approved. Motion to approve all PCOs by Ian Coker; seconded; approved.

3.2 49th LD – Reading by Angela Wilkinson, 49th Chair, of PCO names to be approved. Motion to approve all PCOs by Angela Wilkinson; seconded; approved.

3.3 17th LD – Reading by Hattie Stigum, 17th Chair, of PCO names to be approved.

- Motion made by Jackie Lane that we divide the question to approve all PCOs except for Cheryl Aichele; seconded.

- Motion made by Shaun Tanner for roll call vote.

- Motion by Ed Barnes to table the roll call vote; seconded. For 39; opposed 0; abstentions 6.

- Vote on main motion: For 30; opposed 16; abstentions 3.

- Motion by Peter Harrison to vote on 17th PCOs, approving everybody on 17th slate except Cheryl Aichele; seconded. Approved with 44 votes.

- Motion by Catherine Rich to approve Cheryl Aichele as acting PCO; seconded by Tom Lineham.

- Motion by Angela Marx to vote by acclamation; seconded by Vicki Work. Motion failed.

- Motion by Joshua Seeds to call the previous question; seconded. For 40; oppose 7; abstentions 5.

- Motion by Jackie Lane to vote by written ballot; Liz Campbell seconded. For 31; opposed 32; abstentions 0.

- Vote on main motion to approve Cheryl Aichele as PCO. For 28; against 27; abstentions 5. Cheryl Aichele approved.

Per the request of the Chair, notation made for the record of Ms. Aichele's concerns of improper use of Roberts Rules of Order and voting procedure.

4. Chair and Committee Reports

- 4.1 Chair's Report: (Rich Rogers) Leadership Summit of all Clark County Dems leaders occurred in January. A regional leadership summit of all Dem leaders in Southwest Washington is planned for April.
- 4.2 Treasurer's Report: (Jackie Kuran) Account balance as of 12/31/16 is \$45,048.09.
- 4.3 Legislative District Reports:
 - a. 18th LD: (Ian Coker, Chair) Experiencing exponential growth. LD endorsed all bonds and levies for the special election. Next meeting: March 1.
 - b. 17th LD: (Hattie Stigum, Chair) Appointed new PCO coordinator, Michelle Wallace. Have outgrown meeting area. Next meeting: February 22 at 7:00 pm; meet before at 5:30 for Happy Hour. New location will hopefully be at Big Al's.
 - c. 49th LD: (Angela Wilkinson, Chair) LD has been very busy. Several committees have been approved. Next meeting: March 11, potluck style, 10 a.m., at the Labor Hall.
 - d. Women Dems: (Katie Archer Jolma, Chair) Meeting on odd months. Next meeting: March 18, at 10 a.m., Labor Hall. Partnering with Planned Parenthood. Training occurring Thursday night, 2/17, at 6 pm, at Vancouver Health Center to prepare for Lobbying Day in Olympia on Monday, 2/20. Carpooling up to Olympia available. In the planning stages for International Women's Day. Contact for more info: CCDW@clarkcountydems.com.
 - e. Young Dems: (Gwen White, Chair) "Young" is defined as anybody under 36. Will be attending Lobbying Day in Olympia. Carpooling and training provided. Young Dems convention is less than two months away. Costs \$30 to send a YD to the convention.
 - f. State Committee Man and Woman: Mandalynn Harbert, SCW, introduced Justin Oberg, SCM, as the newly elected Congressional District 3 Representative. He will be hosting an introductory discussion on local party politics on Wednesday, 2/15, at 6 p.m. at the Cascade Park Library. Justin is our representative on the executive board at the state level. He provided an update from the state committee meeting: The first night was a reception. The next day was business -- voting and attending caucuses. Justin attended the Progressive and the Small Business Caucuses. The main event was selecting the chair of WA state party, Tina Podlodowski. Already getting regular updates and greater transparency from her. Resolutions that passed: Oppose Trump immigration ban order, hate crime response plan, state bank, Standing Rock, protecting medical marijuana, and others. A resolution was tabled re: forcing taxes on oil to go to environmental efforts. It was supported, but there were errors in the language which need to be clarified. Congressional District reps were elected from around the state. Lots of changes coming: New chair wants to change meetings from quarterly to monthly

and to give more money to local offices year round. The issue of the primary caucus will be discussed and recommended by the Rules Committee at the state level; the state body decides. Go to www.WA-Democrats.org to sign up for the mailing list. Mandalynn Harbert's update: Clark County had an amazing turnout at the state central committee meeting. Eric Holt was elected to Vice Chair of Western WA of the Progressive Caucus. Dorothy Gasque was elected as First Vice Chair of the Veterans Caucus. Wiley McCallum was re-elected as Chair of the Small Business Caucus. Aryn Oster's race in the Progressive Caucus was tabled due to running out of time; that election will occur in April. Next state central committee meeting will be in Walla Walla on April 22.

5. Update on Committee Assignments

Several openings on committees. If interested in serving on, please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of the room; can also sign up online. Some committees will require more work than others.

5.1 Approval of chairs up for ratification:

- a. Andrew Hill – Member At Large
- b. Jackie Lane – Candidate Development Chair
- c. Karen Hengerer – Election Observing
- d. Rowan Coash – New Venue Selection
- e. Roy Valo – Communications & Technology
- f. Hector Hinojosa – Dinner
- g. James Tolson – Mission
- h. Jay Renaud – Outreach

- Motion by Ed Barnes that everybody under section 5.1 be approved; Peter Harrison seconded.

- Motion by Cheryl Aichele to divide the vote on Karen Hengerer, James Renaud, and James Tolson; no second. Motion failed due to no second.

- Motion to call the question and end debate. Approved with 55 votes.

- Vote on main motion: For 54; oppose 1; abstentions 4.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Tanisha Harris brought forward a resolution for I-5 Bridge Project. Resolution read out loud and introduced into the record. SW WA Labor Council supports; City of Vancouver discussing; many unions in support. 49th LD approved on Saturday.

Motion by Terah Pitchford to approve; seconded. Notation by Chair that this vote requires a 2/3 vote as it was brought forward by PCOs.

Motion by John Latta to amend to remove the 8th Whereas and remove the last paragraph (leave out 3rd bridge references at end of resolution); seconded. Approve 13; oppose 39; abstentions 3.

Motion to call the question by Terah Pitchford; seconded. Motion passes.

Vote on main motion to approve: For 58; oppose 0; abstentions 1. Motion to approve resolution passes. Resolution will be submitted to the legislative body and Transportation Committee.

- 6.2 Motion by Cheryl Aichele that we make most recent executive session topic and minutes available; no seconds. Motion fails.
- 6.3 PCO request submitted for change in bylaw 10.08; signed by 20 PCOs. Request for consideration to open up membership to anybody who can pay dues. Would also set procedure. Request entered into the record and will be voted on at the March meeting. Request will be available on the website and will be e-mailed to all members. There will be a process to determine what dues will be; currently no dues.
- 6.4 Motion by Angela Marx for the body to consider a party-building potluck event in August at Lewisville Park. Will cost \$100 to reserve the space. Seconded by Joshua Seeds. Motion by Ian Coker that this be referred to committee; seconded. Motion to refer passes by acclamation and will go to committee.
- 6.5 Liz Campbell spoke about available blank postcards addressed to Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler. Please write to her to express your concerns and mail.

7. Announcements

- 7.1 Roman Battan: Michael Flynn, National Security Adviser, just resigned.
- 7.2 Andrew Hill: Public education is important. Senate looking to lower public school funding. Event this Saturday, 2/18, 12-2 pm, at Cascade Park Library for citizens to speak about what public education has done for them. Will be videotaped and sent to legislators in Olympia.
- 7.3 Audrey Miller: SW WA Field Organizer for Planned Parenthood. Lobbying Day in Olympia with carpooling available and protesting as part of a large coalition against JHB. Action nights going on all next week to support the Affordable Care Act. SW WA has the least accessible care in the state. Contact Audrey for more information.
- 7.4 James Tolson: Progressive Caucus with regional progressive districts set up by new chair. First meeting 2/20 at the Genealogical Society. Second meeting on 3/25 will be a potluck with a special speaker. The caucus will be working on issues.
- 7.5 Dorothy Gasque: Candidate running for U.S. Congress. Combat veteran, serving as the only woman in an all-male unit.

- 7.6 Linda Glover will be running for Vancouver City Council, Position 3. Ran a couple of years ago. Executive Director of nonprofit Divine Consign. Served on the police initiative. Served with Representative Wylie on the Bridgeview Project.
- 7.7. Peter Harrison. Candidate for U.S. Congress to replace Jamie Herrera Beutler. What he stands for: Planned Parenthood, I-5 bridge, infrastructure, healthcare.
- 7.8 Mike Pond: Candidate for Mayor, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, will have a fundraiser on 2/21, 5:30 to 7:00, at the Columbia Tech campus of Clark College. Suggested donation of \$50.
- 7.9 Melissa Boles: Past Chair of the YDCC, past Secretary of the CCDCC. Candidate for President of the Young Dems of WA. Would be the first president not from the Sound area in 6-10 years. Running to make it better, build up the chapters, represent people outside of Seattle. Is raising money to campaign around the state.
- 7.10 David McDevitt: Candidate for U.S. Congress. Recognized Ed Barnes, Al Bauer, and Bob Schaefer, who started the process to get the bridge designated as a landmark of state significance years ago. Recognized the attendees of the Labor roundtable breakfast, Regional Transportation Commission, Annette Cleveland, Monica Stonier, and Sharon Wylie.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Gasque; passed by acclamation.

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