

# **Clark County Democrats Executive Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 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 March 6, 2017 at the Coxley office.

Attendance: The following persons were present: Rich Rogers, Gwen White, Pete Aller, Marsha Manning, Angela Wilkinson, Katie Archer Jolma, Justin Oberg, Liz Campbell, Hattie Stigum, Rowan Coash, Ian Coker, Jackie Kuran, Ginger May, Mandalynn Harbert, Jay Renaud, Rob Frisina. Guests: Cheryl Aichele, Aryn Oster. Not present: Tanisha Harris, Jackie Lane, Hector Hinojosa, Roy Valo, Ed Cote.

### **2. Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve agenda by Ian Coker; seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

Motion to approve previous meeting's minutes by Gwen White; seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

### **3. Updates and Reports**

#### **A. Chair (Rich Rogers):**

- i. David McDonald from the state party will be here Sat., 4/15, 11:00 a.m., Labor Hall, for a presentation of Roberts Rules of Order to all Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Secretaries. Will be available following lunch if you'd like to talk to him. Other party officials will be invited down as well.
- ii. Softball game versus the Clark County Republican Party on Sun., 6/18, 1:00 p.m., "big field," Luke Jensen Sports Park. The Columbian and OPB will be covering the event. The Clark County Sheriff will be umpiring. Will be meeting with our Republican counterparts to discuss the rules of the game. We will be practicing and getting team shirts made.
- iii. Labor Roundtable Breakfast is coming up this Fri., 3/9, and occurs every other Friday morning. Attendance is beginning to wane; all are encouraged to go.
- iv. Last week of March: Traveling to Washington DC on CCD business. Will be serving on a panel re: winning elections in swing districts. Also trying to get some help out here from our senators.

**B. 49<sup>th</sup> LD (Angela Wilkinson):** Next monthly meeting is this Sat., 3/10, 10 a.m., potluck style, with special guest State Senator Bob Hasegawa discussing the proposed State Bank. New meeting location for future meetings: ILW.

**C. 17<sup>th</sup> LD (Hattie Stigum):** Change in location of monthly meetings to Big Al's. Two known candidates running for Vice Chair position; a third has not officially announced. The election will be at the next meeting, and all PCOs in the 17<sup>th</sup> will be eligible to vote.

- D. 18<sup>th</sup> LD (Ian Coker):** Attendance of 90 at the last meeting; numbers are not going down. Not sure where the next meeting will be. Will be lining up speakers on whatever issues people pick.
- E. Young Democrats (Gwen White):** Just had a tree-potting event with the Republicans. Regular meetings will be moving up one half hour early so can have committee meetings after main meeting. This month will be focusing on reproductive rights with Planned Parenthood Action Night, 3/23, 6 p.m., Planned Parenthood Health Center on Mill Plain.
- F. Women Democrats (Katie Archer Jolma):** Voter registration drive, Wed., 3/8, 10a – 1p, Clark College, at the fountain. Next meeting will be Sat., 3/18, 10 a.m., Labor Hall. Will be approving budget and going over committees at that time. Big event of the year: 8/26 is Women’s Equity Day, when women got the right to vote. March at waterfront planned. New idea to make it into a 5K walk/run/roll event with speakers, with registration money to go to their scholarship fund.
- G. Dinner Committee (Rich Rogers, for Hector Hinojosa):** Annual dinner will be Sat., 7/29, Pierson Air Museum (new venue). Museum will be kept open during our event for viewing. We’ll be in a tent outside, with a dance floor and music/DJ. Will save a lot of money by not doing it at the Hilton. Our state party chair will be there; has confirmed. Both senators, the governor, and Bob Ferguson have been invited. We will be doing a raffle; can buy tickets if you don’t want to come to the dinner. Trying a lot of new things this year. Talk to Gwen White, Jackie Kuran, or Hector Hinojosa to get involved in planning this event. This is our #1 fundraising event of the year. Working on getting an auctioneer.
- H. Candidate Development Committee (Rich Rogers, for Jackie Lane):** Working with first-time candidate Damian Giles from Ridgefield, who is running for city council. First African-American candidate in Ridgefield history. Dems are close to a majority on the Battle Ground City Council. Discussed cemetery district elections and why they are important.
- I. Communications & Technology Committee (Rich Rogers, for Roy Valo):** Nothing to report.
- J. Outreach Committee (Jay Renaud):** Still in organizing mode. Further report coming soon.
- K. Election Observer Committee (Rich Rogers):** Karen Hengerer has stepped down. She built the best program in the state and established a good relationship with the auditor’s department. Rich will be proposing that Liz Campbell take over. Liz spoke: We outnumber Republican observers 10-1. Small election coming up in April, but will not be heavily staffed. Next certified election observer training: Wed., 6/7, 6:30 p.m., County Elections Office. This will be the first step in a two-step process.
- L. State Committeeman and Committeewoman (Justin Oberg, Mandalynn Harbert):** Have been going to all LD meetings. Nothing really going on statewide right now. Progressive meetings are popping up all over the place, as well as meetings with other counties. Justin did go to the DNC election in Atlanta. Big theme there was transparency. Now live streaming meetings and talking about opening up the budget. Lots of talk there about the state parties. Attended a good presentation on the “Obama/Obama/Trump” voters. Continuing to hold “Local Party Politics 101” classes. Forty came to the first meeting, then 100 at the second one. Next one will be 3/18, 2:00 pm, Camas Library. Mandalynn encouraged all to attend to try to bridge the gap since half in attendance are DemEnter, half are DemExit. Some have no opinion whatsoever; just don’t like Trump. Justin has been reaching out to all progressive groups coming up, building bridges and relationships.

**M. Treasurer (Jackie Kuran):** Balance, as of 1/31/17, with some undeposited funds: \$39,614.56.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. Committee Chair Appointments:**

- i. Election Observing: Rich will be asking that Liz Campbell be appointed as Chair.
- ii. Tanisha Harris will be resigning as Vice Chair, effective 3/31, as she will be running for City Council. Next E-Board meeting will discuss details of how to set up the vote. New Vice Chair has to be a woman.
- iii. Not a lot of interest has been expressed in some committees.
- iv. Rich asked that all of the following be confirmed together as a bloc:
  - Rob Frisina for At Large Board Member
  - Pete Aller for At Large Board Member
  - Melissa Valo for At Large Board Member
  - Marsha Manning for Bylaws Chair
  - Daniel Hsieh for Audit Chair
  - Terri Niles for Issues & Resolutions Chair

Motion to consider Terri Niles separately by Ian Coker; Mandalynn Harbert seconded.  
For 10; oppose 0; abstentions 0.

Motion to vote on all except Terri Niles by Hattie Stigum; seconded by Katie Archer Jolma.  
For 10; oppose 0; abstentions 0.

Rich withdrew his motion on Issues & Resolutions Chair. Matter tabled.

- v. Volunteer Support: Rob Frisina interested in chair position; will discuss further with Rich.

##### **B. Budget:**

- i. Key budgetary issue to be decided is the Clark County Fair Booth – to do it or not this year? Will need something different this time. Idea for theme: RESIST. Cost is \$2000. If we will be spending that much money, we must train our volunteers this year. Will be cutting back on the handing out of free tickets. Idea for having T-shirts and pussy hats. Discussion of “selling” them versus taking “donations.” Liz Campbell will personally guarantee \$500; Fair important for rural outreach.
- ii. Proposed budget: Jackie Kuran will e-mail out to all board members for input, to review and ask questions by Friday of this week. The board will meet to vote to approve at 6:50 p.m., Monday night, prior to the big meeting.
- iii. No rent increase this year.

## 5. Party Operations & Internal Issues

- A. New meeting format for “event months”: Starting in April, 6:00-7:00 will be check-in and credentialing. Each LD will have their own tables set up to greet newcomers. At 7:00, there will be an event for 45 minutes with active speakers who are engaged locally. Each meeting will end with an action item list detailing how to get involved. At 8:00, there will be approximately 10 announcements only, 1 minute each, via clipboard sign-up sheet at Secretary’s desk. Will be strictly limited to 1 minute. There will then be a short break, after which the regular meeting will occur for those interested in staying. Mandalynn suggested changing format of meetings for candidate speeches. Solution: We will be having a “candidates night.”
- B. Upcoming topics for event themes: Topic of April meeting, at Lacamas Lodge, will be the environment in honor of Earth Day with Joshua Seeds. May topic will be immigration, in honor of Cinco de Mayo. June will be LGBTQ. July will probably be candidates month. Outreach Committee will be October and December; also Women Democrats and Young Democrats, with tabling for voter registration, outreach. August and November will be business meetings only with no topics or speakers.
- C. Joshua Seeds, our Sergeant at Arms, will speak before the next meeting regarding rights of attendees, expectations, mutual respect, and when actions are out of order (e.g., talking loudly in the back of the room). Josh will have a few helpers stationed around the room to assist; Aryn Oster volunteered. One verbal warning will be given, then the Sergeant at Arms will escort the member out into the hallway.
- D. Motion by Ian Coker to endorse the Indivisible movement; seconded by Mandalynn Harbert.  
For 9; oppose 0; abstentions 1.

## 6. Adjournment

Mandalynn moved to adjourn; seconded. Approved by acclamation.

Rich Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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