

Clark County Democrats Central Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

1. Call to order

Rich Rogers called to order the regular meeting of the CCDCC at 7:10 p.m. on March 13, 2017 at Battle Ground Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda and Minutes Approval

Motion to approve agenda by Joshua Seeds; seconded; approved by acclamation. Motion to approve February meeting minutes by Rowan Coash; seconded; approved by acclamation.

3. Announcement, Welcome & Introductions

3.1 Sergeant At Arms Joshua Seeds spoke about maintaining order during the meeting. Jodi Frisina and Aryn Oster have volunteered as deputies to assist.

3.2 Welcome of newcomers.

3.3 Introduction of Legislative District Chairs.

3.4 Recognition of special guests: Jim Moeller, Speaker Pro Tempore of the WA State House; Mike Dalesandro, Battle Ground City Council Member; Mike Heywood, Former Chair of the Clark County Democrats; Doug Lasher, Clark County Treasurer; and Jane Young, long-time active Democrat.

4. PCO Approvals from Legislative Districts

4.1 18th LD: Ian Coker, Chair, submitted 7 new PCOs for approval:

| <u>Precinct</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 451 | Lauren Burger | Acting |
| 597 | Coralee Bauer | Acting |
| 603 | Sarah Blanchette | Appointed |
| 645 | Mike Turnauer | Appointed |
| 700 | Jeffrey Angelo | Appointed |
| 917 | Jeanne Russell | Appointed |
| 953 | Jane Christensen | Appointed |

. Motion to approve by Joshua Seeds; seconded; approved by acclamation.

4.2 49th LD: Angela Wilkinson, Chair, had no new PCOs this month (last meeting was a potluck with a special guest speaker).

4.3 17th LD: Hattie Stigum, Chair, submitted 7 new PCOs for approval:

| <u>Precinct</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 543 | Don Orange | Appointed |
| 570 | Gun-Sam Kim | Appointed |
| 654 | Kyle Sinnott | Acting |
| 655 | Erin Dunbar | Appointed |
| 657 | Tyler Smart | Appointed |
| 688 | Heather Sinnott | Appointed |
| 698 | Randon Guy | Acting |

Motion to approve by Terah Pitchford; seconded by Tanisha Harris; approved by acclamation.

5. Reports & Updates

5.1 Chair, Treasurer & State Committee

A. Chair, Rich Rogers:

- i. Annual dinner, 7/29, at Pearson Air Field (new venue) with music and guests. Contact Jackie Kuran or Rich Rogers to help out.
- ii. Softball game, Democrats vs. Republicans, 6/18, 1-3 p.m., Luke Jensen Sports Field. The press will be there to report. Sheriff's department to umpire. Collecting donations for Sam's Posse, their charity of choice. Contact Melissa Valo to volunteer.

B. Treasurer, Jackie Kuran: Adjusted balance as of 1/31/17: \$43,227.66.

C. State Committee, Justin Oberg and Mandalynn Harbert:

- i. Justin Oberg, State Committeeman: On a congressional district listening tour. Focus is on removing Jaime Herrera Beutler. Will need to work across the entire congressional district to do so. Attended DNC election in Atlanta, where a new chair was elected. Keith Ellison was appointed as Deputy Chair. Calls for greater transparency on the national level, for greater engagement on the grass roots level, and for giving more resources to the states in order to run more effective campaigns. Lots happening on the national, state, and local levels.
- ii. Mandalynn Harbert, State Committeewoman: Voter registration events planned for Vancouver Mall, 3/31-4/2; Clark College, 4/25-27; and tentatively at Firstenburg Center. Need 25 volunteers for each event. Sign-up sheets on the back table. Grumpy Old Democrats are coordinating; see them for more information.

5.2 Legislative District & Organization Chairs

- A. 18th LD (Ian Coker, Chair): Influx of new people. The 18th LD is a registered Indivisible group and is collaborating with them. A couple of people went up for Lobby Day in Olympia with state

representatives. PCO event, 3/25, Old Town Burger, Battle Ground. Next meeting is 4/5, location TBD. The LD is growing and needs to find a larger venue.

- B. 49th LD (Angela Wilkinson, Chair): State Senator Bob Hasegawa came down to talk about the proposed state bank; had a great turnout. Sharon Wylie, 49th LD State Representative, spoke on behalf of Monica Stonier and Annette Cleveland about their work on the I-5 bridge, etc. New meeting location at the ILWU, starting with the next meeting on 4/8.
- C. 17th LD (Hattie Stigum, Chair): Next meeting is 3/22 at Touchmark. New location fell through. Vice Chair election to occur at next meeting. Commissioner Eric LaBrant will speak re: last week's vote on the oil terminal. Port district election coming up; need a good candidate.
- D. Women Democrats (Katie Archer Jolma, Chair): Next meeting 3/17, 10 a.m., Labor Hall on Andresen. Two items up for vote: Budget and whether to extend the dues deadline. Will be discussing action items (Lobby Day with Planned Parenthood, Voter Registration Drive on Women's International Day) and reviewing how they went.
- E. Young Democrats (Gwen White, Chair): Tree planting event with Young Republicans last weekend. Had the highest turnout for volunteers in the last year. Action night with Planned Parenthood on 3/23 at 6 p.m. Will be sending 22 YDs to convention. Costs \$30 to send a YD to get leadership training. Next meeting Tuesday, 3/21, 7 p.m.
- F. Grumpy Old Democrats (Lou Marteeny): Organizing voting registration activities. Three-day events in several locations; details TBA. Need tabling volunteers.

5.3 Committee Reports

- A. Candidate Development Committee (Jackie Lane, Chair): Have met a couple of times now. Spreadsheets have been created with all openings; can be found at ClarkCountyDems.com. Contact candidatedevelopment@clarkcountydems.com if interested in running. Clark County has a listing of all openings. Looking for mentors. Training coming up. Candidates have been identified, but we are letting them announce first.
- B. ComTech Committee (Roy Valo, Chair): No report.
- C. Dinner Committee (Rich Rogers for Hector Hinojosa, Chair): No report.

5.4 Elected Officials & 2017 Candidate Announcements

- A. Adrian Cortes – running to return to the Battle Ground City Council.
- B. Tanisha Harris – running for Vancouver City Council, Position 1.
- C. Port Commissioner – candidate's name not yet announced.

6. Committee Chair Approvals

- 6.1 Karen Hengerer has stepped down as Election Observer Committee Chair.
- 6.2 Request to approve the following appointments:

- A. Liz Campbell for Election Observer Committee Chair.
- B. Daniel Hsieh for Biennial Audit Committee Chair.
- C. Marsha Manning for Bylaws Committee Chair.
- D. Rob Frisina for Board Member At Large
- E. Pete Aller for Board Member At Large
- F. Melissa Valo for Board Member At Large

Motion to approve all by Mike Heywood; seconded. For 61; oppose 8; abstentions 9.

7. Bylaws Change Consideration For “Open Membership”

Consideration of opening up membership to dues-paying members.

Motion to open discussion by Mandalynn Harbert; seconded by Tanisha Harris.

Motion to table the pending motion by Vicki Work; seconded by Cheryl Aichele. For 27; oppose 51; abstentions 1.

Motion to call the question by Terah Pitchford; seconded by Mandalynn Harbert. For 58; oppose 15; abstentions 2. Motion passes by 2/3rds.

For 44; oppose 32; abstentions 4. Requires a 2/3rds vote to pass. Bylaws change fails.

8. New Meeting Format (April 2017)

New meeting format, starting in April. Starting with social time, then from 7 - 8 p.m. will have a community town hall on a specific issue, followed by business meeting at end for those interested. April's meeting will be at Lacamas Lodge in Camas on environmental issues facing Clark County by Joshua Seeds.

9. Resolutions

None.

10. Announcements

10.1 Liz Campbell: Indivisible action in support of ACA, Sunday, 3/19, 1:45 p.m., Coxley office.

10.2 Justin Oberg: Local Party Politics 101 class, Saturday, 3/18, 2 p.m., Camas Public Library.

10.3 Rowan Coash: Chair for committee finding a new venue. A couple of places have fallen through. Still looking for good locations which include an area for kids with A/V. Asking for ideas. Want to be on this committee? Only has two members right now.

10.4 Ed Barnes, Former County Commissioner, Chair of Labor Roundtable: Began working 2-1/2 years ago on a nonpartisan group to build the I-5 bridge. Thank you to LDs. “Make I-5 Great Again” buttons available.

- 10.5 Tanisha Harris: Have until 5/15 to resign as Clark County Dems Vice Chair. Will be stepping down effective 3/31. E-Board is aware and has accepted resignation. E-Board discussing Vice Chair election; time and place TBD. Notation for the record of objection by Cheryl Aichele to Chair's ruling her objection invalid.
- 10.6 Adrian Hayes, Represent.Us: Groups stands for the people, not the corporations. Trivia Night, 3/20, 6:30 p.m., Clark County Genealogical Society. 4/15 is Represent.Us Day – details TBA. Find them on Facebook at "Represent.Us Vancouver."
- 10.7 Amy Golden: Vancouver Climate March, 4/29, 12:30 p.m., Marshall Community Park. Next progressive meetings will be 3/16 and 3/18, 7 p.m., at Clark County Genealogical Society.
- 10.8 Xavier Reynolds: Next LD 20 meeting, 4/1, 10 a.m., Country House, Toledo. Carpooling available.
- 10.9 Terah Pitchford. Advocate for solar industry, which is at risk of dying in WA due to lack of support for legislation. Asking to include solar legislation in conversation with your legislators. House Bill 1048 will be going to a vote on the floor. Ann Rivers said she will support.
- 10.10 Peter Harrison: Has printed up business cards with instructions on how to register to vote online. Wants to translate this into Spanish and Russian and is looking for translation help. Any PCO can print them up and use.
- 10.11 Joe Maldonado: Has put together a listing of all local political and activist groups. Seeking more information on local activist groups in particular.
- 10.12 Don Orange: Joe with X-Ray Radio, progressive show from 9 to noon with Thom Hartmann. Tune into 99.9 or 107.1 FM. Next meeting 4/13 at Brick House.
- 10.13 Mike Pond: Hough St. Patrick's Day Parade with Anne Ogle for City Mayor, 11 a.m. parade, followed by noon lunch at Brick House. Women's History month and chat with Anne, 3/23, Clark County Historical Society, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Four city council seats will be open.
- 10.14 Tanisha Harris: Fort Vancouver Trust gives out a leadership award called the Marshall Award. Ceremony will be on 3/22. Three local Dems have been nominated: Andrew Hill, Mike Pond, and Katie Archer.
- 10.15 Rich Rogers: Clark County Dems is hosting treasurer training. Lots of space available. Talk to Andrew Hill if you want to be involved.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peter Harrison; seconded; approved by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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