

Clark County Democrats Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

1. Call to order

Rich Rogers called to order the regular meeting of the Clark County Democrats Executive Board at 7:00 on April 3, 2017 at the Coxley office. The following board members were present: Rich Rogers, Ginger May, Pete Aller, Marsha Manning, Andrew Hill, Roy Valo, Melissa Valo, Katie Archer Jolma, Hattie Stigum, Liz Campbell, Ian Coker, Jackie Lane, Rob Frisina, Jay Renaud, Jackie Kuran, Gwen White, Mandalynn Harbert, Justin Oberg. Guests: Caressa Milgrove (covering for Angela Wilkinson), Jodi Frisina, Joshua Seeds, Cheryl Aichele, Aryn Oster, Richard McCluskey. Absent members: Ed Cote, Hector Hinojosa, Angela Wilkinson.

2. Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Revision to add 3.4 to agenda - Environmental Caucus resolution.

Revision to add 7.3 to agenda - Standing Rules for Meetings.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Andrew Hill; seconded; approved by acclamation.

3. Reports & Updates

3.1 Chair, Treasurer & State Committee People

- A. Chair (Rich Rogers): Just returned from Washington, DC. Was there on lobbying business. Met with Senator Maria Cantwell and Senator Patty Murray's staff. New from the DNC: Chair Perez asked for staff resignation (not that uncommon); some state parties are experiencing more growing pains than others; new programs being launched to help local parties. Rich sat on a meeting on rural issues. Ninety percent chance Liz Pike and Brandon Vick will not be running again. State party chair Tina Podlodowski will be coming down for a special meeting with the CCD. Senator Cantwell will be the featured guest at our annual fundraising dinner.
- B. State Committeeman (Justin Oberg): Went over the state budget. Went to Spokane for their fundraising dinner.
- C. State Committeewoman (Mandalynn Harbert): No report.

3.2 Legislative District & Organization Chairs

- A. 18th LD (Ian Coker, Chair): New meeting location: Bud Van Cleef Community Room at the Luke Jensen Sports Park. Next meeting will be focused on education.
- B. 17th LD (Hattie Stigum, Chair): New Vice Chair is Kyle Sinnott, who ran unopposed. Working on a schedule for the LD. Eric LaBrant spoke at the last meeting. It went very well with lots of interest and questions. Don Orange unofficially announced his candidacy for Port Commissioner.
- C. 49th LD (Caressa Milgrove, covering for Angela Wilkinson, Chair): Last meeting was social/potluck style with special guest speaker State Senator Bob Hasegawa talking about the proposed state bank. New home for meetings is the ILWU. Committees are working hard and will report at the next meeting. The Tom Foley dinner in Spokane went great.
- D. Young Democrats (Gwen White, Chair): Last month was hectic. Internal issues have been resolved. Strategic planning event went well. Planned Parenthood event went well.
- E. Women Democrats (Katie Archer Jolma, Chair): Partnering with Women's Political Caucus on candidate training for women, most likely to occur mid-July. Training will be for women thinking of running in 2018 or further out and will be focused on analytics, messaging, treasury and PDC reports, presentation (how to look like a candidate), campaign elements (canvassing, outreach, phone banking), etc. Will need volunteers to help put this together. Will have a table at the upcoming 4/20 Town Hall With Or Without Jaime Herrera Beutler at Clark College Library. Terah Pitchford will be covering for her at the upcoming state central committee meeting in Walla Walla.

3.3 Committees

- A. Candidate Development Committee (Jackie Lane, Chair): Spreadsheet of all open offices available. Now have a list of all boards and commissions. Working on inventory of people on our bench. Working on a new document entitled, "Advice To Future Office Holders." E-mail for further information: candidatedevelopment@clarkcountydems.com
- B. Outreach Committee (Jay Renaud, Chair): Now up to 9 members on the committee. Will be formally inviting the outreach chairs of each LD and organization. Drafting a survey to go out to the 4000+ on our e-mail list,

asking if they have an affiliation with any organization or group with Democratic values to see if there is interest in liaising and establishing a relationship and if they'd come to our meeting to talk about what they do. The committee now has a Facebook page, and Roy is setting up a webpage. Seeking additional talents, a creative team, and coordinated suite of all media. Have a need for data entry, secretarial skills, event management, publicity, and other volunteers. There will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

- C. Communications and Technology Committee (Roy Valo, Chair): In the process of delegating various tasks. Met with Ginger May, Secretary, to set up training for MailChimp. Social media training in progress, also adding new administrators. Looking into the viability of creating an Instagram account.
 - D. Election Observer Committee (Liz Campbell, Chair): Special election on 4/25 for the fire district. Liz will do what little observing will be needed for this small election; no observers will be called in. Upcoming class, "Winning Ways To Run For Political Office," put out by the County Elections Office, 5/3, 6:30 – 8:30. Filing week is 5/15-19. Next election observer training, the first part of a two-part process, will be 6/7, 6:00 – 8:30, at the County Elections Office. Another permanent ballot drop box, this one in Ridgefield, now #7, is being put in place.
 - E. Andrew Hill, Member At Large: Update on planned PDC and treasurer training: State has been swamped with requests. Training will be set up as soon as he hears from them.
 - F. Annual Dinner Committee (Jackie Kuran, on behalf of Hector Hinojosa, Chair): The venue, date, caterer, and DJ are set. Theme will be Star Wars. Contacted an auctioneer with experience with fundraising dinners. She'll be calling the auction, in addition to advising us. Auction items will include an original Star Wars poster signed by Carrie Fisher and other cast members. Signature drink: Jedi Blue. Ticket price has been set at \$100. The LDs will fund raise a "pass the hat" fund for those for whom cost is prohibitive, to be administered by each LD chair. Need table captains to help guide the auction. The dinner will be on Saturday, 7/29, at Pearson Air Field.
- 3.4 Introduction of resolution in support of creation of a new Wa Dems Environmental and Climate Caucus. Motion made by Ginger May to forward this resolution on to the body for a vote; seconded by Mandalynn Harbert. Approved unanimously by acclamation.

3.5 Camas/Washougal Port Commission: Joshua Seeds spoke, said he was interested in running. Five people applied. The person who was picked has volunteered with the port for a long time. After hearing him speak, Josh thought he was the better candidate and acknowledged he has a lot of community support. Josh will be volunteering with the port and will soon become a Rotary member.

4. Board Updates

Vice Chair Election: Issues to determine: Who is eligible to vote? Date of election? Jodi Frisina has announced, plus four others are interested but haven't decided. Discussion on bylaws – state versus county.

Motion by Justin Oberg to follow article 8, section B of the state bylaws, which states only elected PCOs and PCOs appointed after re-org are eligible for vote this election, and does not include acting PCOs. Andrew Hill seconded. For 12, oppose 0, abstentions 1.

Motion by Ian Coker to set election date to 4/19; seconded. For 13, oppose 0, abstentions 0.

5. 2017-2018 Budget

Motion by Jackie Kuran for E-Board to approve the budget to go to the body for a vote; seconded by Andrew Hill. For 13; oppose 0; abstain 0.

6. April, May, June General Meetings and the McDonald Visit

6.1 April's general meeting, 4/10, will focus on environmental issues. Location: Lacamas Lodge in Camas. There will be suggested actions given at the end. May monthly meeting: Liz Campbell's neighbor will be speaking about the radicalization of Muslim youth and the attacks on Islam. For June (Pride month), the focus will be on LGBTQ+ issues, with a guest speaker discussing transgender issues and the recent rise in violence against them. Notation made that crimes against transgendered persons went up for first time in 10 years.

6.2 David McDonald from State will be coming to talk to board members about Roberts Rules of Order on Saturday, 4/15, 11-3, at the Labor Hall on Andresen. David will be available for a general Q&A afterwards.

7. Party Operations & Internal Issues

- 7.1 March meeting vote on open membership: All PCOs were allowed to vote. Some are asking that the vote be invalidated.
- 7.2 Proposed new standing rules of order, presented by Ian Coker (see attachment). Roberts Rules of Order says anybody can talk for an unlimited amount of time. Consideration of special rules of order suggested, as attached. Would require a 2/3 vote by the body to pass. Thirty-day notice will be provided. Motion to approve this for a vote by body by Ian Coker; seconded by Andrew Hill.

Motion by Justin Oberg to make amendment to remove “and good of the order” from #3 of proposed special rules of order, so that it reads “announcements may be limited to a finite number at the discretion”; seconded by Rob Frisina. For 7; oppose 6; abstentions 0. Motion passes.

Ian Coker moved to refer this matter to committee; seconded by Katie Archer Jolma. Motion to make Ian the chair of an ad hoc committee; approved by acclamation.

8. Adjournment - 9:10 p.m.

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