



LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 7th, 2025, 6:30 PM

Zoom

General Meeting

6:30 PM

1. Call to order - Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. Welcome and introductory remarks - Chair Watts welcomed all members present and special guest OR House Representative Janelle Bynum. She reported on a Congressional trip that a group took to South America to learn about their finances along with China's influence in that area. Susan Heath reported on the upcoming presentation by the DPO Environmental Caucus next Wednesday, August 12th. Catherine Thomasson, Caucus chair - Rep. Mark Gamba will fill in for Senator Golden.
3. Beginning balance - \$2,867.82. Ending balance - \$3,069.
4. Approval of Minutes -
5. Agenda additions/changes
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Neighborhood Leader - Nancy reported on Zooms every month, once a month. Next Zoom on September 7th. The focus is on developing effective messaging of our values to a variety of audiences to increase engagement and build coalitions.
 - ii. Organization Committee - Mark L. PCP numbers are holding steady.
 - iii. Campaign Committee - Joanna reported that this committee is meeting with all candidates we endorsed to see how we could help more. A resource guide for new candidates is being prepped. Joanna also shared a number of CD and SD facts, noting that Jamie Cate is running for SD 6, which leaves HD 11 with no incumbent. Vote Run Lead is holding a training opportunity for women and gender-fluid folks in Bend, Sept. 27th and 28th.
 - iv. Events Committee - Picnic and Dessert Auction, Sept. 14th @ 4:30 to 8 pm, Santiam Place Events Hall. Registration is open for attendance and contribution of a dessert.
 - v. Communications Committee - Circe thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Linn County Fair and with PRIDE.
 - vi. Platform and Resolutions Committee - No report.
 - vii. Rules Committee - No report.
7. Old Business
 - a. DPO Black Caucus ReOrg - Susan Leonard reported the list of new officers for this caucus: Black Caucus chair Miles Pendleton; vice chair André Miller;

treasurer Bryan Lewis; Delegates: Dr. Rosa Colquitt, Latrishia Tillman, and Terrence Hays. Alternate ShaToyia Bentley

b. DPO Platform Convention Delegation

- i.* August 15th - 17th at Western Oregon University
- ii.* Linn County Democrats have ratified a full delegation of 21 members! Two delegates added were Anna Roller and Elspeth Stewart.

8. New Business

- a.* New DPO Executive Director - Candy Emmons
- b.* Q3 SCC Meeting - August 17th 8:30am - 9:30am
- c.* Chair Watts reported on a letter sent to our US House Rep. and US Senators regarding the starvation in Gaza.

9. Announcements and Events

- a.* Linn County Dems Cookout and Pie Auction - September 14th
 - i.* **RSVP Registration**
 - ii.* **Dessert Auction Registration**
- b.* August 12th at 6:30 pm- DPO Environmental Caucus zoom: Sen. Jeff Golden as the keynote speaker
- c.* Festival Latino, Monteith Park, Albany – September 14, noon-5pm