

Linn County Democrats General Meeting Minutes

Dec. 1, 2022

Hybrid ZOOM and Albany City Library

Attending 26 (12 online, 14 in person)

1. Chair Jerred Taylor called the Meeting to order at 6:30
2. Mark Leonard asked if there was any objection to removing PCP nominations from the agenda if they were not present. There were no objections and they were removed.
3. Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Steve Harbert moved and Mary Cooke seconded that we approve the minutes and agenda without objection. There were no objections. Minutes and Agenda approved
4. Committee Reports
 1. Finance Committee
 1. Treasurer's Report: Jackie Montague reported \$843.61 total credits, \$1,623.47 Total Debits \$4,455.50 Ending balance. Jerred reminded us that most of that will need to be spent on office rent and expenses.
 1. Campaigns Committee: Chair Bobby Schuller was not present there was no report
 1. Communications Committee: Chair Kenny Larson was not present. Graham Kislingbury reported that he had put new pictures up on the website including our latest honk and wave. Chair Jerred Taylor reported that he had been getting lots of compliments from other counties about how good our website is and how often its content is updated.
 1. Events Committee: Chair Keith Kolkow reported that we will be doing some fundraisers and some fun social activities beginning in the new year and asked anyone who wanted to help plan them to sign up on our website for the Events Committee.
 1. Organization Committee: Chair Mark Leonard reported that we have several PCP nominations to vote on later this evening.
 1. Platform and Resolutions Committee: Chair Genny Lynch reported that she will be calling a brief meeting later this month and will be sending around an email to members with a proposed agenda and a poll to pick a date.
 1. Rules Committee: Chair Janet Quinn was not present. Jerred Taylor said that the committee needed to update the rules to reflect our redistricting into CD5 with the small bit of CD4 left in our county.
 1. Office Updates: Chair Paula Connaghan said she can open up the office if anyone wished to use it for a gathering, committee meeting, coffee klatch, or sign making for honk and waves etc. We have it until February.
 2. Neighborhood Leader Program (NLP) Nancy Greenman reported that in the new year we will be focusing on the long session of the state legislature - looking for points of advocacy, plus preparing for the school board elections. Steve Harbert reported that voters contacted by a neighborhood leader in any way raised the voting rate to 73.5 and if in person where a voter said they would vote to 87 percent voting rate.
5. Old Business
 1. PCP Appointments (Precinct Committee Person) Circe Virba moved and Mary Cooke seconded that we Approve all PCP nominations. There were no

objections and they were approved unanimously. Congratulations to our new PCPs.

1. *Michaela Martin, - Precinct 37*
2. *Jonni Hudgens, - Precinct 12*
3. *Carolyn Wagner, - Precinct 18*
4. *Nathan Burroughs, - Precinct 79*
5. *Crystal Overvig, - Precinct 38*
6. *Travis Overvig, - Precinct 38*

1. *PCP Nominations*

1. Nichole Case, - Precinct 11 was nominated for PCP

6. New Business

1. Election debrief discussion, and appreciation. Chair Jerred Taylor thanked all the candidates, those who won and those who ran in difficult districts to give Democrats and others a good choice to vote for. Jerred suggested that everyone sign up for Lori Chavez-DeRemer's and other new winners' office email newsletters to hear what they are saying and to sign up for town halls. We will need to lobby Chavez-DeRemer and advocate for our principles in a way we never had to with DeFazio.
2. Reorganization Discussion: Our next meeting Thurs Jan. 4th will be our reorganization meeting (electing new officers) It will be in-person only. You must be present and credentialed as an elected or appointed Precinct Committee Person to vote. No proxy voting will be allowed. Nominations can be made including self-nominations on line at our website or from the floor the night of the reorg. The positions of Chair, Vice Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ambassador can only be voted on by elected PCPs, according to state statute. The three SCC (State Central Committee) Delegates, three SCC Alternate Delegates, Three CD (Congressional District)5 Delegates, Three CD5 Alternate Delegates, two CD4 Delegates and two CD4 Alternate Delegates can be voted on by all PCPs both elected and appointed. The CD 4 and 5 candidates must live in the district they are running for. These state positions must be gender balanced by DPO (Democratic Party of Oregon) rules. Nominations can be made at reorg@linncodems.org or live from the floor. Three minutes will be allowed each candidate and their nominator in total to speak. Voting will be by secret ballot. Winners will take their positions immediately.

7. Announcements and Events

1. HCAO Update - Rick Staggenborg reported that Dec. 12th is Universal Healthcare Day. If you wish to demonstrate, come to 3rd and Ellsworth in Albany one block away from the Courthouse at noon or if you wish to make signs Paula Connaghan will have our office open at 10:30.
1. Democratic Party of Oregon State Central Committee Meeting
 1. December 3rd and 4th in Portland
 1. DPO.org/SCC
 1. Democrat 101 - Monday, January 2nd. ZOOM meeting Learn about Preparation for reorganization, the Democratic Party Structure (local, state, national) and how to get involved in the State Party.
1. Reorganization Meeting - Thursday, January 5th

8. Good of the Order: Chris Smith Go Fund Me page. Help Chris Smith recover from his apartment fire and subsequent robbery of the temporary storage facility the rental company supplied.

Drinking Liberally will be at Taqueria Alonzo in Two Rivers Market in Albany at 5:30 the 3rd Wed. of the month. Mary Cooke is co-hosting with Dan DeCarbonel. Jerred reported that it was just announced that Charles Maughn has won the Corvallis city mayoral race. Congratulations to Charles Maugn.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56. Have a great holiday season everyone. Minutes submitted by Genny Lynch.