

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 Meeting Date: February 12, 2018

4 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray, Laura Geary
5 Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew Leonard, Sarah Stutler, Joe Stutler,
6 Catherine Crist

7 GUESTS: Karen Black, Sunny Story, Michael Robinson

8 I. CALL TO ORDER :

- 9 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Linn
10 County Democratic Central Committee was held on February
11 12, 2018, at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in
12 Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at
13 6:33 PM, and Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was
14 present. A quorum was present.

15 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

16 a. Finance

- 17 i. Financial Secretary Sarah Stutler announced that an early
18 estimate of the proceeds from Mardi Gras was \$1,484.
19 ii. A discussion about the relative merits of using Act Blue
20 and PayPal occurred with respect to which system could
21 deliver more comprehensive reports of fundraising.

22 b. Technology

- 23 i. The renewal of the website domain has been secured.

24 c. Hospitality

- 25 i. Mr. Stutler announced there will be a variety of soups
26 available at the next Central Committee meeting.

27 d. Candidate Recruitment

- 28 i. Christopher Andrews is the candidate for Iowa
29 Statehouse from House District 95.

- 30 III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR
- 31 a. No report. There will be a request for interested person to fill
- 32 this position at the County Convention.
- 33 IV. DISABILITY CHAIR
- 34 a. Ms. Crist reported that the next meeting of the Disability
- 35 Caucus will be at the Mount Mercy University Graduate Center
- 36 in Room 263 at 6 PM on 2/20/2018.
- 37 V. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 38 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail (New Roster)
- 39 i. First Vice Chair Valerie Smith reported on entering data
- 40 from the 2018 Caucuses into the VAN.
- 41 ii. Valerie Smith reported on getting into VAN
- 42 iii. Co-Secretary Laura Geary Bell discussed sign-in
- 43 procedures for meetings and sending letters to new
- 44 members and members who may have been absent from
- 45 meetings.
- 46 b. January meeting minutes
- 47 c. Draft Minutes of January 8, 2018, Executive Board Meeting
- 48 were approved as distributed.
- 49 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 50 a. Treasurer Andrew Leonard reported that an estimated \$2700
- 51 was raised at the 2018 Caucuses.
- 52 b. A motion to roll over funds from an existing low-yield Certificate
- 53 of Deposit into the Linn County Democrats checking account
- 54 upon maturity of the CD was moved,
- 55 c. Total in checking is \$21,760.67.
- 56 d. Membership fundraising levels were discussed.
- 57 VII. FEBRUARY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
- 58 a. Guest Speaker

59 i. February's Central Committee meeting will consist of new
60 member orientation and regular business. There will not
61 be a guest speaker.

62 b. Sunny Story spoke about ways to get people more involved and
63 provide activist education.

64 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

65 a. No old business was brought up.

66 IX. NEW BUSINESS

67 a. Linn County Democrats participation in the St. Patrick's Day
68 parade was discussed.

69 b. St. Patrick's Day Parade

70 c. County Convention Planning

71 i. Temporary County Convention Committee Chairs Mike
72 Robinson, Karen Black, and Catherine Crist reported on
73 progress for the following Convention Committees:

74 1. Arrangements (Karen Black)

75 2. Rules (Catherine Crist)

76 3. Platform (Mike Robinson)

77 X. ADJOURNMENT

78 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.