

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: March 12, 2018

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

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7 ACTION TAKEN AT THE MARCH 12, 2018, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

- 8 1) The February 12, 2018, Draft Minutes of the Executive Board of Linn
9 County Democratic Central Committee were approved as distributed.
10 2) A motion to authorize an expenditure of up to \$125 for AdCraft to
11 develop a design template for the Convention book carried on a voice
12 vote.
13 3) A motion to Alternate Delegates to view the County Convention
14 Proceedings from a designated Alternate Room carried on a voice voter
15 4) A motion to refer a recommendation that the personal information on the
16 public roster of the Linn County Democratic Central Committee be
17 limited to full name and precinct carried on a voice vote

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19 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 20 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Linn County
21 Democratic Central Committee was held on February 12, 1018, at the
22 Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret
23 Nilles called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, and Michael McGree,
24 Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum was present.

25 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

26 a. Finance Committee

- 27 i. The clickable buttons on the Linn County Democrats website
28 need to be updated to reflect new club membership levels.

29 b. Technology

- 30 i. Discussion of options for future oversight of website design and
31 operations were discussed.

- 32 1. The Board considered whether a Technology Committee
33 should be formed for this purpose. Discussion is ongoing.

34 III. HOSPITALITY

- 35 i. Joe Stutler reported on the menu for the next Central
36 Committee meeting.

37 b. Candidate Recruitment

- 38 i. Brett Niles announced that Linn County has a full slate of
39 Democratic candidates running for office in the 2018 elections.
40 ii. The next candidate recruitment priority will be looking ahead to
41 the 2020 elections.

42 c. Labor

- 43 i. No report

44 d. Vets Caucus

- 45 i. The formation of a Linn County Veterans Caucus was
46 discussed. There is interest in organizing a caucus.

47 IV. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR

- 48 a. The vacancy in the office of Affirmative Action Chair was discussed.
49 b. There will be an election for this office at the County Convention.
50 Possible candidates were discussed.

51 V. DISABILITY CHAIR

- 52 a. Catherine Crist reported on efforts to ensure accessibility for all at the
53 upcoming Conventions.
54 i. The 1st District Convention will follow Linn County's example
55 and offer CART.
56 ii. DNC bylaws have become more inclusive to all Members.
57 iii. Linn County is leading Iowa in accessibility initiative to foster a
58 more inclusive environment at county Party events.

59 VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 60 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail (New Roster)

- 61 i. Laura Geary Bell reported on a mistake that occurred during
62 the February Central Committee Meeting.
- 63 1. Niel Blair was elected in CR17 was mistakenly elected in
64 a precinct with no vacancies (CR17).
- 65 2. After discussion and request for an opinion for disposition
66 of this matter from the Temporary Chair of Linn County
67 Democrats Rules Committee Catherine Crist, the election
68 was determine to be void due to inaccurate vacancy
69 information.
- 70 b. February meeting minutes
- 71 i. The February 12, 2016, Draft Minute were approved as
72 amended.
- 73 c. Jan Clark resigned from the Central Committee.
- 74 VII. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 75 a. Andrew Leonard reported on funding allocation for recent Party
76 events as well as revenue.
- 77 b. Cash on hand: \$26,500
- 78 VIII. MARCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
- 79 a. Guest Speaker
- 80 1. A representative of newly formed Labor Caucus will likely
81 speak at the next Central Committee meeting.
- 82 b. Other agenda items
- 83 i. Other agenda items including a review of County Convention
84 and a preview of 1st District Convention were discussed.
- 85 IX. OLD BUSINESS
- 86 a. County Convention Planning
- 87 i. County Convention Planning Committee activity was discussed
88 and reviewed.
- 89 ii. The following motions carried on a voice vote:
- 90 1. Authorization of an expenditure of up to \$125 for AdCraft
91 to develop a design template for the Convention book.

92 2. Authorize Alternate Delegates to view the County
93 Convention Proceedings from a designated Alternate
94 Room.

95 X. NEW BUSINESS

96 a. Linn County Democrats Campaign Office

97 i. Possible locations for the Linn County Democrats Campaign
98 office location was discussed

99 1. Linn County Democrats will have a float in the Saint
100 Patrick's Day Parade.

101 b. The Board discussed how much personal information should be
102 included on the Linn County Democrats roster that is available on the
103 website

104 i. A motion was moved and seconded to refer a recommendation
105 that the personal information on the public roster of the Linn
106 County Democratic Central Committee be limited to full name
107 and precinct

108 XI. ADJOURNMENT

109 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.