

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: July 08, 2018
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5 Members present: Brett Niles, Valerie Smith (via telephone),
6 Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew Leonard, Joe
7 Stutler

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9 Guests: Karen Black, Bob Eckles
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11 I. CALL TO ORDER

12 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of
13 the Linn County Democratic Central Committee was
14 held on July 8, 2018, at the Kirkwood Linn County
15 Regional Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles
16 called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM, and Michael
17 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
18 quorum was present.

19 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

20 a. Finance Committee

21 i. No report was given.

22 ii. Linn County Democrats is still looking to fill the
23 vacancy for the Finance Chair.

24 b. Technology Committee

25 i. Bob Eckles has volunteered to begin to redesign
26 the website.

27 c. Hospitality Committee: Committee Chair Joe Stutler

28 i. Next regular meeting of Linn County Democratic
29 Central Committee will be held in Guthrie Park in
30 Hiawatha. Hospitality will provide grilled food
31 typical of a summer gathering (burgers, potato
32 salad, etc.).

33 d. Candidate Recruitment

34 i. Candidate recruitment efforts will now focus on
35 elections beyond November.

36 1. Currently, there is a full slate of candidates
37 for the upcoming November election.

38 III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR: COMMITTEE CHAIR LINDSEY
39 ELLICKSON

40 a. Mrs. Ellickson is planning to start a local county
41 Progressive Caucus to attract a younger and more
42 diverse demographic to the local Party.

43 b. A focus of the Affirmative Action Committee continues
44 to be recruitment of representatives of demographics
45 traditionally underrepresented in Democratic Party
46 politics.

47 IV. Chair Reports

48 a. Disability Caucus

49 i. No report

- 50 b. Labor
- 51 i. No report
- 52 c. Veterans
- 53 i. No report
- 54 d. Stonewall
- 55 i. No report; Stonewall Caucus will be electing a
- 56 new Chair at their next meeting.
- 57 V. SECRETARY'S REPORT CO-SECRETARIES LAURA GEARY
- 58 BELL AND MICHAEL MCGREE
- 59 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail
- 60 i. There was discussion on how best to increase
- 61 recruitment and retain members whose
- 62 attendance may have lapsed.
- 63 b. June meeting minutes
- 64 i. The June 13, 2018, Draft Minutes of the
- 65 Executive Board of the Linn County Democratic
- 66 Central Committee were approved as amended
- 67 on a voice vote.
- 68 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: TREASURER ANDREW LEONARD
- 69 a. Expenses pertaining to the Marion office have been
- 70 finalized.
- 71 b. Cash on hand: \$27,810.51 as of 7/8/18, before office
- 72 expenses.
- 73 VII. July Central Committee Meeting Agenda
- 74 a. Guthrie Park – Social & Guest Speaker

75 i. Discussions were held about obtaining a possible
76 guest speaker for the July Central Committee
77 Meeting.

78 b. Officer Elections for vacancies on the Executive
79 Board will be held at the next Central Committee
80 Meeting. Vacancies are for Finance Chair and 2nd
81 Vice Chair.

82 i. Possible candidates for these positions were
83 discussed.

84 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

85 a. Campaign Office staffing needs and material needs
86 were discussed.

87 IX. NEW BUSINESS

88 a. 1st District State Central Committee Election

89 i. The Executive Board discussed candidates,
90 Election procedure, and shared other insights
91 regarding the upcoming 1st District State Central
92 Committee election.

93 b. 1st District July Meeting & Officer Elections

94 i. The Executive Board discussed the upcoming 1st
95 District July Meeting and the importance of
96 Officer Elections as a District looks to be more
97 active in Party affairs going forward.

98 X. ADJOURNMENT

99 a. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.