

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: September 10, 2018
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5 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Niles, Valerie Smith, Karen
6 Black, Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree

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8 ALSO PRESENT: Lindsey Ellickson, Bob Eckles, Joe Stutler
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10 I. Call to Order

11 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive
12 Board of the Linn County Democratic Central
13 Committee was held on September 10, 2018, at
14 the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in
15 Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the
16 meeting to order at 6:37 PM, and Michael
17 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
18 quorum was present.

19 II. Standing Committees

20 a. Finance

21 i. A proposed motion to donate \$1,000
22 Supervisor Stacey Walker's re-election
23 campaign will be forwarded to the Central
24 Committee for consideration at the next
25 meeting.

26 b. Technology

27 i. Bob Eckles reported that he is working with

28 c. Hospitality

29 i. Joe Stutler reported that he is brainstorming
30 seasonal menu ideas for the menu for the
31 next Central Committee meeting.

32 d. Candidate Recruitment

33 i. Candidate recruitment was discussed. One
34 possible focus at this point is to get local
35 Democrats onto government councils and
36 commissions.

37 III. Affirmative Action Chair

38 a. Lindsey Ellickson reported on preparations for
39 representation at the upcoming Latino Fest.

40 IV. Chair Reports

41 a. Disability Caucus

42 i. No report

43 b. Labor Caucus

44 i. Labor Caucus will be changing their monthly
45 meeting site to the Carpenters Union Hall.

46 c. Veterans Caucus

47 i. No report; Veterans Caucus intend to be
48 more active after the November election.

49 d. Stonewall Caucus

50 i. Stonewall Caucus has changed their
51 meeting location to Chrome Horse Saloon in
52 downtown Cedar Rapids.

53 ii. Chrome House

54 e. Progressive Caucus

55 i. Progressive Caucus provided updates on
56 their activities.

57 V. Secretary's Report

58 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail

59 i. No changes

60 b. August meeting minutes

61 i. The August Draft Minutes of the Linn County
62 Executive Board were approved as
63 amended.

64 VI. Treasurer's Report

65 a. Outstanding needs and current supplies for the
66 SW Cedar Rapids campaign office was
67 discussed

68 b. A motion to contribute \$500 to the campaign of
69 Supervisor Stacey Walker was move, seconded
70 and carried on a voice vote/

71 c. MOTION: Contribute \$500 to campaign of Stacey
72 Walker

73 VII. September Central Committee Meeting Agenda

74 a. Guest Speaker

75 i. Activities such as letter stuffing or other
76 campaign work may be on the agenda in lieu
77 of a guest speaker.

78 b. Election of Treasurer and Finance Chair

79 i. These two positions are vacant.

80 ii. Elections to fill these vacancies are
81 tentatively scheduled for the next Central
82 Committee meeting.

83 VIII. Old Business

84 a. SW Cedar Rapids Office

85 i. This office is now operational with canvass
86 launches and other activities occurring on a
87 regular basis.

88 b. Volunteer Recruitment

89 i. Volunteer recruitment is going well as
90 November elections approach.

91 c. Donation to Candidates

92 i. Donations to Democratic candidates
93 previously approved have been distributed
94 via check.

95 IX. New Business

96 a. Idea for an Election Night watch party is Butcher
97 Block in Cedar Rapids.

98 b. County Supervisor Race & Donations were
99 discussed.

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c. Laura Geary Bell suggested that businesses friendly to Linn County Democrats be asked to place candidate yard signs on their property.

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X. Adjournment

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a. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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