

Linn County Democratic Central Committee Executive Board

June 13, 2016

1. Mtg called to Order by Chair Nilles at 6:30 pm at KTOS, Armar Dr. Marion.

2. Attendance: Present: Ch. Nilles, 1VC Robinson, 2VC Sterzenbach, and Financial Ch. Story. Absent: Tres. Peterson and Sect. Spink. No ex officio members present. Guest: Catherine Crist

3. Standing Committees: Ch. Nilles to meet with or telephone Stndg Cmte Chairs of Tech, Outreach, Hospitality and Affirmative Action Cmtes.

Fin. Cmte. Ch. Story discussed ideas for possible fund-raising activities.

A. Future Pancake Dinner in September: TBA, Details to follow.

B. Motion by Robinson; second by Sterzenbach [Motion/ Second/Approval (M/S/A)]: For Linn County Democrats to spend \$200.00 for the National Delegates to purchase items at the Nat'l Convention for the purpose of having future silent auction items.

4. Secretary's Report: Ch. Nilles reported thst Sect. Spink is cleaning up the roster of Precinct Committee Persons who were elected at the Caucuses, but who are yet to participate in the Central Committee.

5. Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written and submitted to the Chair w/o discussion. The time and date of the audit is being arranged based the availability of the volunteer auditors.

6. June Central Committee meeting 6/22/2016 Agenda items:

A. Guest Speaker: Pat Rynard of IowaStartingLine.com has been rescheduled for the June mtg.

B. Election of 22 members to 1st District Central Park Committee. Nominees are encouraged to

participate only if they have the time to commit to 4 to 6 meetings per year because Linn County attendance has been chronically low in recent years.

C. Campaign office spaces update: Marion ofc. at 131 Marion Blvd. is operational; details on Cedar Rapids ofc. are being finalized.

## 7. Old Business

A. Parade float is been revamped; expected to be operational by Freedom Fest Parade, July 2.

B. Sect. Spink to contact the communities so as to create a list of contact persons for registration in the parade in that site's parade.

C. The rent for Hiawatha Community Center was renewed for another year.

D. 1VC Robinson to contact Linn Co Fair Board for purchase of a booth for the duration or a portion of the Fair. Robinson given permission to spend up to \$200 for space rental.

E. CR Pride was successful in terms of outreach and contacts made.

F. Ch. Nilles reported that the booth at Asian Fest 6/11/16 went well, and several new contracts made.

G. Ch. Nilles reported that several marchers participated in the Robins Roundup 6/11/16.

## 8. New Business

A. Linn Dems to rent a storage space for equipment when not in use. Catherine Crist volunteered check on rates.

B. Catherine Crist gave a detailed report from the State Convention Committees for delegates going to the convention.

i. Accessibility will be greatly improved in the following areas: a14-point font Convention Call Book is available online and in print at the Convention; there is now a telephone hotline call with concerns regarding access to the Convention; there will be wheelchairs available on-site; the Convention floor will have integrated (not segregated) wheelchair seating; there are maps available on the IDP website for disability parking lots and entrances into the Hall; a shuttle to and from the parking facility will be available for those who need the service; Credentials Committee is allowing for place-holders in the registration line for persons who cannot stand for long periods; the backside of the voting paddles will have messages to request assistance; the Alternates' waiting area will be furnished

with bleacher and chair seating options; video screens and signers will be available all day; and voting will be done by electronic voting devices and training for these devices will be available on Friday, June 17 and on Convention Day.

ii. Special Accommodations Forms are in the Convention Call Book and can be submitted at the Credentials Committee tables or to Mrs. Crist.

C. Catherine Crist suggested the Linn County Democrats issue a condolence statement to the victims and families of the Orlando, FL (Pulse Night Club) mass shootings that occurred on 6/12/2016. The motion carried without objection.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T Robinson, First Vice Chair for Secretary Spink