

## LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT KIRKWOOD TRAINING AND OUTREACH, ARMAR DR. MARION**

### ***MINUTES***

Attendance: Chairman Bret Nilles, First Vice-Chair Mike Robinson, Second Vice-Chair Norm Sterzenbach, Financial Chair Sunny Story, Chairperson of the Persons with Disabilities Caucus Catherine Crist and Affirmative Action Committee Chairperson Joy Mincey Powell were all present. Guest in Attendance: Mr. Jason Brown, Member of the Central Committee. Secretary Angie Spink and Treasurer Diane Peterson had excused absences.

Call to order: Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm due to Chairman Nilles being delayed at another event, where he was representing the LCDCC in an official capacity. Chairman Nilles arrived at the meeting at 7:45 pm, and he was passed the gavel for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Standing Committees:

- Chairperson Mincey Powell spoke for the Affirmative Action Committee regarding her recent activities
  - She attended and reported on the Diversity Workshop in Des Moines 9/10/16
  - All the constituency caucuses were combined into a single meeting at Workshop
  - It was decided that the Workshop and Convention would be held on opposite years
  - Diversity Caucus will be utilizing more conference calls and other technologies vs. requiring physical attendance at meetings
  - Voters with Disabilities Day of Action was 9/12/16 w/ focus on Early Voting / ABR
  - She and others staffed a voter registration booth at Festival Latino de Cedar Rapids on Sunday 9/18/16. Chairperson Mincey Powell reached out to leaders of the local Latino community.
- Chairperson Crist spoke on behalf of the Linn Co. Democratic Caucus for Persons with Disabilities
  - Technologies to be utilized to allow more access to meetings. Video recordings of meetings to be displayed on You Tube. High-speed stenography (called "CART") will be available to persons who stream meetings.
  - The IDP is taking the national lead in providing access to meetings via the measures stated as a direct result of Mrs. Crist's leadership in this area.
  - Fund raising items: Lapel buttons to be produced / sold will feature the various constituency caucuses by name.
  - The National Disability Council (of the Democratic National Committee) will have a GOTV canvas and phone bank on 9/21/16.
  - Polk, Johnson and Linn Counties will be offering rides to the polls on Election Day and to the County Auditor's office for early voting prior to the election.
  - Former US Congressman and author Patrick Kennedy will be at the Cedar Rapids Public Library on Wed 9/21/16 for a discussion pertaining to Mental Health.

- Wed 9/28/16 Disability Caucus to meet before the LCDCC regular monthly meeting and features local candidates for public office.
2. Secretary's Report: None (Secretary Spink was absent)
  3. Treasurer's Report: None (Treasurer Peterson was absent)
  4. LCDCC Meeting Agenda items for 9/28/16
    - Possible special guest speaker for the evening: Former Lt. Governor Patty Judge
    - The LCDCC to begin encouraging voting early.
    - One activity at the meeting may be to sign a commitment calendar for the day one intends to vote early.
    - Early voting for the General Election commences at the start of business on 9/29/16. We would like to take a team of Early Voters to the auditor's office that morning.
  5. Old Business:
    - A motion was made to spend \$500.00 on an updated laptop computer: M/S/C.
    - Sunny Story discussed her thoughts on a Pancake Breakfast. Details to be presented at meeting
  6. New Business:
    - Swamp Fox Parade will be 9/24/16 at 9:30 in Marion. LCDCC has Numbers 21 and 22
    - The final parade of the 2016 cycle will be the Pumpkin Festival in Mount Vernon
    - Parade Float storage will be needed because the Williams barn is not going to be available any longer. A storage space for the float is roughly 20 ft X 25 ft X 15 ft height.
    - A motion and a second were made to dissolve the Outreach Committee. After a discussion period, the motion carried unanimously. M/S/C.
    - Coordinated Campaign events: sponsoring debate watches.
    - Open Discussion: Filling LCDCC vacancies in the constituency caucuses as assigned by the State Central Committee. Volunteers are needed.

Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. Robinson,

First Vice-Chair

Linn County Democratic Central Committee