

Linn County Democrats Central Committee Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016, 6:00-6:45PM
Hiawatha Community Center

E-Board Attendance:

Bret Nilles (Chair)

Mike Robinson (Vice Chair)

Norm Sterzenbach (2nd Vice Chair)

Roy Porterfield (Parliamentarian)

Diane Peterson (Treasurer)

Angie Spink (Secretary -excused absence)

Sarah Hinds (Temporary Secretary)

Sunny Story (absent)

Called to order: 6:02 by the Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. **Introduction of guests** by Catherine Crist (Disability Caucus Chair) guests from Systems Unlimited.
 - A. Catherine visited last month and some Systems members showed an interest in our committee and the political process.
 - B. Megan Rodriguez (Director Day Program Systems Unlimited) introduced the visiting members from Systems and described the mission of the organization; provide residential program, employment services, and counseling for Persons with Disabilities.
- II. **Announcements**
 - A. Forums tonight at 7PM, reason for earlier and shorter meeting time.
 - i. Monica Vernon and Rod Blum --Coe College Sinclair Aud.
 - ii. Todd Taylor at Taylor school, also 7PM
 - B. Campaign Announcements
 - i. Hillary Clinton at New Bo Market this Friday, Oct. 29
11:15A to get in for Security, 1:15P program start
 - ii. Keith Ellison at Harambee House at 3:45P, Friday, Oct. 29
 - C. Call for Volunteers from the Coordinated Campaign: Nov. 5th/6th people coming out of town to door knock in C.R. area. Needing drivers and volunteers to drive those volunteers around town for their shifts.
 - D. Update from Stonewall (Harvey Ross): Are possibly looking for new meeting

location if NewBo Ale House not available.

E. No secretary Report. Angie still out sick. No Minutes posted since last meeting.

III. Membership Updates

A. Call for resignations? None.

B. Call for nominations for open positions? None.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Diane Peterson)

A. Members received before the meeting via e-mail.

B. Bottom Line: By end of the year will have between \$3K and \$4K (right on track). We voted earlier this year to let the E-Board vote and make decisions on any extra windfall donations we received. They did from the below:
Art Staed and Chuck Eisenhart donated to turn the county blue.

C. Motion to pass Treasurer's Report: M,S,P Unopposed.

D. Call to Pass the Hat (\$104 collected).

V. New Business:

A. Report of how many early votes turned in.

B. Joy Mincey Powell (Affirmative Action Chair): She was not able to attend last meeting (due to family bereavement). There's been discussion to start a caucus group for each minority group in our county (per the Dem party established constituency caucuses) but at last meeting was discussion to lean towards communication between local minority groups to work together versus starting separate groups. These caucus groups already exist in the state. The idea is to get them to expand beyond activity in Polk County.

C. No monthly meeting in November. First Wednesday in December (7th) is combined meeting.

D. Stacey Walker introduced. No campaign updates. Gave thanks. Asked all volunteers in his campaign to be mindful of other candidates who need help. Announcement: noticed in precincts in SE side (tend to have larger African American populations) not seeing numbers would like voting. Saturday (Oct. 29) at African American Museum there is a BBQ with free food and music to register people to vote. Nonpartisan. Will have buses to take to early voting location (Wilson Ave. HyVee). NOTE!!!!: After this Sat. need a government issued ID and piece of mail to register to

vote (gets harder after this Saturday). Event 11AM-1:30PM -but most Hy-Vee's open from 9AM-3PM as early voting locations.

E. Disability Caucus Announcements

- i. Nov. 2 "Day of Action" Systems Unlimited and caucus canvassing for Coordinated Campaign 12PM-2:00PM.
- ii. Sat. Oct 29th-Sat. Nov.5th Disability Caucus for Linn Co. "Week of Action" with Coordinated Campaign
- iii. Mike McGree wrote resolution from Disability Caucus' meeting tonight with input from Systems Unlimited. Catherine Crist: Motion to pass this resolution at the end of tonight's LCDCC meeting. The resolution was read to the full body. Will be posted on their FB page and forth-coming website. Second, call for discussion? Comment: Good idea. No other discussion. Passed.

F. Art Staed event at his house 5:30-7PM, bring foods for the pantry. **What date?**

Call for other business.

Motion to Adjourn ,S,P (6:25PM)

Important Notes:

- Holly Brown and Lyndsey Ellickson are not on the Distro List for LCDCC.
- Don't be shy in terms of volunteering GOTV.