

1 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

2 Minutes of the Biennial Meeting

3 March 22, 2017 – 7:00 pm

4 Hiawatha Community Center

5 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, IA

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7 Officers Present: Bret Nilles, Mike Robinson, Norm Sterzenbach, Diane Peterson, Sunny  
8 Story

9 1. CALL TO ORDER OF 2017 BIENNIAL MEETING

10 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central  
11 Committee was held on March 22, 2017, at the Hiawatha Community Center  
12 in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM,  
13 and Michael McGree recorded the Minutes. Chair Niles declared a quorum  
14 present. The Chair reported that the present meeting would serve as the  
15 Biennial Meeting during which new officers are elected.

16 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

17 a. Chair Nilles led the Body in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

19 a. Chair Nilles recognized several elected officials who were present at the  
20 meeting. He also welcomed guests to the meeting and recognized those who  
21 were attending for the first time.

22 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

23 a. Acting Secretary Michael McGree noted that the Draft Minutes had been  
24 posted to the Linn County Democrats Website and had been distribute to  
25 the Body by means of electronic mail. Mr. McGree asked if there were any  
26 amendments and none were offered. A motion to approve the Draft  
27 Minutes of the February 22 2017 Draft Minutes was moved, seconded, and  
28 carried on a voice vote

29 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

30 a. Treasurer Diane Peterson presented the February 2017 Treasurer's Report.  
31 A highlight of the report was that Linn County Democrats received \$1,000  
32 in donations from the 2017 Odd-Year Caucus attendees. Ms. Peterson  
33 entertained a motion to approve the February 2017 Treasurer's Report as  
34 distributed. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

35 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

36 a. Committeeperson Roy Porterfield was elected Parliamentarian for the  
37 conduct of the election. Mr. Porterfield distributed written rules of the  
38 election and requested a motion to ratify the rules as distributed. A motion  
39 to ratify the rules of the March 2017 election of officers for Linn County  
40 Democratic Central Committee was moved, seconded, and passed on a voice  
41 vote. The method of voting for officers was prescribed as written ballot.

42 b. Committeeperson Harvey Ross was named Chairperson of the Tellers for  
43 the duration of the election. Committeepersons Neil Anderson and  
44 Catherine Crist were named as Tellers.

45 c. Parliamentarian Porterfield announced the nominees and entertained  
46 further nominations from the floor for each elective office. Nominations for  
47 each office were closed when it was determined there were no further  
48 nominations for that offices. The nominees for each office upon close of  
49 nominations were as follows.

50 1. Chair

51 1. Bret Nilles and Sunny Story

52 2. Vice-Chairperson

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54 3. Second Vice-Chairperson

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1. Laura Bell and Michael McGree (Co-Secretaries)
  2. Report as amended accepted
  5. Treasurer
    1. Diane Peterson
  6. Financial Secretary
    1. Lindsey Elickson
    2. Sarah Stutler
  - d. Candidates for Office were given time to address the Assembly in accordance with the rules of election.
  - e. Throughout the remainder of the meeting, Chairman Ross reported the results of the election as follows.
    1. Bret Niles was elected Chairperson.
    2. Valerie Smith was elected Vice-Chairperson
    3. Sam Gray was elected Second Vice-Chairperson
    4. Laura Bell and Michael McGree were elected Co-Secretaries.
    5. Diane Peterson was elected Treasurer
    6. Sarah Stutler was elected Financial Secretary
7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2017 CAUCUS NEW PRECINCT REPRESENTATIVES
- a. The following individuals were nominated and elected as new Precinct Committeepersons:
    1. Mary Campbell (TBer)
    2. Jan Clark (CR29)
    3. Michelle Howe (Mr12)
    4. Ryan Knapp (CR17)
    5. Tina Lenton (CR42)
    6. Andrew Leonard (CR32)
    7. John Rothman (CR18)
  - b. The election of Alternate Precinct Representatives was tabled until the April meeting.

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- c. The following individuals were elected Associate Committeepersons:
  - 1. Erien Owen (CR10); Julie Shaw (CR18); Tom Fuller (CR19); Matthew Siegel (CR34); Kelly McMahon (CR41); Bobbie Janssen (Mr06); Kathleen Tupker (Mr07); Bev Philpot (MR07); Evangeline Ramsey (Mr12); Kimberly McDaniel (Mr13); Sandy Mostaert (TPut); Jennifer Cress-Slife (TMon1)

- d. The resignations of Melissa Trumpold (CR29) and Dillan Driscoll (CR32) were accepted

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, DISABILITY CAUCUS & STONEWALL)

- a. Affirmative Action Committee Chair Joy Mincey-Powell spoke briefly about the purpose of the 2017 Odd year Caucus as it related to increasing diversity. She noted more outreach is needed in this regard. Ms. Mincey-Powell invited anyone with idea regarding increasing diversity or with an interest in the Affirmative Action Committee to attend the monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 PM at the new Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha.
- b. Iowa and Linn County Disability Caucus Chair reported on several upcoming events, including the Iowa First District Democrats meeting scheduled for 4/8/2016 in Waterloo and the Iowa Democratic State Central Committee meeting on 5/20.2016. She reported on continuing accessibility initiatives that leverage technology to foster a more inclusive environment for all individuals.
- c. Harvey Ross reminded the Assembly that Linn County Stonewall Caucus meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 PM at the Mt. Vernon Road Hy-Vee Market Grille in Cedar Rapids.

112 9. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

113 a. 2017 Odd Year Caucus Review

114 1. The success of the 2017 Odd Year Caucus was discussed. Chair Bret  
115 Nilles noted the enthusiasm demonstrated by the attendance at the  
116 Caucus locations.

117 b. Several other members discussed upcoming events.

118 c. Helane Golden requested a motion that Linn County Democrats support the  
119 Hawkeye Area Labor Council. The motion moved, seconded, and passed on  
120 a voice vote. The blood drive will be held Saturday June 3 from 8 AM-1 PM  
121 at the IBEW Hall located at 1211 Wiley Blvd. SW in Cedar Rapids.  
122 Information on how to sign up can be found on Linn County Democrats  
123 website.

124 1. Ms. Golden also reported on the Special Olympics Spring Games to be  
125 held April 1 at 9:00 AM at Coe College Track.

126 10. OLD BUSINESS

127 a. Treasurer Diane Peterson reported that Pass the Hat fundraising activity  
128 yielded \$310.85 in donations.

129 b. It was decided that the election of Alternate Committeeperson will be held  
130 at the April meeting.

131 c. The election of Representative to the Iowa First District Democratic Central  
132 Committee will be held at the April meeting.

133 11. ADJOURNMENT

134 a. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.