

1 Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democrats Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: September 11, 2017
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5 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith Sam Grey, Laura Geary Bell, Michael
6 McGree, Diane Peterson, Catherine Crist, Harvey Ross
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8 GUESTS: Myrt Bowers
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10 Action taken at the September 11, 2017, Executive Board Meeting:

- 11 1. A motion to raise the limit to \$100 for monthly Central Committee food expenses
12 was moved, seconded, and passed on a voice vote.
- 13 2. The August 14, 2017, Draft Minutes of the Executive Board of Linn County
14 Democratic Central Committee were approved as amended.
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16 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 17 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Linn County
18 Democratic Central Committee was held on September 11, 2017, at the
19 Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret
20 Nilles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and Michael McGree,
21 Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum was present.

22 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

23 a. Finance Committee

- 24 i. The Dem Good Wine Tasting was a successful event, raising over
25 \$1,000 for Linn County Democrats.
- 26 ii. Preparations for the Hall of Fame dinner continue.

27 b. Technology Committee

- 28 i. Updates on the Linn County Democrats website development were
29 reported. Website redevelopment is in the preliminary planning
30 stage.

31 c. Hospitality Committee

- 32 i. The monetary allotment for food at monthly Central Committee
33 meetings was discussed
34 ii. A motion to raise the limit to \$100 for monthly Central Committee
35 food expenses was moved, seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

36 d. Candidate Recruitment

- 37 i. Candidate recruitment efforts continue. Iowa House District 95 was
38 discussed as an area targeted for campaign recruitment.

39 III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR: NO REPORT.

- 40 a. Mr. Nilles provided a brief update regarding Joy Mincey-Powell's medical
41 condition.
42 b. Her return to chair of Affirmative Action Committee is uncertain.

43 IV. DISABILITY CHAIR: CAUCUS CHAIR CATHERINE CRIST REPORTING (16:40)

- 44 a. Ms. Crist reported on updates regarding the Outreach, Access, & Inclusion
45 Conference.
46 i. The event will be held on Saturday October 21.
47 ii. The venue will be held at Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #125 Training
48 Center located at 5101 J Street SW in Cedar Rapids

49 V. SECRETARY'S REPORT (31:30)

- 50 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail
51 i. Resignations (need to be confirmed by Central Committee)
52 1. Anthony Brown (CR17)
53 2. James Pierce (CR44)
54 ii. Methods to remind Members of the attendance policy were
55 discussed, including sending notices to Members repeatedly absent.

56 iii. Miscellaneous member roll updates were discussed. Any personnel
57 changes will need to be ratified by the Central Committee.

58 b. August meeting minutes

59 i. Amendment to the August Draft Minutes were discussed.

60 ii. The August 14, 2017, Draft Minutes of the Executive Board of Linn
61 County Democratic Central Committee were approved as amended.

62 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: TREASURE DIANE PETERSEN

63 a. No large expenditures were reported beside outlays related to the 2017
64 Hall of Fame Dinner.

65 VII. SEPTEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

66 a. Guest Speaker

67 i. Mr. Nilles reported that the guest speaker for the September Central
68 Committee meeting will speak about legal issues related to DACA.

69 b. City Council & Mayor Candidates as speakers

70 i. A discussion was held regarding whether Linn County Democratic
71 Central Committee should support nonpartisan candidates, such as
72 candidates for mayor and city council.

73 ii. The sense of the Executive Board was that Linn County Democrats
74 should primarily support candidates running as a Democrat for
75 partisan political office, as well as current Democratic elected
76 officials.

77 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

78 a. Hall of Fame Fund Raiser – Tickets and program

79 i. Updates regarding the Hall of Fame Dinner.

80 1. Logistical details were discussed.

81 2. A Paypal button has been added to the Linn County Democrats
82 website

83 3. Option available for people to purchase tickets were discussed.

84 b. Dem Good Wine Tasting

- 85 i. As previously note, the Dem Good Wine Tasting event was a
86 success.

87 IX. NEW BUSINESS

88 a. 2018 Caucus Planning

- 89 i. First Vice Chair Valerie Smith provided reported on preparation for
90 the 2018 Democratic Caucuses.

- 91 1. Ms. Smith and Ms. Crist will be taking the lead on site selection.
- 92 2. There will be a Caucus site in each House District.
- 93 3. Remaining tasks, including ensuring site compliance with the
94 American with Disabilities Act and other remaining logistical
95 details, were discussed
- 96 4. Iowa Democratic Party will be having two weekends of action to
97 recruit for the Caucuses in January. Linn County Democrats is
98 required to participate in at least one of these events.
- 99 5. Details about the delegate allocation process for the Linn
100 County Conventions were discussed. Discussion about total
101 number of delegates at the County and District Convention is
102 ongoing.

103 X. ADJOURNMENT

- 104 a. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.