

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  
6 Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Diane Peterson, Catherine Crist,  
7 Harvey Ross

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9 GUESTS: Myrt Bowers  
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11 Action taken at the September 11, 2017, Executive Board Meeting:

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

- 20 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the  
21 Linn County Democratic Central Committee was held on  
22 September 11, 2017, at the Kirkwood Linn County  
23 Regional Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles

24 called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and Michael  
25 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum  
26 was present.

## 27 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

### 28 a. Finance Committee

- 29 i. The Dem Good Wine Tasting was a successful event,  
30 raining over \$1,000 for Linn County Democrats.
- 31 ii. Preparations for the Hall of Fame dinner continue.

### 32 b. Technology Committee

- 33 i. Updates on the Linn County Democrats website  
34 development were reported. Website redevelopment  
35 is in the preliminary planning stage.

### 36 c. Hospitality Committee

- 37 i. The monetary allotment for food at monthly Central  
38 Committee meetings was discussed
- 39 ii. A motion to raise the limit to \$100 for monthly Central  
40 Committee food expenses was moved, seconded,  
41 and passed on a voice vote.

### 42 d. Candidate Recruitment

- 43 i. Candidate recruitment efforts continue. Iowa House  
44 District 95 was discussed as an area targeted for  
45 campaign recruitment.

46 III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR: NO REPORT.

47 a. Mr. Nilles provided a brief update regarding Joy Mincey-  
48 Powell's medical condition.

49 b. Her return to chair of Affirmative Action Committee is  
50 uncertain.

51 IV. DISABILITY CHAIR: CAUCUS CHAIR CATHERINE CRIST REPORTING  
52 (16:40)

53 a. Ms. Crist reported on updates regarding the Outreach,  
54 Access, & Inclusion Conference.

55 i. The event will be held on Saturday October 21.

56 ii. The venue will be held at Plumbers & Pipefitters Local  
57 #125 Training Center located at 5101 J Street SW in  
58 Cedar Rapids

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

60 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail

61 i. Resignations (need to be confirmed by Central  
62 Committee)

63 1. Anthony Brown (CR17)

64 2. James Pierce (CR44)

65 ii. Methods to remind Members of the attendance policy  
66 were discussed, including sending notices to  
67 Members repeatedly absent.

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

71       b. August meeting minutes

72           i. Amendment to the August Draft Minutes were  
73           discussed.

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

77   VI.   TREASURER'S REPORT: TREASURE DIANE PETERSEN

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

80   VII.  SEPTEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

81       a. Guest Speaker

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

85       b. City Council & Mayor Candidates as speakers

86           i. A discussion was held regarding whether Linn County  
87           Democratic Central Committee should support  
88           nonpartisan candidates, such as candidates for mayor  
89           and city council.

- 90 ii. The sense of the Executive Board was that Linn  
91 County Democrats should primarily support  
92 candidates running as a Democrat for partisan  
93 political office, as well as current Democratic elected  
94 officials.

95 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

97 i. Updates regarding the Hall of Fame Dinner.

98 1. Logistical details were discussed.

99 2. A Paypal button has been added to the Linn  
100 County Democrats website

101 3. Option available for people to purchase tickets  
102 were discussed.

103 b. Dem Good Wine Tasting

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

106 IX. NEW BUSINESS

107 a. 2018 Caucus Planning

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

110 1. Ms. Smith and Ms. Crist will be taking the lead on  
111 site selection.

- 112 2. There will be a Caucus site in each House  
113 District.
- 114 3. Remaining tasks, including ensuring site  
115 compliance with the American with Disabilities  
116 Act and other remaining logistical details, were  
117 discussed
- 118 4. Iowa Democratic Party will be having two  
119 weekends of action to recruit for the Caucuses in  
120 January. Linn County Democrats is required to  
121 participate in at least one of these events.
- 122 5. Details about the delegate allocation process for  
123 the Linn County Conventions were discussed.  
124 Discussion about total number of delegates at the  
125 County and District Convention is ongoing.

126 X. ADJOURNMENT

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