

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: November 11, 2017

4 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith Sam Gray,
5 Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Catherine Crist,
6 Harvey Ross

7 GUESTS: Michael Bayliss, Andrew Leonard

8 I. CALL TO ORDER :

9 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive
10 Board of the Linn County Democratic Central
11 Committee was held on November 11, 2017, at
12 the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in
13 Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the
14 meeting to order at 6:33 PM, and Michael
15 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
16 quorum was present.

17 b. Candidates for Treasurer Andrew Leonard and
18 Michael Bayliss briefly introduced themselves

19 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

20 a. Finance: Financial Secretary Sarah Stutler
21 Reporting

22 i. Ms. Stutler briefly recapped the success of
23 the Hall of Fame dinner. A few minor

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matters are outstanding (auction items to pick up, thank you notes).

ii. Ms. Stutler reported that proceeds after expenses from an event Honoring Sen. Wally Horn hosted by Sen. Rob Hogg will benefit Linn County Democrats.

1. Event is at the African American Museum in Cedar Rapids on Friday December 1 at 5 PM

2. Admission is \$25

iii. Ms. Stutler discussed possible idea for future fundraisers

1. Chili Cookoff

2. Trivia

3. Spring fundraiser: Pigs, pies, & politics

b. Technology Committee: Committee Chair Harvey Ross

i. The Executive Board discussed the current Linn County Democrats website:

1. Advantages and disadvantage of changing to a new content management system

2. Efficient ways to disseminate event information

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a. use of calendar on the website and possibly on Facebook

3. Recruitment of technology committee members

c. Hospitality Committee: Committee Chair Joe Stutler reporting

i. Planning for the upcoming holiday meeting on December 6 was discussed. Mr. Stutler placed a PayPal donate button on a website blog post to solicit donations to defray expenses.

d. Candidate Recruitment: Second Vice Chair Sam Gray reporting

i. Candidate recruitment for House District 95 was discussed including names of potential candidates.

ii. The city elections were discussed. Linn County Democrats continue to remain officially neutral in the runoff.

III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR

a. No report

b. The Chair stated that he would followup with Joy Mincey Powell regarding her anticipated return.

IV. DISABILITY CHAIR: CAUCUS CHAIR CATHERINE CRIST REPORTING

73 a. Ms. Crist discussed the implications of a recent
74 IDP Constitutional Amendment authorizing
75 electronic participation at State Central
76 Committee meetings

77 i. Logistical implications of this were discussed

78 b. Ms. Crist discussed accessibility guidelines for
79 the upcoming 2018 Precinct Caucuses

80 i. Accessibility packages that include portable
81 microphones, amplifier, table lifters, and
82 other supplies are planned to be available for
83 Caucus sites.

84 V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: CO-SECRETARIES LAURA GEARY
85 BELL AND MIKE MCGREE

86 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail

87 i. Votebuilder data shows that some Central
88 Committee members may not be registered
89 as Democrats. Possible actions to address
90 this were discussed.

91 1. For now, any members not registered as
92 Democrats will be notified informally.

93 b. October meeting minutes

94 i. The October 11 2017 Draft Minutes of the
95 Executive Board of Linn County were
96 approved as amended.

97 c. Laura Geary Bell discussed an extension of virus
98 protection for the Executive Board laptop.

99 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: NO REPORT

100 a. An election to fill the vacancy in the office of
101 Treasurer will be held at the holiday Central
102 Committee Meeting on December 6.

103 b. The Chair will notify the membership of this
104 election.

105 VII. 2018 CAUCUS PLANNING

106 a. Locations

107 i. 1st Vice Chairperson Valerie Smith reported
108 that all locations for the 2018 Caucuses have
109 been secured or were close to being
110 confirmed.

111 b. Temporary Chairs & Secretaries

112 i. Ms. Smith reported that about half of the
113 Caucuses had filled their Chair and
114 Secretary position.

115 c. Training

116 i. Use of the January 2018 Central Committee
117 meeting was discussed. Much of this
118 meeting will likely be devoted to training.

119 ii. Ms. Smith reported two dates had been set
120 for Precinct Caucus training outside the
121 Central Committee meeting:

122 1. January 25, 2018: Cedar Rapid Public
123 Library

124 2. January 29, 2018: Ladd Library

125 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

126 a. 1st District Central Committee

127 i. 1st District Secretary Sandy Hockenberry had
128 resigned her office.

129 ii. A “Communications Team” has formed to
130 perform the functions of District
131 communications, including Secretary.

132 1. Laura Geary Bell will be a part of this
133 team

134 iii. 1st District will undergo a financial audit on
135 January 20.

136 iv. Two new State Central Committee Members
137 were elected from 1st District:

138 1. Shelley Parbs

139 2. Roy Fauss

140 v. Linn County has been selected as the
141 location for the 2018 District Convention

142 vi. Next State Central Committee meeting is
143 12/09

144 IX. NEW BUSINESS

145 a. Linn County Democratic Central Committee will
146 hold a Special Election for Treasurer at the
147 holiday meeting on December 6.

148 X. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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