

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Executive Board meeting, March 21, 2014, at party office in Port Angeles

Attendance: Pat Johansen, Roger Fight, John Marrs, Derek Medina, Marcia Farrell, Julie Johnson, Ron Johnson Jr., Ed Grier, Steve Vause, Nina Richards, Bill Dole Jr., Barbara Jepson, Tanya Altstatt Menchaca, Franklin Menchaca, Judith Morris.

Chair Pat Johansen called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

The treasurer's report showed \$6,500 in the unlimited account and \$7452.91 in the limited account.

Approval of the minutes of the previous board meeting was waived pending circulation to all board members.

- Announcements.

The chair said the party needs a six-foot table for the office and she hopes for a donation.

Julie Johnson reported on her successful work in helping to raise \$25,000 for Sen. Cantwell's campaign in a recent fundraising event in Washington, D.C.

Julie Johnson reported that she is one of the organizers of a listening session to be held in Port Angeles, May 23, at the Elwha Heritage Center, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Those invited to attend include Rep. Derek Kilmer, all three members of the county's legislative delegation, Commissioner Mike Doherty, chairs of the county tribal councils, Peninsula College leaders, and the chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties.

- Vice Chair Roger Fight outlined a plan he has for building the local party "from the ground up," including a weekly discussion group at the party office on Wednesdays, work on call lists and VoteBuilder, monthly public programs at the party office and establishment of a phone tree. He hopes we will be able: to persuade all Precinct Committee Officers to participate, to appoint an office manager, to appoint a phone-tree coordinator and to appoint a program chair.

The board expressed a consensus in favor of his initiatives.

- The board briefly discussed the County Convention to be held April 12 starting at 10 a.m. at the party office. Pat Johansen said a subcommittee of herself, Roger Fight and John Marrs would meet to plan the convention. She also appointed Nina Richards, Norma Turner and John Marrs to review the party platform and to consider proposal of a separate platform dealing exclusively with Clallam County issues.

- Steve Vause said a national Pete Seeger memorial tour will be in town this spring and is looking for a venue to perform. John Marrs moved (Derek Medina 2nd) to make the Democratic Party office available. The motion passed on a voice vote without stated objections or abstentions.
- The party received a written request from student Joseph Landoni IV for support to represent our state at the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. Roger Fight moved (Marcia Farrell 2nd) to grant Joseph \$200 to help him with the trip to North Carolina. Motion passed on a voice vote without any stated objections or abstentions.
- Chair Pat Johansen discussed her decision to resign due to family health issues. She said she did so “with some regret, but I feel I have to do this.” She said she hopes the party will keep working to create and find new energy. Several members of the board congratulated her on keeping the party progressing through a transition period after the merger of the party with the former Democratic Club.
- Roger Fight will serve as acting chair until the County Convention. John Marrs moved (Julie Johnson 2nd) that Marcia Farrell be appointed vice chair pro tem. Motion passed on a voice vote without any stated objections or abstentions.
- Johansen and Fight said a separate meeting of elected PCOs will be held immediately after the County Convention for the election of the chair and vice chair.
- The next executive board meeting will be April 18 at 11:30 a.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.