

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2015 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Carlyn Syvanen, Paula Doherty, Steve Vause, Barbara Jepsen, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Bill Dole, Jr., Kris Grier, Catherine Harper.

Acting Chair Carlyn Syvanen called the meeting to order at 11:34.

- Items added to the Agenda: Kris Grier added three items, to wit: Contributions to Mark Ozias' campaign, purchase of a printer for the office, and disbursement of monies in the Roger Fight Fund. LeRoy Martin added Election Observer Training. Bill Dole, Jr. added the issue of purchasing paraphernalia (such as bumper stickers) for sale in the office. This item is placed under "Old Business."
- Approval of the Agenda
- Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Barbara Jepsen, Bill Dole Jr. seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes of June 12th Executive Board Meeting.

Motion to accept the Minutes, Bill Dole Jr., Barbara Jepsen seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier reported on funds available in Unlimited Account, Limited Account, and Roger Fight Fund.

Report was briefly discussed. There is \$3,170 in the Roger Fight Fund. We will need to have some fundraising for the current account for office expenses.

Agenda items added were discussed. Costco has a Brother laser printer that should meet our office needs. The price is approximately \$400; Kris Grier recommends purchase.

Motion to authorize Kris Grier to purchase office printer, Paula Doherty, Marcia Farrell seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

Roger Fight is aware of the funds collected on his behalf. Kris Grier will disburse these funds to Roger and Kristi; Carlyn Syvanen will be the bearer of good news.

Steve Tharinger wants the \$2,000 surplus in our Limited Account to be contributed to the Mark Ozias campaign. This will be done now, in advance of the primary. Further funding will be evaluated after the primary.

Motion to contribute \$2,000 to the Mark Ozias campaign, Paula Doherty, Steve Vause seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted without formal motion and vote.

Parades – Marcia Farrell

Marcia Farrell reported on the good turnout at the Port Angeles and Forks 4th of July parades. The response to the Democrats float was very good in Port Angeles, somewhat less so in Forks, with a few Confederate flags in evidence. Derek Kilmer marched in the Port Angeles parade, and Marcia and Sylvia Hancock danced their way – a good time was had by all! The next parade will be tomorrow, in Clallam Bay, with a small turnout expected. Mark Ozias will not be able to be present.

The following Saturday will be the parade in LaPush; Marcia Farrell cannot attend, but she and Paula Doherty will coordinate.

West End parade turnouts are typically low in off-election years; however, Joyce Days (first Saturday in August) and Makah Days (last Saturday in August) are both major and very well-attended events.

County Fair Booth – Ric Mahurin

Kris Grier reported in the absence of Ric Mahurin. The booth at the Fair has been paid for. Volunteers will be sought for setup/breakdown, and to man the booth during the Fair. Carlyn asks for volunteers to help plan; including a possible "Wheel of Fortune"-type game for visitors to play (this has been popular in past years).

The Ozias campaign will be represented, but is unable to help with planning. Roger and Ric planned it last year, with coordination of volunteers by Nina Richards. Kris Grier states that a book is available with instructions. Volunteers needed!

Mark Ozias Campaign – Bill Dole, Jr.

Mark Ozias and Bill Dole Jr. attended the West End Business Forum in Forks, invited by Commissioner Bill Peach. Commissioner Jim McEntire was in attendance, but Commissioner candidate Bryan Frazier was not. The talk was of West End issues, including economy, collaboration, new technology, and timber industry issues. Mark Ozias acquitted himself well.

The next forum will be the League of Women Voters' forum, Sunday at the Shipley Center (Senior Center) in Sequim.

Mark Ozias will host a Town Hall-style meeting on August 22. Q&A, goals and policies will be discussed. Invitations will be going out to a targeted list. This will be held at Pioneer Park on Wednesday, 8/22 from 6-8 p.m.

Doorbellings and Get Out the Vote efforts are ongoing. The Wheelers are helping. More volunteers are needed.

There will be a sign-waving event on Sunday, August 19, 12-1 p.m. In Sequim (last day of the

Lavender Festival).

Roosevelt Dinner – LeRoy Martin and Marcia Farrell

LeRoy Martin has heard from the Ambassador, and Thursday, October 22nd is our official date. The first choice for venue is 7 Cedars; we hope to finalize this soon. We will do a Save the Date announcement with picture of the Ambassador, and hope to have the event sold out in advance.

Carlyn Syvanen reminds us that we need to send out notices to Port Townsend and Jefferson County, in order to avoid the miscommunication that occurred for the Give 'Em Hell Harry event.

LeRoy Martin noted that it is a great plus to have the Ambassador as Keynote Speaker; his presence will be a large part of the publicity for the event. LeRoy also reminded us that the Clallam County Democrats have committed to offering the Ambassador lodging expense reimbursement, if requested.

Membership Committee – Catherine Harper

Catherine Harper reported that progress is slow, but all are continuing to work on calling likely prospects and following up. Memberships are trickling in. Catherine will follow up with several applications sent without payment.

LeRoy Martin suggests a Membership Drive, targeted for October. A meeting will be called to discuss this effort.

It was noted that our official office hours and greater presence are helping to attract visitors who are told of our mission statement and invited to join/volunteer/take part. This effort will be ongoing.

PCO Recruitment Contacts – No activity reported

State Committeewoman – Julie Johnson

Julie is attending the State Meeting in California and there is no report.

State Committeeman – Joe McGimpsey

Joe is not in attendance. It was noted that he is rarely able to attend the Executive Board meetings but is very active and involved at the State level. He is invaluable in working with the tribes. LeRoy Martin will contact him in the hopes that he may be available to help recruit volunteers for the Roosevelt Dinner.

- New Business/Discussion

Election Observation Training – LeRoy Martin

LeRoy Martin attended this training and reported that there were some "anti-Democrats" there. This training is held once a year, and attendees are then certified to be observers. The training was conducted by the County Auditor and was very well done; it was a one-hour session with good handouts. The Republicans were there and "strategizing"; there is some worry about primary influence.

We should get a list of people who have had the training and get them out to observe both the primary and General elections.

Thanks to LeRoy Martin for participating in this.

Bernie Sanders Committee – off and running. People have been calling and coming into the office looking for campaign materials. We have nothing yet. We need to contact all the Democratic candidates' campaigns and have everyone's materials available in the office. We should also re-direct people to the National Campaign websites.

The Wheelers are very involved with this. It is reported that some Sanders campaign people are worried about being too closely identified with the Democratic party; however, Sanders is running as a Democrat. Our headquarters offers a good space for campaign work, phones, etc.

Carlyn Syvanen suggests that the campaigns should be asked for bumper stickers and other materials we can offer for sale at the County Fair booth.

The Sanders campaign may file with the PDC or Elections Commission locally; our role will likely just be support.

The local campaign's next meeting is set for July 29, venue undecided, though our headquarters is likely. This may be an organizing meeting for the community.

It was noted that the Clallam County Democrats have not yet made any endorsement for the 2016 Presidential Election.

Democratic candidates' campaigns will be contacted and asked for materials for the County Fair booth – Paula Doherty will work on this.

It is proposed that we purchase some materials; Bill Dole Jr. Has no specific suggestions, but notes that we have a few buttons/bumper stickers. We need some rack cards; Paula Doherty will design these and have some printed. It was noted also that Andrea Raditch always helps with the County Fair Booth, and she may have some suggestions.

- Unfinished Business

Marcia Farrell has brought mannequins "Miss May" and "Miss June" to the office; they are dressed in Democrats T-shirts, etc., and are a good presence in the office, along with Barack and Michelle Obama cutouts. The Obamas were loaned out for a prominent citizen's 4th of July party; that person made a \$100 donation. We need to replace the Obama cutouts, and that donation will more than cover the expense. Marcia Farrell will order them. We will have them at the Fair booth.

Kris Grier offered thanks to South Carolina for finally doing the right thing and taking down the Confederate flag.

- Good of the Order

The next Executive Board Meeting will be August 14th (tentative). It was noted that the meetings have mostly been second Friday rather than third through the summer. Catherine Harper reminded the Executive Board that she will be unable to attend the August E-Board Meeting, and will need a substitute to take minutes. This will be arranged.

Motion to Adjourn, Steve Vause, Paula Doherty seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 12:40 p.m.