

## CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2016 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1<sup>st</sup> St.

Attendance: Chair Roger Fight, Treasurer Kris Grier, Recording Secretary Catherine Harper, Corresponding Secretary Paula Doherty, State Committeewoman Julie Johnson, LeRoy Martin, Marcia Farrell, Lisa Unger, Bill Kildall, Jennie Peterson, Virginia Shogren, Chanda Parypa-Masta, Steve Schneider, Tim Wheeler, Honeybee Burns, Becky Acevedo. Absent: Executive Board Members State Committeeman Joe McGimpsey, Ric Mahurin, Andy Pascua, Barbara Jepson, George Miller.

Virginia Shogren has a voting proxy for George Miller.

Chair Roger Fight called the meeting to order at 11:35.

- Additions to the Agenda

Bill Kildall wishes the Board to consider an amendment to the Agenda that would add discussion of the violation of Roberts' Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> edition.

- Marcia Farrell wishes the Board to consider a special recognition gift for Bob Ferguson, Keynote Speaker at the Roosevelt Dinner.

These items will be added under "New Business".

- Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Virginia Shogren; Lisa Unger seconds. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2016 Executive Board Meeting

No corrections were noted.

Motion to accept the Minutes, Virginia Shogren; Kris Grier seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report

Kris Grier stated that we have approximately \$8,000 in Unlimited Account and \$1,625 in our Limited account. The Roosevelt dinner raised approximately \$3,000 in the Silent Auction (minus PayPal fees), \$8,222 in ticket sales. We made almost \$3,000 on paid dinners. This was by far our most successful Dinner.

Mr. Grier announced that we now have 346 members.

Virginia Shogren asked how funds are allocated. Mr. Grier replied that membership fees go into the Limited account, all other monies into the Unlimited account. PDC rules apply. People

may donate to either account; we need to keep both accounts afloat, and next year, a non-

election year, should be a good chance to build both accounts.

Virginia Shogren: Who has authority over allocating funds to candidates?

Kris Grier: The Executive Board.

Kris Grier: The Executive Board makes final decisions with input from the General Membership.

Roger Fight: The Executive Board is the conduit for funds.

Virginia Shogren: how much money has been contributed to previous candidates?

Kris Grier: \$9,000 to Sissi Bruch, \$6-7,000 to Mark Ozias, \$7,000 to Ron Richards.

The Treasurer's report was accepted without formal vote.

Mr. Grier stated that he intends to remain Treasurer for no more than two additional years, and thus will have to train someone to take the position. Mr. Grier is also Treasurer for the 24<sup>th</sup> LD.

- Reports

**Appointment of Parliamentarian** – The By-laws are explicit: we need a permanent Parliamentarian. Kris Grier has agreed to assume this role.

- **Fundraising/Roosevelt Dinner** – Marcia Farrell. Our next event will be the Holiday Party on December 10, 4-7 p.m. Kris Grier has gotten musicians together to play. This may be a small fundraiser, perhaps a dessert auction. Marcia Farrell will arrange the necessary banqueting/ liquor permit.

Ms. Farrell is working on getting a one-woman show starring Jane von Buskirk as Eleanor Roosevelt; hopefully this can be held in April.

Additional ideas are welcome.

Roger Fight suggested that we have some family-friendly, low-budget events, and asks for volunteers/ideas. The Republicans held an event at the Fairgrounds with a western theme – this is another option we could pursue.

Ms. Farrell said that we have tried unsuccessfully to get a picnic event off the ground, but these are great ideas and we should pursue.

- **PCO Coordinator** – Steven Schneider. Norma Turner, who was co-coordinator, is no longer involved (too busy). PCO appointments will come through the Coordinator.

Chair Roger Fight has three PCOs to appoint. Virginia Shogren and Chanda Parypa-Masta explained that per RCW 298.80.031, there are specific procedures governing vacancies in PCO positions (in case of death of PCO, for example, County Chair may appoint a new PCO). If there is a failure to elect a

PCO, the vacancy may not be filled until after the Reorganization Meeting.

Roger Fight pointed out that appointed PCOs have no legal function; elected PCOs have very specific functions.

Mr. Fight has made appointments because of the great number of vacancies. He feels that we don't have a problem and we should consider the PCOs as appointed good to go until their terms expire 12/01/2016.

It was determined that new PCOs should be appointed after the Reorganization Meeting. Any appointment made today will expire 12/01/2016. We need to follow the law. Roger Fight stated that the law says we can appoint for vacancies from the 2014 PCO election, and these PCO terms will end 12/01/16. It was agreed that we should appoint PCOs who have volunteered, for these last few weeks before the election.

Honeybee Burns stated that doorbellers rarely introduce themselves as PCOs while canvassing. Most people don't care about the title, don't know much about PCOs.

The appointments today will be Jessica Hernandez (Dungeness West), Steve Tharinger (Dungeness East), and Virginia Shogren (Bluffs), replacing the late Ursula Mitter.

Steve Schneider asked what the advantages/downsides are to calling them PCOs. Roger Fight explained that it makes record-keeping easier to have just one list; a possible downside is that someone might complain we're breaking the law.

Steve Schneider asked why the law was written. Kris Grier explained that in large population districts precincts are lumped together into large districts where there may be several Chairs. Then the Legislative Districts need to be separated, and all Chairs must agree on appointments.

Roger Fight said as an interim solution, our method is fine.

Steve Schneider stated that we need to follow the law. Roger Fight replied that we are following it, even if we appoint these PCOs, because these vacancies are from the 2014 primary election. Steve Schneider agreed that this will work for now, but that in the future we should follow RCW code. It was clarified that these terms expire 12/01/16.

Steve Schneider: I need some trustees in each district help, should hold meetings in each district with the PCOs. Roger Fight stated it would be helpful to have a co-coordinator who knows the history. Recruit from within PCOs and helpers.

**State Committee Report** – Julie Johnson. Julie explained that Andy Pascua's sister has died, and her funeral is today; Joe McGimpsey is absent as he is helping the family.

Kris Grier told Ms. Johnson that she was recognized at the Roosevelt Dinner. (She was unable to attend). Marcia Farrell reported that Mike Doherty did a lovely tribute. Ms. Johnson was appreciative of the recognition, and sorry to miss the event. She wished she had had someone there to accept it for her.

Ms. Johnson, who is Chair of the Native American Caucus Committee, reported that five Native Americans are running for Statewide office, and doing well. She also announced that 15 Native people

have been elected in the Northwest – the most ever.

Ms. Johnson stated that all are welcome at the State Meeting; there will be meetings and receptions on Friday, committee meetings on Saturday (including Affirmative Action and the Women's Committee), and Jaxon Ravens will hold a business meeting at 1:00. Senators and other key people from Olympia frequently attend these meetings.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Jennie Peterson. Ms. Peterson stated that volunteers keep coming in, and they are being allocated to campaigns. Jeff with the Kilmer campaign takes some too. Becky Acevedo is canvassing downtown; Ron Richards has walked all of District 2. Not many precincts have been covered. It is expected that a mailer will be used for outlying areas.

Paula Doherty: A mailer to the whole District.

Jennie Peterson: Becky and Jack have done several.

Becky Acevedo: Some people are covering Sequim as well; not for Ron, but for other candidates.

Jennie Peterson: We've done a lot, but not all. Some PCOs are not responding. It's hard.

Marcia Farrell: Postcards are effective.

Tim Wheeler: Doorbelling is hard work but very gratifying. People wanted to talk about this election, and they appreciate volunteers.

Roger Fight: Jennie is keeping track and that's great, we don't have potential volunteers falling through the cracks. Follow-up keeps people interested in volunteering.

Jennie Peterson: Keeping lists, we get more people. With VoteBuilder we are able to get people onto lists.

**Progressives Committee Report** – Chanda Parypa-Masta. Ms. Parypa-Masta explained their Get Out the Vote efforts, including voter registration in Neah Bay, LaPush, many locations in Port Angeles and Sequim, and the Lower Elwha. They have registered about 100 people. They are phonebanking for I-735 Monday evenings from Headquarters. Ms. Parypa-Masta and Ms. Shogren canvassed at the hospital in the rain, have done outreach to Port Angeles Public Access, run by Dale Wilson of Port O Call, and hope that members will sign up for studio time. Additionally, they have done outreach to the Justice Group, offering help where needed, and to the homeless.

Steve Schneider hopes they will have voter registration tables at the Irrigation Festival and Lavender Festival next year, to reach many people (many are from away, but some attendees are local). He stated that more phonebanking is planned for I-735 and I-146, and also for Ron Richards and other candidates.

Julie Johnson: the Native voter registration is non-partisan – are you?

Chanda Parypa-Masta: Yes.

Julie Johnson: The State meeting is January 27-28. Tina Podlodowski has agreed to have drop boxes put at all 29 reservations.

Honeybee Burns: We should push for postage-paid envelopes. (This is being worked on).

Julie Johnson: I had meet-and-greets for six or seven candidates.

Tim Wheeler: There was a story in the PDN this morning that voter registration is much higher this election. That's good news – turnout will be key.

**Reorganization Meeting Date/Location/Membership** – Suggested date is Saturday, January 14, 2017. We will need an alternate location, expecting large turnout. Kris Grier will look into renting room at Jefferson Elementary School, which will hold 200 people. They have two sets of bleachers, 75 chairs, 12 tables for 16.

Bill Kildall: Does keeping to the traditional date mean we'll lose members, since they will need to have re-upped?

Kris Grier: The date is open. It will cost \$100-200 to rent the room at Jefferson. We must hire a custodian to clean up. This location offers good parking, has a good sound system; it would be a perfect venue.

Virginia Shogren: We have discussed 12/3/16 as the date.

Bill Kildall: There are advantages to having the meeting before the holidays. You can ask people to re-up at that meeting. Changes in the party direction may motivate people to re-up.

Honeybee: It's not a question of money, it's whether they will come. If you hold the meeting the first Saturday in December, you've lost half your potential attendees due to holiday parties, shopping, etc.

Chanda Parypa-Masta: January is a hard month money-wise. December is better.

Roger Fight: Scholarships are possible.

Kris Grier: We can offer sponsorships and scholarships.

Virginia Shogren: Most groups are having their Reorganization Meetings in early December.

**Tribal Field Trips** -- This is a new idea hatching. Roger Fight has talked to Frances Charles, has discussed this with Andy Pascua. Ms. Charles was receptive. Linda Barnfather has a touring business with a bus. She shuts down for the winter but would do this. Her bus holds 8 people, Ed Grier's van holds 7-8 more. Roger will follow up and come up with something involving the Lower Elwha by the first of the year.

Kris Grier: Would people pay for these trips, or would they be free?

Roger Fight: This would be just for members, it's not a fundraiser. It's not a "scenic tour", just an opportunity to learn.

**Office Hours Post Election** – Roger Fight stated we will probably cut back to one shift per day.

Virginia Shogren: The Progressives Committee will be here on Friday afternoons, and would be willing to answer the phone.

Shifts are covered now, but it will slow down after the election. There is work for volunteers to do, though. Carlyn is keeping the schedule; we will talk with her and decide at next E-Board meeting.

**Brauner Complaint** – Roger Fight believes this is not worth our time. Copies of complaint were not passed out. Kris Grier stated that Ms. Brauner is no longer a member, and her membership fee and dinner ticket price have been refunded.

Paula Doherty: What is the complaint?

Roger Fight briefly described the situation. It involved two groups doing voter registration at the College, and each thinking they were in charge. Too many people were there, and Ms. Brauner felt she was "not treated well" and wants the members involved "reprimanded". Mr. Fight feels this is not worth our time. It was determined that the College was apologized to for the incident, and all is well.

**Requests for Documentation** – Roger Fight stated that documents received from Bill Kildall regarding misdeeds of e-voting. Mr. Fight explained that there were several previous e-votes done before the one that caused concern: in 2014, regarding a \$500 donation to Sissy Bruch's campaign; in 2015, regarding a \$500 payment to Pat Johansen to cover a Port O Call mailing in support of Mark Ozias; in July 2016, regarding sharing an ad with Jefferson County. The one that is of concern is now moot. The e-vote was 9-2 in favor of additional ads in the Port O Call and a shared ad in the PDN. We met as an Executive Committee of 5, as allowed by the by-laws, and re-affirmed that the ads would be placed.

Bill Kildall has proposed changes to the by-laws (this will be under New Business).

Bill Kildall: There are stark conflicts between the by-laws and Roberts' Rules of Order. Roberts' Rules of Order calls for transparency and for prior notice of the topics to be discussed, the time and place of the meeting. All members are to be fully informed. It looked like a secret meeting, which may be allowed by the by-laws, but is in conflict with Roberts' Rules of Order. The by-laws imply that RRO will govern.

Roger Fight believes the opposite: that the by-laws are first, then RRO if needed.

Bill Kildall: We need to conduct business honestly and openly. There needs to be no appearance of a secret meeting. The 5 members who met could be subject to liability, and we have no insurance. It would be advisable to get insurance for errors and omissions for all Executive Board members.

Roger Fight: Who would have standing to take us to court?

Bill Kildall: Members who feel that the General Membership is not being represented.

Roger Fight: My homeowners' insurance policy covers me for "being a volunteer" – is that similar?

Bill Kildall: Most groups provide coverage for their Executive Board. So my concern is that we operate properly. We should review and rewrite our by-laws so they are consistent with Roberts' Rules of Order.

Kris Grier: I agree. Ours are based on Jefferson County's; we should look at the by-laws of other counties.

Roger Fight: I agree that we should review them by a By-laws Review Committee. It may take several months, but it would be better than simply making amendments.

Chanda Parypa-Masta: Jefferson County's by-laws have been revised, and more revisions are coming.

Marsha Farrell: Where would the lines be drawn? The Executive Board makes decisions all the time, and would we need a full Membership vote for every one of them?

Roger Fight: I hope not. Nothing would get done. Perhaps it's a time frame issue. The full Membership doesn't want to deal with small, mundane matters.

Bill Kildall: The standard could be, was it an emergency? We want to preserve the integrity of the organization. Roberts' Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, says regarding open meeting act that we need prior notice, posted, so everyone has the opportunity to come to meeting or at least be informed of business to be conducted.

Kris Grier: Suspension of rules vs. suspension of by-laws.

Lisa Unger: This was a hand-picked group who would agree.

Roger Fight: It was the five people specified in the by-laws.

Bill Kildall: Was it an emergency?

Roger Fight: For placing the ad, yes – there was a timeline.

Lisa Unger: This little group (indicates Kildall, Parypa-Masta, Shogren, herself) has been made out to be the "fringe".

It was pointed out that the ad showed Clinton/Kaine but did NOT say "endorsed".

Bill Kildall: The ad has already been placed, and will be paid for. Do we want to take on the liability? Contravention of by-laws/Roberts' Rules of Order. So let's focus on operating so this doesn't happen again.

Roger Fight: Going forward will require greater involvement, less flexibility. How much does the organization trust its leaders? We have many new members who were not involved when the current board was elected so there has been limited time for mutual trust to build.

Chanda Parypa-Masta: When people come up to me and say "I've been publicly misrepresented by the Clallam County Democrats", what do I say?

Roger Fight: We don't have consensus. Difference of opinion. This happens with large groups.

Paula Doherty: The Open Meetings Act applies to elected officers. We need to review how much

notice will be needed to post agendas for meetings.

Roger Fight: I send out the proposed agenda to all who are part of the Executive Board, and to other interested parties.

Bill Kildall: The essence of the posting is the purpose of the meeting, the place/time/date. At least five days' notice (Roberts' Rules of Order says "a reasonable time"). We need to do the necessary revisions to the by-laws.

Kris Grier: That by-law must be in there for a reason. Let's do a revision.

Roger Fight: Do the by-laws require the agenda to be sent out for the Executive Board meeting?

Jennie Peterson: No, not to the full membership.

Roger Fight: But to all the people subject to the meeting.

- New Business

**Campaign Donations.** Kris Grier reported that \$9750 went to Sissi Bruch's campaign. She needed yard signs and to advertise on KONP – she may have lost because of failure to do this.

Roger Fight: Do we want to make a motion relative to a campaign donation to Ron Richards? Ron wants to send the current issue of Port O Call to all of District 2. This would be very beneficial, and would cost approximately \$1500. Do we want to help defray this expense?

It was discussed that the Port O Call mails copies to subscribers, and has other distribution points where people may pick it up; Ron wants it to go to all households in District 2. The timeline is immediate; the special edition will be for this coming Monday.

Motion to give \$1,500 to Ron Richards' campaign for distribution of Port O Call to all of District 2, LeRoy Martin; Virginia Shogren seconds.

Virginia Shogren asked whether we can afford to do this; Kris Grier replied that we can, as we have \$2,00 in the Limited (candidates) account. Mr. Grier explained that PDC rules are very strict. We can take the funds for a sample ballot from the Unlimited Account, but not a campaign contribution.

Steve Schneider pointed out that it would be much cheaper if we bought the stamps and addressed the Port O'Call copies ourselves vs. having this done; but LeRoy Martin stressed the time constraints and lack of volunteers to do this.

Motion on floor: Shall we donate \$1,500 to Ron Richards' campaign for the specific purpose of Port O Call distribution? Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

**PCO Appointments:** Roger Fight proposes the appointments of Jessica Hernandez (Dungeness West), Steve Tharinger (Dungeness East), and Virginia Shogren (Bluffs). Motion to make these appointments, LeRoy Martin.

Discussion: Virginia Shogren wants it clarified that these three appointments have terms expiring

12/01/16.

Bill Kildall seconds the Motion. Voice vote; motion (with amendments) passes unanimously.

Motion to appoint these three PCOs as a package deal, Roger Fight; LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. [Note: The appointment of Steve Tharinger was done in error. It has no effect as he is currently the elected PCO of that precinct and the "appointment" is for the remainder of the term he is elected to. Comment added by Roger Fight.]

**Rollover Date for New Memberships:** To have new members who buy their memberships late in the year be covered for the following year.

Kris Grier: Few members joined late in the year for 2015/16, and it's the same this year. We have gotten a lot since September. We need to go January-to-January, a calendar year basis.

Roger Fight: Is October 1 a good date?

LeRoy Martin: How about November 1?

Kris Grier: Agree.

Motion that any new members signing up after November 1 will carry over to 2017, Kris Grier; LeRoy Martin seconds.

No discussion was necessary. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. This can be put into the by-laws.

**Reorganization Meeting:** Virginia Shogren moves that the Reorganization Meeting be held on 12/3/167 at Jefferson Elementary; Bill Kildall seconds.

LeRoy Martin: This is an Executive Board decision and needs an Executive Board motion.

Virginia Shogren: I have a proxy for George Miller.

Lisa Unger: What if I can't come on that date?

Roger Fight: You're out of luck; there will be no proxies.

Lisa Unger: But can I run for Trustee?

Kris Grier: Yes. Submit the request to the membership. To run for Chair/Vice Chair/Committeeperson you must be there in person.

Roger Fight: Carlyn actually did get elected Vice Chair without being present.

Chanda Parypa-Masta: That's illegal, per RCW 29.80.

Kris Grier: We'll need to research that.

Virginia Shogren: Can we nominate from the floor?

Kris Grier: Needs discussion.

Marcia Farrell suggests the second or third Saturday in January; Kris Grier states that it has to be by the second Saturday. Roger Fight pointed out that the 24<sup>th</sup> LD meeting has happened following ours; it was determined that the timing of that meeting is Connie Gallant's decision.

LeRoy Martin asked about the benefits of having the meeting on 12/3. Kris Grier stated that it gets it over with and involves current membership.

Roger Fight: One downside is that there will be less opportunity for a Nominating Committee. We have lots of new people, more PCOs and members, and it would be to our advantage to integrate new/old members. We'll be a stronger party and get more done. It would be helpful to have a Nominating Committee to develop a slate that maximizes potential. Otherwise either new folks may take over, or the older members will be running the show – we need input from all, and no one left out. We would also allow nominations from the floor.

Kris Grier: I'm for a 12/3/16 meeting. We can find qualified people. We used to have trouble finding enough candidates.

LeRoy Martin: So we really should compile a Nominating Committee today.

Kris Grier: Yes. Roger would appoint the Nominating Committee.

Bill Kildall: I agree with Kris. There is new life in the organization. There's no need to put this off. We should move forward before the holidays. We need change, not tradition.

Vote taken: Reorganization Meeting to be held on 12/3/16. Unanimous.

LeRoy: Can you put a Nominating Committee together in 10 days?

Paula Doherty: We should name Committee members and disseminate that information to the Executive Board. Nominations from the floor, too, per by-laws.

Bill Kildall moves that we revise the by-laws, take a complete look at the whole package and proposed amendments as needed, and create a committee to do this; Virginia Shogren seconds.

Discussion: This will take awhile. Results would be dealt with by full membership next year.

Roger Fight: Do you want me to appoint a committee, or shall the new organization do this?

Virginia Shogren: It would be fine to wait.

Kris Grier: All should read the by-laws.

Bill Kildall: Also refer to Roberts' Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> edition – we need to conform to that.

Roger Fight: Do we want to say next year there will be a committee appointed, or just let it happen?

Bill Kildall: I'll withdraw the motion.

Virginia Shogren: Which is that this Executive Board recommends to the new Executive Board that they appoint a committee to review the by-laws and recommend changes; Bill Kildall seconds. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

Added item: Special recognition gift for Bob Ferguson.

Marsha Farrell suggests we contact Clark Mundy and have him make another copper salmon. Another bidder won the one at the Silent Auction at the Roosevelt Dinner.

Roger Fight: What account does this come from?

Kris Grier: The Unlimited Account.

Marsha Farrell: I think it cost \$250. Ron and Nina Richards bought it and donated it.

Motion that we contact Clark Mundy, purchase another copper salmon, and present it to Rob Ferguson, Marcia Farrell; Bill Kildall seconds. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

- Unfinished Business

LeRoy Martin: Election observers.

Roger Fight: Mo Ariff and John Marshall (new members) are organizing our Election Observer schedule. We have 11 people trained; too late for another training session for this election. Anyone who is on the list please respond and take a shift. Maximum of three people at a time; we'll try to fill all shifts with at least one observer.

LeRoy Martin: Are there contested ballots?

Kris Grier: Yes. We need observers. Note that it's contested, but you can't say anything.

Roger Fight: I have the list of people trained in 2016 and before.

Roger Fight: "Block Fest" came to my attention; it's a program to help young children (ages 8 months to 8 years) learn math – it's a jump start. Bill Marsh had a big role in this. It will be at the Elwha Center on October 26-29. We should help with this; post notice, and send out information to the membership.

- Good of the Order

Next E-Board Meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Next CCD Meeting (Reorganization Meeting): December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 10 a.m. Jefferson Elementary school is the proposed venue (to be finalized).

Paula Doherty: Will the proposed slate go out with the meeting notice? If so, I will need it seven days prior.

Thanksgiving is November 24, and the Nominating Committee should have the information by then. It may be too soon to have this for discussion on 11/18.

Roger Fight: Probably not. The Executive Board needs to discuss.

- Motion to Adjourn

Kris Grier; Virginia Shogren seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.