

## CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2016 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1<sup>st</sup> St.

Attendance: Chair Roger Fight, Carlyn Syvanen, Julie Johnson, Andy Pascua, Steve Vause, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Lisa Unger, Kris Grier, Bill Dole, Jr., Recording Secretary Catherine Harper, guests Darlene Schanfeld, three members of the Hillary Clinton campaign, Becky Escovido, John Silver, and Arie Kiernan.

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

Three people from the Hillary Clinton campaign were introduced. These are Derry Kiernan, Becky Escovido, and John Silver.

- Additions to the Agenda
  1. Roger Fight has received a request for endorsement from Attorney General Ferguson.
  2. Darlene Schanfeld has revised her resolution (place under Unfinished Business).
  3. Bill Dole wants to discuss the office (place under New Business).
  4. Barbara Jepson noted a flyer being sent out re Bernie Sanders meeting. (Not added to agenda).
  5. Derry Kiernan spoke of upcoming Hillary Clinton campaign events (place under New Business).
  6. LeRoy Martin will present a Food Bank report.

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Steve Vause; Bill Dole Jr. seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes of February Executive Board Meeting

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

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier reported on the status of our Limited (\$6,545) and Unlimited (\$6,312) accounts.

We are in good shape, with some deposits yet to be made and some expenses coming up. We are ahead of last year on membership. We are hoping for 300 members, and it seems possible that we will get there. LeRoy Martin is chairing the Membership Committee and they are working hard.

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- Reports
  - PCO Recruitment Contacts

There is nothing much to report here. After the caucuses, we will start contacting people who will help or who might become PCOs. LeRoy Martin is too busy with Membership Committee duties, more volunteers are needed to call contacts. Kris Grier will approach Ed Grier; Marsha Farrell also volunteers to help. Roger Fight brought up the topic of having PCO Assistants appointed to help where the PCO is inactive. We are trying to keep our website current. Roger Fight is committed to keeping both the PCO and membership lists current. It was asked whether there is any reason members' contact information should not be on the list and available to all members. Carlyn Syvanen said that permission is needed and will be hard to get in some cases. Julie Johnson suggested that it be added to Membership forms – questions such as "do you want the newsletter?" and "may we publish your contact information." We need to let people know that being on the list does not subject them to being inundated with mail.

- Candidates for County Offices

We will need a new Senator with the reported retirement of Jim Hargrove. Kevein van de Wege is potentially interested in that position. It is rumored that Mike Chapman has expressed an interest in running for van de Wege's position.

Julie Johnson asked about the timeline for endorsements. Roger Fight stated that we don't have a timeline as such; we wait for requests. Julie feels that we should look at this; the tribes will not support van de Wege (due to his resistance to the dental care issue). Kris Grier reported that our endorsements follow the filing of papers; after the filing, candidates may ask for endorsement. If two Democrats are running for the same position, we have often declined to endorse, to let the Party decide.

Julie said that we need a plan in order to allow more people to participate. LeRoy Martin asked whether that is at the General level. Roger and Carolyn said yes, that this may be done only at a General Membership meeting.

Carolyn noted that Ron Richards is running for County Commissioner, District 2.

- Need for Program Chair

Paula Doherty and Paula Barnes have been working together; Ms. Barnes has now returned to a position at the League of Women Voters which gives her a conflict, and Ms. Doherty does not want to be the lead. We have April and May covered, but need to plan beyond. The idea of suspending the programs for the summer seemed to be generally approved.

Roger Fight has an idea regarding some Field Trips, such as to the Lower Elwha and to Neah Bay; perhaps a listening session/tour combination. Need to discuss this with tribal leaders (Julie Johnson, Joe McGimpsey, Andy Pascua, Francis Charles).

Carlyn noted that we will be intensely involved in the primary, etc., and will need time to prepare. Better to concentrate our energy there. We need to get through the election, then go back to having Program Meetings.

Kris Grier suggested we table this issue until after November.

- Caucus Planning – Carlyn Syvanen

It was noted that we still need volunteers for caucuses. We're a week away. In the eastern part of the County we have most chairs in place. A few are still needed – volunteers?

Kris Grier asked Carlyn if she has the master list. She does; has been keeping the volunteer list current and forwarding names to Area Coordinators.

Barbara Jepson asked about the flyer that is going around about a caucus for Bernie Sanders. Carlyn is familiar with this, and explained that it is caucus training, not a separate caucus.

Roger Fight noted that both campaigns want their people to be at their most effective during the caucuses.

Derry Kiernan will be holding caucus training on Monday and Tuesday for Hillary Clinton supporters. Kris Grier is having training Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30 am at Headquarters; can also be available Sunday if needed.

Roger Fight noted that both campaigns have posted material to our website; Roger has moved these items to the timeline for better visibility.

Kris Grier noted that the packets from the State should be delivered today or tomorrow,

and be available early next week. Carlyn will distribute them to Area Coordinators. Carlyn also will be doing training tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday.

Roger Fight noted that many people plan to attend. Kris Grier asked if Carlyn has the delegate totals for each precinct; she does and will send them out.

Marcia Farrell asked if Greywolf needed volunteers; they do, and Marcia knows a few people she will approach.

LeRoy Martin spoke of the membership work that will be done at the caucuses. He can suggest a few volunteers if needed; membership work will be key at these events.

There was some discussion of caucus locations. We need to refer people to the website to find their caucus locations, and encourage them to pre-register.

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Julie Johnson asked who can vote at the caucuses. It was stated that any person declaring themselves a Democrat is eligible; must be a registered voter but can register right at the caucus.

Carlyn Syvanen discussed the County Convention, which will be held on Sunday, May 1, at Port Angeles High School (hopefully in the Auditorium). We will need committees to prepare for this. Carlyn will be here in April, but away in May. Roger Fight stated he has no experience with planning a Convention, but it was suggested that Ed Grier, Kris Grier, Mike Doherty are experienced and can be approached. Eligibility, Hospitality, and other committees will need to be staffed.

- Fundraising – Marcia Farrell

Marcia Farrell has mailed our \$100 contributions to the Carters' Plains Better Hometown Fund, and to the city of Flint, Michigan in support of their water crisis. This money came from the proceeds of "Miss Lillian Speaks."

We did not do a St. Patrick's Day dinner this year, too busy with caucuses and missing our planner/chef Pat Johansen. We plan to have a "Blue No Matter Who" event to rally support around the Democratic nominee. Kris Grier's band will be willing to play. This is in the early planning stages.

Parade time is also approaching. There are six parades we participate in, plus the possibility of participating at the Irrigation Festival (unlikely, as they discourage politics at this event). Lots of people participate and it helps generate enthusiasm.

Our 2016 Roosevelt Dinner is also coming up. We should invite Senator Hargrove as the "Honored Guest" and a Lifetime Achievement Award would be in order. We are hoping to get Governor Jay Inslee as Keynote Speaker (LeRoy is working on this). The event will probably be held at 7 Cedars Casino again. LeRoy has reached Molly, Inslee staffer. We need a commitment from the Governor by early May; looking at a September date for the dinner.

- Membership – LeRoy Martin

LeRoy reported that we are doing fairly well. Our 2016 Membership Drive is PCO-driven. This has given us momentum. Executive Board members are being asked to bring in 5 new members each; those who achieve this will go on the "Wall of Fame". LeRoy suggests that the member bringing in the most new members receive a \$40 gift card to be spent at the Golden Gate restaurant.

Motion to offer a \$40 restaurant card to the "top producer", LeRoy Martin; Lisa Unger seconds. Voice vote, motion passes unanimously.

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LeRoy Martin remarked on how fortunate we are to have volunteer Jenny Peterson. She will be following up with PCOs, volunteers, and will make phone calls as needed.

Roger Fight stated that one of the keys to getting better participation from the PCOs is the lists of possible members/volunteers. We need to work on this year-round.

Roger Fight made an announcement about an award that Julie Johnson recently received, from the Washington Chapter of the Tlinget/Haida Tribes of Alaska.

Julie reported that she was invited to speak at the Native American caucus, and did not know it was a luncheon in her honor. She noted that the Alaska tribes are extremely well organized. The honor was in memory of a well-known Native American civil rights activist.

- State Committeewoman – Julie Johnson

Julie reported that the State Convention will be in Tacoma. All are welcome; there is no fee to attend.

Julie is organizing a Get Out the Vote meeting in Neah Bay on Sunday. Andy Pascua will do the opening prayer and welcome; Julie and Joe McGimpsey will speak. She wants to

organize an Endorsement Meeting as she is getting requests. People can bring flyers and other information to the meeting.

- State Committeeman

Joe McGimpsey unable to attend, so there is no report.

- New Business/Discussion

Attorney General Ferguson's campaign has sent Roger Fight a request for endorsement.

He is so far unopposed. We cannot comply with this request as an Executive Board. Do we need to do anything at this time?

Marcia Farrell suggested we reply that we will most likely endorse him at our next Endorsement (General Membership) meeting. Roger asked if the filing date was in May; Kris Grier thinks May 21-26. Roger said that we won't consider this request until after that deadline.

On the issue of making membership data/contact info available, Roger thinks that all members should have this information. Do some people not want this? Lisa Unger suggested we send an e-mail to all members give them an opt-out opportunity. Roger noted that new members go on a mailing list that has an opt-out.

Bill Dole, Jr. talked about our office. He likes what has been done in front lobby. But the

back office area has lots of old equipment, some non-working; what shall we do with this stuff? There's even a Campaign Room with lots of old campaign materials. Roger Fight suggested that we contact the candidates and tell them we have this stuff; they can come and get it, or we will dispose of it.

Kris Grier suggested we save the stakes for signs, and any other material that can be re-used. Some of Hannah's stuff is still here, and she has not responded to our attempts to contact her. Carolyn Syvanen suggested that we work on these issues together in April.

Bill said that we are doing a good job of staffing the office from 10-1 each weekday, but wonders if we can get more volunteers to keep the office open later. Bob Hosek has been doing this one day a week. Carolyn says that we do need to expand to two "shifts" – i.e., 10 – 1:30 and 1:30 - 5:00. Bill noted that we are getting lots of walk-ins. Kris Grier noted that Derek Kilmer will have a staffer here starting in late July. Kris will go through the membership forms and note people who stated they would be willing to staff the office. Bill Dole will contact people on this list.

Roger Fight questioned whether we get evening walk-in traffic; we will ask Bob Hosek if people do come in late.

Marcia Farrell noted that we need more merchandise. Possibly T-shirts, hats; certainly more

buttons and bumper stickers. Roger Fight cautioned against purchasing too much inventory; 100 T-shirts can cost \$1,000. Marcia will look into this. Roger also noted that the Fair is coming up, and we can sell some things there. Lisa Unger suggested a "Blue No Matter Who" hat, but Roger noted that that would only be saleable this year. Marcia will look into this as well.

- Unfinished Business

Darlene Schanfald brought a revised version of her resolution opposing the Navy Pier. The salient points were read and discussed. The intention is to force an EIS, and give the public a comment period.

Motion to bring this resolution to the General Membership, Darlene Schanfald; LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

Roger Fight spoke about Andrea Radich, who is working hard on Washington Moves to Amend (Citizens United). She wants to discuss her resolution at the caucuses; Roger Fight says this is improper, and it will need to be done at the County Convention. We will accept the resolution at the caucus, but will NOT introduce or discuss it. Caucus leaders need to explain to attendees that we will only accept resolutions in writing, and they cannot be discussed at the caucuses.

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### **Good of the Order**

Next Executive Board meeting and next General Membership meeting need to be rescheduled so that we have a week between them. It was decided that the next E-Board will be April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the next CCD (General Membership) meeting will be April 23.

LeRoy Martin stated that the Food Bank Drive will be in June instead of April this year. Looking for volunteers.

Roger Fight stated that we need some membership effort in Sequim, as that area is underrepresented. There also are many PCO vacancies.

Julie Johnson wants to hand out pre-registration forms; it was explained that participants need to fill them out online. Julie believes that people should receive a paper copy and fill it out, then enter the info online. These can be made available. There will be stacks of them at the caucuses.

There are 80 new buttons available (Bernie, Hillary) and these will be brought to Headquarters.

**Next E-Board meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next CCD (General Membership) Meeting: April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Motion to Adjourn, Kris Grier; Steve Vause seconds. Voice voice, motion carries unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17.

