

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2016 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Executive Board Members: Chair Roger Fight, Vice Chair Carlyn Syvanen, Treasurer Kris Grier, Recording Secretary Catherine Harper, Corresponding Secretary Paula Doherty, State Committeewoman Julie Johnson, LeRoy Martin, Marcia Farrell, Steve Vause; members Bob Hosek, Ron Richards, Jennie Peterson, Virginia Shogren, Chanda Parypa-Masta, Paula Obrebski, Bill Kildall; new members Steve Schneider and George Miller. Absent: State Committeeman Joe McGimpsey, Ric Mahurin, Andy Pascua, Lisa Unger.

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

Mr. Fight began with a statement of the Clallam County Democrats' rules/mission for the benefit of new members.

Meetings are open, anyone may attend

The primary function of the Executive Board is to prepare items to be submitted to the full membership. This includes, but is not limited to, resolutions, endorsements, etc.

Only Executive Board members may vote on motions. Input from others is at the discretion of the Chair and subject to time constraints.

Mr. Fight also noted that several of our members have been recently honored: Marie Marris at the Science Lab at the Nature Bridge, and Julie Johnson with a Maggie Award which she will be going to Yakima to accept.

- Additions to the Agenda

Resolutions will be included in New Business, including the Extreme Risk Protection Order.

Motion to approve the Agenda, LeRoy Martin; Julie Johnson seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2016 Executive Board Meeting

No corrections were noted.

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

- Treasurer's Report

Kris Grier stated that we have \$1,987.67 in our Unlimited Account and \$4,701.59 in our Limited account.

Mr. Grier noted that we are covered for office rent/expenses through the end of the year. We also have funds to make a contribution to Ron Richards' campaign.

Mr. Grier announced that we now have 325 members.

Treasurer's report was accepted without formal vote.

- Reports

New office hours -- Chair Roger Fight explained that in the home stretch to the election, we have expanded our office hours; now open 11-5 weekdays and 11-2

Saturday. We will get office activities posted on calendar.

A few more office volunteers are needed, especially for Thursday afternoons.

Candidates and ballot initiatives: the League of Women Voters is holding several events; these will be placed on our calendar. Paula Doherty will send out announcements based on information Roger Fight has. We also need to find the package of Certificates of Election for PCOs as some still need to pick theirs up.

District 1 and District 2 trustees – We have two vacancies as Ken Hays (District 1) has resigned and Bill Dole, Jr. (District 2) has relocated and registered to vote in another district. George Miller has been appointed to fill the District 1 vacancy, and Bill Kildall to fill the District 2 vacancy. Both these terms will run through December; at our Reorganization Meeting in January these posts will be up for election.

Data Entry Team -- Roger Fight received a communication from Virginia Shogren regarding how to frame our organization --- core values, mission statement, etc. -- so that we are all on the same page. Ms. Shogren also offered to be involved with data entry. Marie Trillingham has also offered; Jennie Peterson will contact her. Jennie and the team are entering data on the 11,000 voters who requested primary ballots, as well as caucus attendees.

Social Media – Chanda Parypa-Masta offered to help with social media. Currently Paula Doherty takes care of our website, Roger Fight our Facebook page, and Jessica Hernandez has established a Women's Group page on Facebook. We can use Chanda's help, both to use some other technology such as Twitter, and to strengthen the technologies we are using. We will have a meeting for interested people.

Julie Johnson take care of the Native American webpage for the State; she feels that we should diversify by making a Hispanic page, and others, to try to involve as many people as possible. Paula offered to help do this.

PCO Coordinator – Steve Schneider and Norma Turner have been named to take this over. Roger Fight hopes for a team-building event to be held, but the calendar is very full right now. Steve and Norma plan to meet this afternoon to discuss strategy.

Roosevelt Dinner/Fundraising – LeRoy Martin

The Roosevelt Dinner will be on October 8 at 7 Cedars. This is historically very successful, and should be again this year. We couldn't get the Governor as Keynote Speaker, so we had to hustle and we were able to get Bob Ferguson, State Attorney general, through Paula Doherty's contacts in his office. We are working on where to schedule his remarks in the event timeline. He should be very good. Marcia Farrell has done a wonderful job of putting the Dinner together. More items are needed for the Silent Auction –that we hope all Executive Board members will contribute an item.

Mr. Martin noted that we will have to be out of 7 Cedars by 8:00, so that they can set up for show at 9:00. Time constraints may not allow all candidates and guests to speak, so get there at 4:30 or 5:00 in time for the Meet and Greet.

We hope 50% of the PCOs (or more) will attend. Steve and Norma should follow up with calls to PCOs to encourage attendance. It's a great opportunity for the new PCOs to meet members and network.

Tables of 8 are offered, \$55 per person is firm. Last year we had 150 paid attendees, which made it a success. We need to have a headcount for this year by September 29. In addition to the Keynote Speaker, Senator Hargrove will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Democratic Man and Woman of the year will also be announced.

Chair Roger Fight and Marcia Farrell will decide who the Democratic Man and Woman will be; Julie Johnson would prefer that that be done by voting.

PCO Posting on CCD Web Site – Paula Doherty will do this, with information provided by PCOs via a query sent out as to each PCOs preferred method of contact. This will ensure that nobody has information posted without their permission, but will allow their constituents to contact them if necessary.

Volunteer Coordinator – Jennie Peterson has agreed to do this – this is the official announcement.

Window/Display Team – LeRoy Martin and Bob Hosek will be in charge of displays in the windows and around the office.

Julie Johnson would like to put up some items from the Native American Democratic Committee; she was assured that there has never been a theft from this office, so things should be safe. Roger Fight noted, however, that a lot of people have keys to the office, so think twice about anything that is precious. Kris Grier noted that our flatscreen television is bolted to the wall, but that nothing else is secured, and he has never known of anything being stolen. LeRoy Martin recommended that Julie bring the items in, and we'll figure it out.

Clallam Progressives Committee – Virginia Shogren and Chanda Parypa-Masta significant numbers of new members and long-time members. Roger Fight will create this committee with Virginia Shogren and Chanda Parypa-Masta as co-chairs. Its purposes will be: to engage existing and new members of CCD who identify with the CCD platform; grow the membership of the CCD (will work with membership chair); grow the volunteer base for CCD (will work with volunteer coordinator); and increase Democratic voter turnout and success of our candidates.

As this is an ad hoc committee, Roger Fight can appoint the committee without formalities.

Chanda Parypa-Masta spoke – she is excited to get organized and start outreach.

State Committee -- Julie Johnson began by thanking all who attended the salmon bake she hosted. She will be going to Yakima tomorrow; their dinner costs \$65 each. Yakima is a swing county, so Democratic outreach is needed. There will be a Native American Caucus meeting on Friday; Ms. Johnson is Chair. Yakima will host this meeting for the first time. Joe McGimpsey will be at the State Convention, and Julie is to be honored. She is receiving the Maggie Award, likely because of her intense activism and very successful fundraising. She notes that at the end of January, there will be a State meeting in Olympia; this is not too far to travel and she encourages all to attend.

Ms. Johnson is encouraged by greater Native participation; many native people are running for offices, and have won primaries. Deborah Juarez, who is Native/Hispanic, was elected to the Seattle City Council.

There have been successes, but some negatives as well. Overall, the news is positive. Chanda Parypa-Masta asked if there was a permanent Native American member of the Executive Committee of Washington State Democrats – Julie replied that there is a member but the term is up in June. Chanda stated there should be a permanent Native American position.

Appointment of Maurine Osterberg as PCO of PA 112 – Motion to appoint Maurine Osterberg as acting PCO of PA 112, Bill Kildall, Julie Johnson seconds.

Ms. Osterberg was recommended by Loren Kreutner. She will be an acting PCO, as she will serve a precinct in which she does not reside. Mike Doherty is the PCO in the

precinct in which she lives; she ran against him – she is someone we know. She is enthusiastic, but has a day job and a family. Roger Fight noted that we should think about having some of our meetings at a more worker-friendly time.

Motion to appoint Maurine Osterberg as acting PCO of PA 112 is on the floor; voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- New Business/Discussion

Two resolutions have been added to New Business/Discussion. The first is the Trans Pacific Partnership. It was noted that we have had a couple of TPP resolutions already approved by the General Membership.

It was noted that only the General Membership can pass a resolution. The Executive Board can recommend passage or consideration of a resolution.

Motion to recommend passage of the Trans Pacific Partnership resolution to the General Membership, Kris Grier; Steve Schneider seconds.

Discussion followed. Julie Johnson asked whether once passed, this resolution goes to the State. It was determined that resolutions once passed go to Greg at the State Party. Julie Johnson thinks it best if the forward comes from the Chair; Roger Fight will do this. It was noted that our recommendation won't be ready until after the Membership Meeting on September 24th.

Paula Obrebski asked whether all resolutions are routinely submitted to the State. The answer is not always; some are strictly local. Julie Johnson warned that resolutions brought to the floor at the State level need to be debated, so be prepared.

Motion to recommend to the General Membership that they pass the resolution regarding the Trans Pacific Partnership is on the floor. Voice voice, motion carries unanimously.

The second resolution is Supporting the Standing Rock Sioux. Most of the members have not yet had time to read this resolution. Thus we should recommend that the General Membership consider this resolution, rather than recommending they pass it.

Motion to present the resolution Supporting the Standing Rock Sioux to the General Membership for consideration, Julie Johnson; LeRoy Martin seconds.

Discussion followed. Carlyn Syvanen stated that when this resolution is brought to the General Membership, they understand why this is being offered for consideration rather than passage – make the difference clear. Julie Johnson also noted that a similar resolution has been sent by the Native American Caucus, and they hope to have it passed. Paula Obrebski explained that the Native American Caucus' resolution is very legalistic, where ours is more just support; she feels that the two resolutions complement each other.

Ron Richards asked if this difference between the resolutions affected how many votes are need to pass it. Roger Fight stated that it does not, both require a 2/3 vote. Paula Obrebski asked if we can recommend endorsement of the Native American Caucus' resolution. Kris Grier stated that we can, as long as it gets the required 2/3 vote. Roger Fight stated that we can bring it up. He noted that in general, we need to have resolutions one week ahead of time to give the membership time to read them.

Bill Kildall stated that the Native American Caucus' resolution is much stronger than ours, and basically puts an end to the pipeline – he'd like to see both resolutions considered, and would like the Clallam County Democrats to be more definite and less

passive.

Marsha Farrell noted that some members of the Lower Elwha tribe went to Standing Rock in support, and wondered if some of their members could speak at our meeting.

Ms. Farrell also noted that our world continues to run on oil, and it would take at least another generation to change that, so we should focus on safe transport for oil, while we make the larger, long-term changes. We need to respect Native land, and protect the environment, but still need to keep supplies moving. Chanda Parypa-Masta stated that the oil moved in this proposed pipeline would be largely for export; we would be jeopardizing our land and water supplies for oil we wouldn't even be using.

Roger Fight suggested that we could add to the resolution language regarding the need to shift to new energy development rather than relying on oil. Paula Obrebski noted that neither of these proposed resolutions address that larger issue. Paula Doherty reminded us that we have already passed a resolution for renewable energy at the Convention.

Motion on the floor recommending that the resolution Supporting Standing Rock Sioux be considered by the General Membership. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Roger Fight noted that it is not the Executive Board's function to edit the resolutions. Anyone wishing to amend them will need to create a conformed copy with stronger wording or other editing.

Julie Johnson would like to move that the Clallam County Democrats support the Native American Caucus' resolution regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline LLC. Roger Fight wondered, if the State Party passes this, do we need to add it? Julie Johnson says yes, because our local officials need to know we are in support.

Motion that the Clallam County Democrats support the Native American Caucus' resolution regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline LLC, Julie Johnson; Bill Kildall seconds.

Ron Richards notes that Marcia Farrell's point is well taken; NOAA has said that by 2050-60 sea levels could rise 9'. We need to think about this now. Approvals by all nations in the world will take years, and this problem is getting worse fast.

Roger Fight asks if we need a motion. It is not necessary that the Executive Board forward this, it may be advanced by anyone.

Motion on floor that the Clallam County Democrats support the Native American Caucus' resolution. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously.

Paula Doherty needs a copy of the resolution for appending to Membership Meeting e-mail.

Additional Endorsements of Candidates/Ballot Measures: There have been changes since the primary. There are 4-5 initiatives where we may have passed resolutions. These need to be ready at the next meeting. One example is the Superintendent of Public Education. Do we need to have a meeting?

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Kris Grier notes that there will be time constraints on a Saturday meeting. Do we disagree with the State party?

Roger Fight noted that the ballots will drop before our October meeting.

Carlyn Syvanen proposed a resolution on supporting I-735, which did make the ballot this year. Roger Fight stated this would take the form of an endorsement, and asked if we need a meeting. Kris Grier believes we can just put it up for an endorsement vote. Paula Doherty noted that we endorsed this at the County Convention. Roger Fight believes we don't need to revisit this, but asks if someone can put together a list of the initiatives for consider at the Membership Meeting. We need to provide time to discuss and debate.

Jennie will put the required information together. Paula Doherty asked if we needed to vote on it.

Motion that all ballot initiatives be considered by the Membership at the next Membership Meeting, Steve Vause; Bill Kildall seconds.

Carlyn Syvanen stated that it is not a good use of our time to consider all initiatives. We could post all the issues and invite someone to move to endorse all. It was noted that there is NO Eyman initiative on this upcoming ballot. Jennie Peterson will put together the information on unendorsed Democratic candidates – 5 or 6 left that we could endorse.

Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

There is the messier issue of races where there are two Democrats running or two Republicans; in these races we have not endorsed.

In cases of nonpartisan races, such as the Superintendent of Public Instruction, we must allow all candidates to speak to us if we intend to endorse. We would need a meeting. We could endorse a Democrat over a Republican fairly simply.

In races where there are two Republicans, such as the Treasurer's race, we could endorse the candidate who is a former County treasurer and well thought-of, over the other candidate who is much more right-wing. It was noted that Eric Miller is a write-in candidate, a Democrat, and we could endorse him even though his name won't appear on the ballot. He was a Bernie delegate and has been a PCO.

Motion that we support Eric Miller, write-in candidate for Treasurer, and pass this recommendation on to the General Membership, Marcia Farrell; LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Roger Fight notes that in cases where there are two Democratic candidates (i.e., Superintendent of Public Instruction), we would have to have a meeting for both candidates to speak. No motion is made.

PDN Ad – Roger Fight noted that before the primary we place an ad in the PDN listing our endorsements. These were virtually the same as Jefferson County's endorsements, so we split the cost of the ad with them. Bruce Cowan, Jefferson County Democrats Chair, has asked if we want to do another ad prior to the General Election. We have a few more differences in our endorsements this time. Shall we do this? The cost would be around \$250.00

LeRoy Martin votes yes. The ad would include endorsements for Ron Richards, Mike Chapman, Steve Tharinger, and others.

Paula Doherty believes a different approach might be more effective. Some discussion will be needed on how to get the most for our money. Paula feels that this is overpriced for what we will get. Roger Fight says that he will follow up with Bruce Cowan.

Paula suggests an 8-1/2" flyer to be placed in Port O Call. She feels this might be more cost-effective. She believes the deadline would be very soon if we want it in the October issue before ballots drop. She will talk to Dale, perhaps we can have them pre-printed and they can simply insert them, which would stretch the deadline.

Motion that we both support a shared ad with Jefferson County AND do a flyer in Port O Call, Kris Grier; LeRoy Martin seconds. It is noted that we can afford to do both.

Roger Fight notes that he asks that people put a priority on District 2 when phonebanking. We are working on issues in all three Districts, but Ron Richards' race is very important.

Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Jennie Peterson asks if Jefferson County has endorsed Cyrus Habib. Roger Fight: yes. Jennie noted that we need to be sure that our endorsements and Jefferson County's conform as much as possible.

Roger Fight invites a motion to consider races where we have a Democrat against a Republican in the General Election. No motion is made.

Chanda Parypa-Masta notes that the next Membership Meeting is at the same time as the Progressive Party's meeting, so she cannot attend. Can she submit proxies? Yes.

Roger Fight said that he received an inquiry from Paula Barnes regarding the initiative on Extreme Risk Protection Orders. She would like to show "The Making a Killing" in Sequim on December 7th, and asks if we can work with that date. Can we send out an announcement, and post a flyer at Headquarters? It is noted that this will be after the election, so we're not sure what our interest in this will be. Posting a flyer is not a problem. We will consider this at the Membership Meeting; if we endorse the Initiative, we should support this effort

Paula Doherty suggests that this could be an event for the December program. Roger Fight already has a suggested program for December from the Program Coordinator.

- Unfinished Business

LeRoy Martin: In light of our financial needs and the fact that the Roosevelt Dinner is our major fundraiser, we suggest that if a member sells 20 tickets, we will give them a \$20 dinner certificate for the restaurant of their choice.

Motion that if a member of this organization will sell 20 tickets to the Roosevelt Dinner, they will receive a \$20 certificate for the restaurant of their choice, LeRoy Martin; Marcia Farrell seconds.

It is noted that co-chairs will not be eligible for this certificate.

Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Kris Grier would like to move that the Executive Board consider donation to the Ron Richards campaign. We gave \$2,500.00 last month, but Ron says he can use more.

Motion that the Executive Board give the Ron Richards campaign an additional \$2,500.00, Kris Grier; LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Kris Grier asked Ron Richards if this additional donation would get near the limit, and Ron said no. Kris noted that this is a very important race, and may be very close.

Ron Richards said that the doorbelling is going very well; he is encouraged. Some Republicans are receptive to Ron's candidacy because of the known problems in the timber industry; Ron's opponent and the District 3 Commissioner might be too closely allied. The Sierra Club published a story on timber arrearages that is making some people nervous. We should link it to our webpage. Ron also noted that doorbelling is kind of scary in rural areas. He feels that a couple of mailings will also be necessary. The EDC and City Council want to seize this race, and we want to stop that from happening.

Motion on the floor that the Executive Board give the Ron Richards campaign an additional \$2,500.00. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

- Good of the Order

Paula Obrebski: There will be a free Ballot Initiative Workshop in Seattle this weekend, given by Cindy Black, Chair of the I-735 Committee. All are welcome to attend.

Next CCD Membership Meeting: September 24, 10:00 a.m..

Next E-Board Meeting: October 21, 11:30 a.m.

- Adjournment

Roger Fight adjourned the Meeting at 1:42 without formal motion and vote.

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