

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Friday, Oct. 11, 2013 at County Headquarters, Port Angeles

Attendance: Pat Johansen, Roger Fight, John Marrs, Ron Johnson, Tanya Alstatt Menchaca, Marcia Farrell, Ken Hays, Leroy Martin, Norma Turner, Sean Callahan, Judith Morris, Kris Grier.

Chair Pat Johansen called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. [Quorum established at noon.]

- Chair said incomplete minutes from last meeting should not be approved, but will append a complete list of elected and appointed precinct committee officers to today's minutes (because the recording of these appointments was incomplete in the minutes that were taken).
- Chair's report: Pat Johansen discussed general problems with low attendance and participation in this off year, and the party's need to rally people to participate.

Norma Turner said e-mail overload is part of the problem, and that many of our messages are being missed or ignored. We may need to start a phone tree. The chair agreed that we should try a phone tree.

Norma also said we may need to do an informal survey of the membership.

Discussion included finding ways to hold contiguous West End meetings via Internet.

Ken Hays suggested ride sharing might help some Sequim members.

Norma Turner proposed that party support the Boys & Girls Club by hosting a spaghetti dinner at Democratic headquarters for the club's auction fundraiser.

Minutes: John Marrs moved (Fight 2nd) to waive minutes of previous executive board meeting until they can be edited and prepared for presentation at next executive board meeting. Motion approved on voice vote with no objections.

Treasurer's report: Unlimited account, \$4,597.47; Limited, \$5,818.18. Kris Grier reported that headquarters financial support is strong, but he hopes that we will find ongoing means of funding rent and utilities.

#### Committee Reports:

State meeting -- Ron Johnson, Julie Johnson, Mike Doherty, Joe McGimpsey and Tanya Alstatt Menchaca attended Ocean Shores WSDCC meeting Sept. 20-21.

Ron said Mike did a strong job of representing our position in favor of background checks during a discussion on gun-control issues.

Also reported that a coal transportation resolution was adopted.

John Marrs mentioned that Dwight Pelz is resigning as state chair. Pat Johansen said Nancy Biery of Jefferson County has announced that she will run for state chair.

Fundraising -- Marcia Farrell said she plans to have a meeting to hold an open discussion of ideas to help create a long-term strategy.

Chair Pat Johansen reminded that we are planning to hold a Veterans Day Party at our headquarters. No admission price or donation set yet.

Communication -- Chair said our Constant Contact program is under way. Paula Doherty has been weaning our initial list of 700 contacts down to an effective number.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Trustee vacancy for Sylvia Hancock: Chair has accepted Ken Hays' offer to take on the role. MARRS moved (Grier 2nd) that executive board confirm the chair's appointment. Voice vote approved motion without objection.

PCO appointments: MARRS moved that the list presented today by Norma Turner be accepted as our precinct committee roster, including the confirmation of all appointees on the list but excluding any persons listed only as "possibilities." (Leroy Martin 2nd) Vote: Aye unanimously by voice vote; no objections stated. [List appended]

Chair asked whether we should make our office available for use by other non-profit organizations. Grier move we explore that possibility. [Hays 2nd] Leroy Martin volunteered to study the project. Vote: Aye unanimously by voice vote; no objections stated.

Roger Fight moved [K Grier 2nd] that we offer a spaghetti dinner for 25 persons as an auction item for the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser. Vote: Aye unanimously on voice vote; no objections stated.

Chair said she would also like support in future for holding a supportive program for Planned Parenthood. No discussion was held.

[Chair excused herself at 12:40 and turned meeting over to vice chair.]

Committee leadership needs were cited for programming, hospitality, membership; possibly others. Discussion indicated that there's little we could do today but might be able to recruit volunteers at tomorrow's general meeting.

Roger Fight said that anyone who wants to help with office staffing should contact Bill Lowman.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Kris Grier said he is willing to participate in any effort that might involve establishing a labor caucus.

Good of the Order:

Leroy Martin visited at Sen. Murray's weekly constituent meeting in Washington, D.C., and said he found that she was weary and frustrated over the government shutdown controversy but confident that things will work out.

Judith Morris said Rep. Kilmer was also very frustrated and is doing what he can to try to alleviate the problems with the shutdown.

Roger Fight encouraged Kilmer's representatives to make sure he's paying attention to a proposed Transpacific Partnership that he said is being drafted under a cloak of secrecy.

Hays encouraged all to support Del DeLaBarre for port commissioner. He said that Del's campaigning has greatly improved, while McAleer is getting worse. She's misinformed people about NOAA and is talking about ignoring possibilities that should not be foreclosed. The DeLaBarre campaign is trying to raise \$5,000 now to get a final, important mailing out.

ADJOURNMENT by Vice Chair Fight at 1:15 after unanimous vote to do so.