

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2015 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Julie Johnson, Roger Fight, Kris Grier, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Paula Doherty, Bill Dole Jr., Barbara Jepson, Steve Vause, Pat Johansen, Carlyn Syvanen, David Neupert, Catherine Harper

Chair Roger Fight called the meeting to order at 11:36.

- David Neupert appeared before the Board to seek its support of his candidacy for the position of Clallam County Superior Court Judge, replacing Judge Wood. He presented his views on justice, a summary of his experience. He will need to submit our endorsement to Governor Jay Inslee by 3/20.

The next meeting of the Clallam County Democrats is 3/21, and it was decided that an endorsement, if forthcoming, could be sent to Governor Inslee at that time.

Kris Grier commented that he has a long acquaintance with Mr. Neupert, and that Mr. Neupert is historically very liberal.

- Proposal to add two items to the Agenda under New Business: First, the Program Meeting for April; secondly, what Fundraising events are in the works.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by Kris Grier, Bill Dole Jr. seconds.

Voice voice, motion carries unanimously.

Motion to accept the Agenda as amended, Paula Doherty, Marcia Farrell seconds.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes of January 23 meeting

Marcia Farrell and Julie Johnson each request one correction. Catherine Harper will edit.

Motion to accept the Minutes as amended, Julie Johnson, Steve Vause seconds.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier

Report was discussed. Some new Memberships have come in. A check was given to Pat Johnsen in the amount of \$1,250 as reimbursement for mailing costs (Port O Call mailed to District 1 voters). A formal motion was made to approve this reimbursement by Kris Grier, Barbara Jepson seconded.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

It was noted that many people contributed to this mailing effort, and that the \$1,250 reimbursed to Pat Johansen was more than covered by contributions.

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

- **Report of Chair**

Roger Fight discussed the last Program Meeting on the subject of background checks for gun permits; cites this meeting as a great example of meetings we should have. The attendance was large and varied. We hope to establish this standard for future meetings.

Paula Doherty discussed the March Program Meeting, which will include Bill Greenwood, representing the EDC. The meeting will discuss the EDC Strategic Plan. Paula Doherty will send out an announcement of the meeting with attachments.

Program Meeting

Ideas for future Program Meetings discussed included Steve Tharinger on the "State of the State", Ron Richards on the EWR, Ken Halloran on Port affairs, Roger Fight on the TPP, Norma Turner on the work of the Charter Review Committee, Ed Chadd on the Olympic Climate Action Committee, and Lindsey Shroemen-Warin on the new movement towards community rights. Paul Doherty will send out Press Releases for the Program Meetings. Julie Johnson hopes all can be included, and we will think of strategies to draw people to the meetings from outlying areas. [Note: the annual report reference was to one of the attachments that Paula would send out related to Greenwood's presentation]. It was noted that these are social meetings, not for conducting business. Members should send suggestions and comments to Paula Doherty.

Bill Dole Jr. and Carlyn Syvanen both feel the EWR would be an excellent topic. It was discussed that the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe was able to get the Navy's participation; we hope to ask a representative of the tribe to help us achieve this as well. It was decided that the EWF seems like the best topic for the April meeting.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has contact last year's members to ask them to renew. The committee has started thinking about long-term strategies to keep the Clallam County Democrats viable. Gary Smith will propose a strategy at the next meeting of the membership team on March 4.

PCO Recruitment Contacts

Kris Grier reports that more candidates need to be contacted. He will follow up with Clallam Bay. LeRoy Martin, Paula Doherty, and Marcia Farrell are also working on this. Julie Johnson will try to find some likely candidates in LaPush.

The next step is to look more broadly, expand contacts. While a formal committee is not proposed, it should have one person to oversee progress.

Julie Johnson wants to learn more about the process; she will work with Kris and Marcia. If someone agrees to be a PCO, Roger Fight can appoint him/her.

Meeting with Carlyn

She has been out of town and missed the January Reorganization Meeting. She was brought up to speed on the program work, which will be a team effort. Carlyn will coordinate activities regarding Budgeting, Finance, Hospitality, Office Management.

Official Office Hours

We now have official office hours 4 days per week: Wednesday 10-1, Thursday and Friday 11-2, Saturday 10-1. Hours will be posted on door.

Priority Setting and Committees for 2015

Forms seeking input on priorities were given to Carlyn; she will compile results. This will not be "hard data" but rather impressions, a starting point for discussion.

Carlyn suggested emailing those who were not in attendance for their input.

Kris Grier suggested discussing this at the March meeting.

Marcia Farrell suggested reconfiguring the office furnishing so that the person in the office may use the computer while still being visible to passers-by and anyone who wants to come in. The screen which is in place to hide the computer can be moved.

Paula Doherty asked whether we want to make a committee to screen candidates (like David Neupert) wishing endorsement by the Party. Pat Johansen suggested Derek Medina for the committee; Paula Doherty said that some Executive Board members should also be involved. Roger Fight suggested that the members of the committee rotate depending on the issues at hand, with one person in charge of the committee. Roger Fight will discuss this with Derek Medina.

- State Committeewoman

State Committeewoman Julie Johnson attended the State Meeting on January 20th, and reported that it was a good meeting. She is on her way to Washington D.C. For the Honoring Women luncheon on Tuesday, to which many notables are invited. She asked if she may discuss the proposed "Listening Sessions" idea; this has not been discussed broadly yet, and a proposal has not yet been prepared, but it is all right for her to discuss this with Derek Kilmer. Roger Fight asked Ms. Johnson to prepare an outline proposal.

Julie Johnson is also attending the State Meeting in Pasco. She will work on recruiting PCOs; some people are being groomed for this. She will also do fundraising for Maria Cantwell in D.C.

- State Committeeman

State Committeeman Joe McGimpsey is not present; no report.

- Fundraising Item Added to Agenda

Marcia Farrell stated that the St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled for March 13. Pat Johansen will prepare the corned beef dinner. Price is set at \$30 per ticket. This will be put on the calendar for March 15 from 4:30-6:30 at Democratic Headquarters. Paula Doherty will send out announcement.

Marcia Farrell also spoke about the Justin Blake "Give 'Em Hell Harry" presentation. This is to be presented at the Jamestown Casino on April 17. Marcia and Pat Johansen are looking at menus and timeframes. The likely schedule will be 5:30-6 social time, 6-7 Mr. Blake's presentation, 7:15 Buffet dinner, and the event over by 8:30. Mr. Blake will need to be reimbursed for travel expenses; Barbara Jepson offered to contribute frequent flyer miles to offset travel. Ticket price for this event is expected to be \$50, and this will be presented as a cultural event rather than as a fundraiser, although we expect that it will make some money.

Pat Johansen will find out if any of the tribes have a problem with Harry Truman. Kris Grier suggested that perhaps the sponsorship of this event by the Democrats should be low-key. This will be dinner theater rather than a specific program. Pat Johansen will introduce Mr. Blake; Roger Fight will welcome attendees.

Marcia Farrell will coordinate with Paula Doherty, who will do the P.R. for the event.

- New Business/Discussion

PCO training: Roger Fight has no report, except that we need to work on this. We need 2-3 people to convene and discuss this.

Expectations for PCOs: What will be the minimum training needed? Volunteers? Bill Dole Jr. Suggested that Roger Fight meet with Nancy Berry and discuss VoteBuilder and how it can be more useful for us. Roger Fight will reach out to existing PCOs.

- Unfinished Business

Reimbursement for State Committee Meeting attendees. The idea is to help defray expenses; \$100 per meeting per attendee has been discussed. More research will be needed, then a recommendation can be made and brought to general meeting. Kris Grier will investigate whether other local parties do this. The Executive Board will decide at its next meeting whether to bring this up at the CCD meeting.

- Good of the Order

WalMart has announced that they are raising their minimum wages to \$9/hour this year, \$10/hour next year, and \$13/hour for managers.

It was noted that Costco now pays \$20/hour with benefits.

Marcia Farrell wondered how Washington state's business revenues compare with those in states where the minimum wage is lower.

Marcia Farrell announced that next week's Fun Night (February 25) will be a "rip roaring" YouTube presentation with labor expert John Nichols, entitled "Democracy Moving Into Oligarchy". She noted that this program addresses the Pacific Northwest specifically. This event will be at 6 pm.

WAMend is back this year with a petition to the legislature. They have good odds of getting it on the ballot this year, and historically such bills have passed. We should try to get MoveOn people to come to the February 25th event. Publicity is needed for this event; Paula Doherty will get an announcement out.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20. It was noted that the next Central Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 21. It was proposed that we change the schedule, as we should have a week between meetings.

It was proposed to change the next Executive Board meeting to Friday, March 13th. This was approved, and the Agenda has been changed.

- Motion to adjourn, Kris Grier, Barbara Jepson seconds.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 12:56 p.m.