

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2015 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Carlyn Syvanen, Paula Doherty, Kris Grier, Julie Johnson, Steve Vause, Barbara Jepsen, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Bill Dole, Jr., Jill Dole, Catherine Harper, guests Rick Robinson and Mark Ozias

Acting Chair Carlyn Syvanen called the meeting to order at 11:36.

Carlyn Syvanen had asked Rick Robinson, candidate for Port Commissioner, to address the E-Board. Mr. Robinson introduced himself, and left copies of his position statement and resume. His platform is increasing tourism on the waterfront, with the Port playing a major role; he would like to see Port Angeles as a great tourist mecca. He was informed that formal endorsements will be made on June 20.

- Three items are added to the Agenda: First, Kris Grier wishes to discuss upcoming parades; second, Paula Doherty wants to discuss the business cards to be issued to PCOs to help with outreach; third, Carlyn Syvanen wishes to discuss fundraising efforts for Roger and Kristi Fight.
- Approval of the Agenda
- Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Kris Grier; Paula Doherty seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes of April 24 meeting. Paula Doherty's new system of disseminating the minutes was discussed and commended.

Motion to accept the Minutes, Bill Dole, Marcia Farrell seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier

Report was discussed. The final figures on the fundraising event "Give 'Em Hell Harry" are in and we show a net loss \$126.54, with all bills paid. This may be offset by a few contributions that are expected and have not yet been received.

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

- Report of Chair

PCO Recruitment

Julie Johnson and Marcia Farrell are both working on this, but have nothing to report at this time. It is noted that it is difficult to find and recruit candidates; both will keep trying and work with their contacts.

Jill Dole suggested a slight discount for memberships paid by walk-ins, as an incentive to join on the spot rather than take a form home, where it is easily forgotten. Other incentives such as small gifts (buttons, pens) were discussed.

Tuna Drive

LeRoy Martin reports that we more than achieved our goal. District 2 was the winner. A picture was taken with the winning Captain, LeRoy Martin, Marcia Farrell, and Jessica Hernandez. Thanks to Kris Grier for keeping track of donations and keeping us updated. LeRoy Martin recommends we have this Tuna Drive every year; it is good publicity for the Democratic party and helps our local food banks. It was noted that the PDN did not publicize this event or print the picture at the conclusion of the drive. It is believed that we have a problem with them, and it is suggested that we make more personal contacts when we have a press release we need printed. It was noted that Give 'Em Hell Harry also suffered from a lack of publicity, although the press release materials were delivered to the local media in ample time. This will need further discussion.

Membership Activity

Catherine Harper reported that there is nothing new to report; it is slow going, but she will continue the effort. Marcia Farrell has set up a meeting with Jessica Hernandez of Clallam County Democratic Women; meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18. Tim Wheeler is continuing to call likely prospects, and Catherine Harper will follow up.

Second Wednesday Program Meeting

The June Program Meeting is set for a presentation by representatives of the Charter Review Committee. They will discuss what is trending and what may hit the November ballot. It was noted that there are definite political divisions on the Commission, and that representatives of both parties will be included so we get a balanced sense of their work.

Paula Doherty asked if we want to schedule Program Meetings through the summer, thinking that with all the activities scheduled and people vacationing, attendance might be very spotty. It was decided not to actively recruit for July, August, and September; these dates will be available if we find something very topical that needs to be discussed, or to do campaign work and other activities.

Julie Johnson asks what kind of candidate forums we should have in advance of the November election. Paula Doherty will help with publicity for League events; this is probably more effective than holding events independently. We will also publicize Charter Review Committee forums. Julie feels we should have a big candidate forum, but Carlyn suggested that a "forum" is meant to be neutral, so better not a "sponsored by CCD" event.

Motion to suspend 2nd Wednesday Program Meetings and Activity Nights for July, August, and September (unless needed) LeRoy Martin, Marcia Farrell seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Carlyn Syvanen noted that the past Wednesday events have been extremely well attended.

Johansens' Going-Away Party

Marcia Farrell reports that a large party is already planned, to be hosted by George Fransen. All CCD members will be invited. That event is planned for June 20 at 4 p.m., after our Endorsement Meeting. Marcia Farrell suggested that the CCD should also have its own event. Julie Johnson proposes that we purchase a plaque for Pat Johansen in appreciation for all her service, with a proposed budget of approximately \$50.

Motion to purchase a plaque for Pat Johnasen with a budget of \$50, Julie Johnson, Bill Dole seconds. Voice voice; motion carries unanimously.

It was discussed that the CCD event should be something simple, here at the office, perhaps appetizers and beverages, and should be held in the evening for better turnout. Marcia Farrell will talk to Pat regarding scheduling. Date/time/specifics to be determined later.

Candidate Recruitment

Paula Doherty introduces Mark Ozias, candidate for County Commissioner, District 1. Mr. Ozias presented his background, interests, qualifications for the position. He is the Executive Director of the Sequim Food Bank, and will keep this position during the campaign. He filed his intent to run yesterday. He has a groundswell of support, but needs more contacts in the West End. He intends to choose a campaign manager within the next two weeks, and would welcome suggestions. Our endorsement meeting will be on June 20, and we will do formal endorsements then. Mr. Ozias will not be available that day, but may send a surrogate to provide information. His campaign phone is (360) 461-2613, and his campaign email address is Markozias@nikola.com. Plans to have a campaign website and Facebook page within the next two weeks. He is interested in fostering collaboration and outreach.

Kris Grier gave him a check for the Food Bank (tuna drive); physical tuna cans to come.

It was noted that John Marrs thinks there may be another democratic candidate for this position (Brian Frazier, from Carlsborg). It is believed this person was recruited by Dale Wilson; it was noted that he has not yet filed, and may not. One democratic candidate in the race would be better than two.

- **State Committeewoman**

State Committeewoman Julie Johnson is the Chair of the Washington State Native American Caucus (29 tribes). They will have a Listening Session on May 29 in Ferndale. The goal is to prepare their 2016 platform. From the state party it goes to the national. Julie Johnson wants to make sure they have good representation by tribal leaders. Leonard Forsman from the Natural Resources Panel, Patsy Whitefoot from the Education Panel, Andy Joseph from the Health Panel are among the leaders working on this. It was noted that the combined tribes are

the fourth largest employer in the state of Washington, and the largest in Clallam County. Jamestown S'Klallam alone is the second largest in Clallam County. Many good volunteers are committed to this effort.

- State Committeeman

State Committeeman Joe McGimpsey is not present; no report.

- New Business/Discussion

Appointment of Acting Vice Chair – LeRoy Martin

Motion to confirm appointment of LeRoy Martin as Acting Vice Chair, Julie Johnson, Paula Doherty seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Date of CCD Endorsement Meeting – June 20. Executive Board Meeting moved to June 12.

Julie Johnson will be unable to attend on June 20, but she may send a proxy (from Dist. 3). She will ask Andy Pascua.

- Unfinished Business – Additions to Agenda

Parades: July 4th parades in Forks, Sequim, and Port Angeles; Joyce Days, Makah Days, and others. We will have marchers in all parades, with details/schedules to be discussed. We need representatives at all of these events, information to follow.

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner: Marcia is working on this. Planned venue will be 7 Cedars, and the probable date is either October 16/17 or 23/24.

LeRoy Martin has a contact who can approach Gary Locke to be Keynote Speaker; it was suggested that Governor Inslee is another possibility.

Fundraiser for Roger and Kristi Fight: It is believed that there is a need for some financial assistance. Various ideas were discussed, such as a Rummage Sale, a Community BBQ, etc., but it was decided that a simple "ask" via e-mail might work best. Donations will be possible online or by check; online payment will be figured out, and a Kris Grier will open a "Roger Fight Fund" bank account to accept donations. Paula Doherty will get the info out to members.

Motion to set up a bank account for donations by Paula Doherty, LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

Business cards for PCOs: Paula Doherty provided a mock-up of the suggested business card, including Mission Statement and PCO information, for use in outreach (doorbelling, etc.) The cards can be made for less than \$20 for 500 cards; it was suggested that we order 1,000.

Motion to order 1,000 business cards by Kris Grier, Bill Dole seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

We should have the cards in time for our June 20 endorsement meeting, and can give them to the PCOs at that time.

- Good of the Order

Kris Grier discussed getting a printer or copier for the office. It was debated which to get, and what price range would be most appropriate. Kris Grier will look at Costco.

Marcia Farrell discussed the May Program Night. Suggestions include the movie "Selma", and the documentaries "The River Returns" and "Dam Nation." The documentaries were decided on; Julie Johnson has a contact who may have them or know how to get them. This will be determined.

Pat Johansen reports that Roger Fight's condition is much improved, but that Kristi Fight needs some help, and would love volunteers to visit/sit with Roger. He is still at Harrison Medical Center on Cherry Street, room 20. If anyone can go, please coordinate this through Lianne, Kristi's daughter, at 360-565-6739.

It was suggested that Earl Archer, Ben Chambers, and Ric Mahurin might be good people to ask; all are close to Roger.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be June 12.

The CCD Endorsement Meeting will be June 20.

- Motion to adjourn, Paula Doherty, LeRoy Martin seconds.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 1:29 p.m.