

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2016 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Chair Roger Fight, Julie Johnson, Steve Vause, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Lisa Unger, Kris Grier, Recording Secretary Catherine Harper; guests Ken Reandeau, Bob Hosek, and Robin Andrews.

Chair Roger Fight called the meeting to order at 11:35. It was determined that we have a quorum.

- Approval of the Agenda

No amendments being proposed, Approval of the Agenda, LeRoy Martin; Steve Vause seconds.

Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes of January Executive Board Meeting

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

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier reported on the status of our Limited and Unlimited accounts.

Our current Membership is 75. Paula Doherty will send out another e-mail.

Chair Roger Fight accepts the Treasurers' Report.

- Reports

- PCO Recruitment Contacts

PCO Recruit Jay Garrett is leaving his post, moving out of state. Roger Fight proposes appointing Bob Hosek as PCO for Sequim 404.

Motion to appoint Bob Hosek as PCO for Sequim 404 LeRoy Martin; Catherine Harper seconds. There was a brief discussion about what area Precinct 404 covers. With no further discussion, voice vote, passes unanimous. Bob Hosek is appointed PCO of Sequim 404. It was noted that he does not live in that precinct, thus is appointed rather than elected.

It was noted that Cherie Pickett has also resigned from her post as PCO for Prairie North 259, it is believed for health reasons. She was also an appointed PCO.

Julie Johnson asked if anyone has been appointed to Lower Elwha or Quilleute. Both positions are still open. Lower Elwha will be easy to fill; Quilleute may be more difficult. It was noted that meetings must begin at 10:00 a.m. Julie Johnson will try to recruit PCO candidates.

Roger Fight announced that the Wednesday discussion group (12:00 – 1:30) is suspended indefinitely. Just too much going on.

- Candidates for County Offices

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Mike Chapman has recently said that he is not running for re-election as County Commissioner. He feels he is not electable. Chair Roger Fight introduced Ken who has been attending County Commission meetings. He is local, went to High School here, worked at the mill, is now retired. Roger Fight feels we should try to talk him into running. Mr. Reandeau currently lives in District 3, would need to move to District 2.

Mr.

Kris Grier noted that District 2 is the most Democratic district in Clallam County and that we should be able to elect a Democrat for Commissioner. It was noted that Reandeau also sits on the Trust Lands Board.

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Kris Grier advised Mr. Reandeau to move quickly if he's planning to run. One good outcome of the recent Charter Review Board election is that District 2 will elect its own Commissioner, and it should be a Democrat.

- Second Wednesday Programs

wanted

Hugh Haffner from the PUD was the featured speaker this week. Most attendees wanted to talk about solar power; though this is not Mr. Haffner's area of expertise, it was discussed.

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We will not be having 2nd Wednesday Programs in March, as it conflicts with the County Convention. In April or May, we should have Steve Tharinger and Kevin van de Wege. Beyond that, still in the planning stages.

- Fundraising

Speaks"

Kris Grier reported that we had nearly \$2,000 income from the "Miss Lillian presentation. Carol Swarback was paid \$250, and Marcia Farrell had expenses of approximately \$100. Thus, we cleared about \$1,700.

Carol

Marcia Farrell would like to contribute \$100 to the Carters' Plains Home Fund.

\$100 has donated some of her profits there as well. Marcia also proposes that we donate to Flint, Michigan in support of their water crisis.

Martin Motion to donate \$100 to the Carters' Plains Home Fund Marcia Farrell; LeRoy seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

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who The second proposal, sending \$100 to Flint, Michigan: Marcia Farrell will find out this should be sent to. She will contact Rachel Maddow, who has been leading an effort to help Flint. Kris Grier suggests that it would be best if this donation could be made through a Democratic organization.

vote; Motion to donate \$100 to Flint, Michigan, Marcia Farrell; Kris Grier seconds. Voice motion passes unanimously.

fund- Roger Fight asked Marcia Farrell if she has heard from Joe McGimpsey regarding a working raiser for Derek Kilmer. She has no information regarding this. Julie Johnson is on a Kilmer fundraiser to be held in Washington, DC. The Chair has asked Joe McGimpsey to share details with fundraising chair Marcia Farrell.

golf LeRoy Martin stated that this fundraiser is a golf outing, scheduled to be at 7 Cedars course, the date to be determined, but probably May or June.

Hays Marcia Farrell said that she would like to do something around the caucuses. Kris accidentally coined the phrase "Bernie Sandwich" and something fun like that could be arranged for "politically themed" lunch items. She welcomes ideas. At the State Meeting it was recommended that fundraisers be held after the caucuses and County Convention. It would help to bring people in while the momentum is still high. It was noted that donations are encouraged at caucuses. Marcia Farrell will take care of this at the County Convention.

Lisa Unger asks about caucus training. Kris Grier will be available during the

month of

March to offer training.

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Kris and Carlyn are arranging the caucus locations. Per Kris Grier, the Sequim and

Kris

Angeles school locations are nailed down. Rod Fleck is working on this in Forks;

set, it will

Grier will check with him. Clallam Bay is nailed down. As soon as everything is

be posted to our website.

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Paula Doherty will put a link to the Secretary of State website on our website, to

people their voter registration status, etc.

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Carlyn is still working on Joyce location. A possible contact in Joyce is Gay

It was noted that each precinct will need one strong leader and several assistants.

Contact

The February 27th Membership Meeting will be the beginning of caucus training.

Kris Grier at 452-8848 for training after that. Tues-Wed-Thur are his available days.

a.m. Kris

The February 27th meeting is to discuss and prepare for caucuses. It begins at 10

someone

Grier may be available for some training after the meeting. Kris says that getting

videos.

up to speed should take 30-45 minutes. The State website also has some training

need

It was noted that we have PCOs in approximately half of our precincts. We will

volunteers for the others.

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Sandwiches"

Marcia Farrell suggests a fundraiser after the February 27th meeting – "Bernie

and other politically themed items, with a suggested donation of \$5-7. Marcia will coordinate this, and Catherine Harper will help.

- Membership – LeRoy Martin

LeRoy reported that we had a good meeting on Wednesday with the PCOs; 14 PCOs attended. Our 2016 Membership Drive will be PCO-driven

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We will have an envelope-stuffing session on February 17, with sessions at 10 a.m.

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to send
6:30 p.m. This will be to send out the Mark Ozias letter thanking his supporters, and
personal note from the PCO is encouraged. There are approximately 600 addresses
this material to. More details are forthcoming . . .

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Our goal is to increase our membership to 300, preferably in this quarter. Potential
members should be encouraged to attend the February 27th meeting and get familiar
the party and what we are planning.

can do to
for
Roger Fight believes that building our membership is the most important thing we
help insure our success in electing Democrats. More members equals more support
campaigns.

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LeRoy Martin noted that some new members have impressive credentials, such as
enthusiasm, knowledge of VoteBuilder, willingness to do data entry, etc.

start ASAP.
We will need a data person who will be responsible for seeing that all information we
acquire gets put into VoteBuilder. Kris and Carlyn will work on this; we need to

new
recruiting.
LeRoy Martin proposed that every member of the Executive Board attempt to get 5
members for 2016. The Mark Ozias supporter list should be a gold mine for

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Lisa Unger asks for a "packet" of recruiting materials, including Membership Form.
was noted that dues are \$15 per year.

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unanimously.
Motion that each E-Board Member try to recruit 5 new members for the Clallam
Democrats, LeRoy Martin; Julie Johnson 2nds. Voice vote, motion carries

\$15 is a
agrees.
Lindsey Buxton will work with seniors. She asks if they can be given a discount, as
hardship for many. Lisa Unger suggests a Scholarship Fund, and Marcia Farrell

encouraged.
It was noted that there is no cost to attend a caucus, although donations are

- State Committeewoman – Julie Johnson

Doherty Julie reported that she attended the State meeting; a report is to follow, and Paula will post it on the website.

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District Julie is working with Linda Foster, 6th District representative, to get the next 6th meeting held here in Clallam County. Suquamish is a possibility; Linda is looking into it.
At the State meeting, Julie Johnson suggested holding the meeting at Suquamish Cultural Center, and voted to host it there. Good location, will make attendance easier for most.

May 21st is the meeting date. Julie Johnson is trying to get box lunches for attendees.

Dental therapy – we passed a resolution on that.

Kevin Julie also attended the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest meeting. Frank Chopp took van de Wege off the committee – he opposed the dental therapy legislation.

Julie pointed out that it is hard to get dentists to come to rural areas like Neah Bay. The average dentist sees 1,000 patients, so three would be needed. Alaska is doing this well, and we should emulate them. The dental therapy program creates well-paying jobs (\$50-70K) and gives much better coverage.

The 334 medical clinics in place meet the same standards as Olympic Medical Center or Virginia Mason. This is a valuable program making a difference.

The bill states that tribes cannot use Indian Health Funds for training.

own It has been impossible to hire dentists for some areas; one tribe out of 29 is paying its dental therapist.

four of Julie hosted a gathering Sunday night supporting five Native American candidates – whom won. 150 people attended.

Prospects for the Senate – unknown.

tribes Julie Johnson is working on a fundraiser for Derek Kilmer. The goal is \$30,000. Nine have committed to donating.

Indian Julie also is working on the National Get Out the Vote effort. Attended the "National

candidate in Women Supporting Each Other Honoring Luncheon" where three women were honored: Deborah Juarez, elected to Seattle City Council; Denise Juneau, Congressional Montana; and Peggy Flanagan, State House of Representatives, Minnesota.

- State Committeeman – Joe McGimpsey

Joe McGimpsey is not present, but he attended last Wednesday's meeting and provided an Executive Summary of the State Central Committee Meeting. The summary will be included in the material that Julie will post to our web page.

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- New Business/Discussion

are Lindsey Buxton asked if the minutes are still being sent out. Roger Fight said that they regularly sent only to the Executive Board.

Lindsey would like a list to include seniors, so they can get information on upcoming meetings and events.

pointed out Kris Grier stated that we use Constant Contact, which is done by e-mail. Lindsey that many seniors do not have e-mail.

- Resolution Opposing the TPP

Meeting Steve Vause moves that we send this resolution to the February 27th Membership and recommend approval. Marcia Farrell 2nds.

liability, Discussion: SOPA (Stop Online Privacy Act) is of concern. If ISPs have some they will make some new rules, and there will be no accountability. An example is the "fast lane" vs. "slo lane" issue, where higher fees will be charged for better access.

There is a lot of concern, and the information that has been leaked doesn't help.

register a The TPP has support in our congressional delegation. All we can realistically do is this issue. protest by passing our own resolution. The State Committee is unwilling to touch

Voice vote on motion; passes unanimously.

- Resolution Regarding Proposed Navy Pier

Lisa Unger moves to propose that this resolution be presented to the Membership at the February 27th meeting for a vote.

talk
This resolution was written by Darlene Schoenfeld; can we invite her to the meeting to talk about the resolution?

It was noted that if the Executive Board brings this to the Membership with a recommendation that it be passed, it can be passed with a simple majority. If there is no Executive Board recommendation, it would require a 2/3 majority in order to pass.

Motion to present this resolution to the membership at the February 27th meeting, Lisa Unger; Marcia Farrell 2nds. Voice vote; motion passes with two abstentions.

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Darlene will be approached to provide more information. It will be suggested that she become a member of the Clallam County Democrats. As a non-member, she has no right to speak at t meeting unless specifically asked to do so.

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

Roger and Sharon Briggs have volunteered to receive and respond to inquiries about Hillary Clinton's campaign.

Pat Johansen recently inquired why the CCDC isn't doing anything for Hillary. Nobody apparently wants to start a grass-roots movement for Hillary Clinton (this has been done for Bernie Sanders). We are officially neutral at this point. We can, however, be a conduit for people with questions about grass-roots efforts.

There is a lot of bad-mouthing of Hillary Clinton – this needs to stop. We will rally in support of the Democratic candidate, whoever it is.

Joe McGimpsey talked to Roger Fight about having Erin Jones (candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction) visit Neah Bay. If it could be arranged for February 27th, she would be offered a chance to speak at the Membership Meeting. This will not be an endorsement meeting, but a chance to share information. If she can stop by at any time, she is encouraged to do so; the Executive Board would be invited to come and meet her.

Larry Seequist is also running for this position – both candidates are good Democrats.

Next E-Board meeting: 11:30 a.m., March 18th.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16.