

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2015 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Carlyn Syvanen, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Bill Dole, Jr., Kris Grier, Catherine Harper, Tim and Joyce Wheeler, Norma Turner.

Acting Chair Carlyn Syvanen called the meeting to order at 11:35.

- Items added to the Agenda
 1. Trust Lands Advisory Committee. This item is placed under "New Business."
 2. Clallam County Democrats' position on Initiative 1366. This item is placed under "New Business."

Tim Wheeler asked whether the Mark Ozias campaign will be discussed. Yes. Norma Turner is here to report on the campaign.

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Kris Grier, Bill Dole Jr. seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes of August Executive Board Meeting.

Motion to accept the Minutes, Kris Grier, Bill Dole Jr. seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier reported on funds available in Unlimited Account, Limited Account, and Roger Fight Fund.

Checks for the Roosevelt Dinner are coming in, with these funds being deposited to the Limited Account. The dinners have been paid for; surplus money from the Dinner will be used to help the Ozias campaign. The venue, 7 Cedars Casino, is praised for the ease with which they work with us, their not requiring up-front deposits, etc.

The equipment necessary to accept credit cards was discussed. Kris is investigating this. This would be very useful at the Roosevelt Dinner Silent Auction, for instance. We had this service in the past, but the fees soon became prohibitive. PayPal has a flat rate of 1.75% per transaction, so this is probably our best bet. Marcia Farrell also provided some literature she got from First Federal Bank.

(There was no motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. We proceeded to our next item, Reports.)

- **Ozias Campaign – Norma Turner**

Norma reported that the campaign is energized. Nancy Martin, Norma Turner, Paula Doherty and Catherine Harper got involved, and have done postcard mailing, and recruited some volunteers to do doorbelling in District 2. Many people have made this effort, including signing postcards and paying for the postage.

Norma also reported that Jim McEntire, Republican (incumbent) candidate, seems to be off his game. His performances at Forums and debates have been lackluster. It is unclear whether Mr. McEntire is simply complacent about his chances for re-election, or whether he is unused to the debate format and being challenged.

Both candidates attended the Senior Center discussion group. Mark Ozias did very well; Mr. Entire not so well. McEntire also doesn't have many campaign signs out.

Mark Ozias had originally stated that he would not accept out-of-area donations; McEntire got \$15,000 out-of-area for the last campaign and said that he will always accept "outside" money. Ozias did receive a few contributions from out of the area, but they were from family members and thus he accepted them. McEntire's attempts to use this against Ozias did not succeed.

Norma reported that Mike Chapman and 5 former Commissioners have now endorsed Ozias. These Commissioners span the last 40 years in Clallam County. Radio ads for Ozias should include these endorsements. Ozias has also been endorsed by the Teamsters Union. Norma also received a quote from a Republican woman stating that she will be voting Progressive for the first time in her life, and will vote for Ozias. Selinda Barkhuis has also endorsed Ozias; this has been printed in the Port O Call.

Future campaign plans include a Meet-and-Greet that Norma will host on October 14 for Mark Ozias, John Jones (School Board candidate), and the Charter Review Committee. This will be a free-form gathering, with opportunities to ask questions of candidates and Charter Review members. This Saturday is the West End Hickory Shirt/Heritage Days event, and Mark will be there. There will also be a presentation on Thursday night (private), which was arranged by Loren Kreutner. As Mr. Kreutner is now very ill, it is unknown where this is still on.

We are still looking for good sign locations. Norma will pass on recommendations to Paul Creasey, who will deliver and install. Some signs seem to have been taken down; Norma thinks they probably have just been moved, which can be a good strategy.

Kris Grier asked of the Executive Board if we should contribute \$3,000 to the Ozias campaign at this time. After some discussion, it was decided that \$2,000 will be contributed now, with more to follow when the Roosevelt Dinner money is received. It was agreed that the money should be front-loaded, as there is still time for more mailings, etc.

Motion to contribute \$2,000 to the Ozias campaign, Kris Grier, LeRoy Martin seconds. Voice vote; motion carries unanimously.

State Committeewoman – Julie Johnson

Julie is not present, and there is no report.

State Committeeman – Joe McGimpsey

Joe is not present, and there is no report.

- **New Business/Discussion**

Initiative I-366

At the State Meeting, Carlyn Syvanen was asked for "our position" on I-1366. This is the Tim Eyman resolution cutting taxes. Carlyn feels that we should vote no on this initiative, and has written a resolution. After a bit of discussion of the wording, the text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, I-1366 will cause more partisan gridlock and create an \$8 billion hole in our state's operating budget over the next 6 years, leading to devastating cuts to our schools, colleges and other programs families and the vulnerable depend on, and

Whereas I-1366 would prevent changes to our state's regressive tax system and allow extremists to block attempts to make taxes more equitable for middle and low-income families or to help small businesses by replacing outdated business and occupation taxes, and

Whereas I-1366 is so constitutionally flawed that it will likely be found unconstitutional after costing our state millions that could be spent on our schools and other vital services,

The Executive Board of the Clallam County Democrats joins the broad bipartisan coalition to urge you to vote no on I-1366.

Motion to adopt this resolution as amended, Carlyn Syvanen, Bill Dole Jr. seconds. Voice vote; carries unanimously.

Trust Lands Advisory Committee

It is felt that we need a representative on this committee. Mike Doherty has expressed an interest in being the rep. Carlyn proposes that we appoint Mike Doherty to this position.

Motion to appoint Mike Doherty as Trust Lands Advisory Committee representative, LeRoy Martin, Kris Grier seconds.

There was brief discussion; no meetings have yet been held, but the first meeting should be

held in early November. The Dohertys return from vacation on November 12.

Voice vote on motion; motion carries unanimously.

(At this point in the meeting, two visitors came in asking for Hillary Clinton campaign materials. We do not have anything. Marcia Ferrell has requested materials but has not heard back from the Clinton campaign. Carlyn will e-mail the Clinton campaign and ask for materials.)

Roosevelt Dinner – LeRoy Martin and Marcia Farrell

Kris Grier reports that ticket sales are at 70 today; that is very good, with more expected to sell shortly. LeRoy Martin is picking up several more checks. Kris suggested offering a short grace period for the \$5 discount on tickets. Kris feels that our goal of 150 tickets sold is achievable, but that we might have to work a little harder for that. Many people are still planning to come, but have not yet purchased their tickets. LeRoy and Lorraine Martin have canvassed the local Chinese restaurants, with good results. The children of the owners of Golden Gate restaurant will make the gift presentation to Governor Locke, and the family contributed \$110. Several other restaurants have been approached. Kris will send a press release to the Asian Times in Seattle. Someone will approach the Chinese restaurants in Sequim, both for this event and for membership in the CCD.

Marcia Ferrell has some Gary Locke memorabilia which will be used in a display at the dinner. A Power Point presentation with Locke photos is planned. Lorraine Martin will be doing a musical concert. Many other local businessmen have been approached to buy tables, and make donations for the Silent Auction.

Tribal greetings are planned, and it was noted that these hopefully will be traditional, and not overly religious.

Marcia reports that many good donations have come in for the Silent Auction. Several Jefferson County people will attend, and have made good suggestions.

Carol Woods will cashier at the Silent Auction. Her dinner will be comped.

Kris Grier is thinking about December 5 as the date for a concert fundraiser to be held at Headquarters. Current thinking is to offer tickets at \$15. A press release/blurb/photo will be finalized and sent out in advance.

Other details were discussed regarding the Meet-and-Greet with Governor Locke, who will attend, timeline for speeches, etc. There needs to be good signage and ID information for dignitaries. Hosts from each District need to be identified; Norma Turner, Maja Cox, Joe McGimpsey, Sylvia Hancock are suggested. LeRoy Martin states that we need more people to be involved; Marcia Farrell is seriously overworked.

In addition to these details, the money that will be made is not completely clear at this time;

among other issues, there will be at least 10-12 dinners comped, for Peninsula College students, workers, etc. This adds up.

We will need an usher to help people up and down from the stage. Carlyn suggests Tim and Joyce Wheeler's granddaughter, Erin. She would be terrific.

Kris Grier believes that additional publicity for this event should emphasize that it is a fundraiser for the Mark Ozias campaign.

Marcia suggests that we should have a "Change you can believe in" jar at the event. This was very successful at the County Fair. It was agreed that we should do this.

Other items discussed included a "traveling trophy" for the Tuna Drive. Winners will be engraved on the trophy. District 2 won this year. LeRoy is working on this.

Kris Grier is in charge of flags: will get a US and a State flag for the event. It was noted that 7 Cedars, being located on sovereign land, flies neither one of these.

- **Unfinished Business**

None.

- **Good of the Order**

Tim Wheeler will be hosting a Debate Night at Headquarters.

Bill Dole Jr. Proposed that we have a Election Night event here so that people can watch the results of the Mark Ozias campaign. This is agreed to be a good idea; we will have an Election Night Gathering on November 3. An e-mail announcing this event will be sent out a week in advance.

The next E-Board meeting will be November 13.

Without formal Motion to Adjourn, meeting was adjourned at 1:05.