

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2015 at Port Angeles Party Headquarters, 124-A West 1st St.

Attendance: Carlyn Syvanen, Steve Vause, Barbara Jepsen, Marcia Farrell, LeRoy Martin, Bill Dole, Jr., Kris Grier, Julie Johnson, Catherine Harper.

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

- Items added to the Agenda
 1. Nominations for Democrat of the Year. This item is placed under "New Business."
 2. With Paula Doherty traveling, how will publicity for upcoming events be handled?

Paula will keep up with her duties as Corresponding Secretary while traveling.

- 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.

Carlyn Syvanen had one correction; it was decided that the Food Bank event not be called a "Tuna Drive" but rather a "Canned Food Drive." It was also decided that the event will be held again in April 2016. The August minutes will be amended to reflect this change.

Motion to accept the Minutes as amended, LeRoy Martin, Barbara Jepsen seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report: Kris Grier reported on funds available in Unlimited Account, Limited Account, and Roger Fight Fund. He reported that the Unlimited Account stands high, with contributions from the Dole family, the Jepsens, Ed Chadd, and Steve Tharinger. \$2500 is available to be used for office expenses. Derek Kilmer's aide is also sending a \$600 check for office rent for June-November of next year

There is still \$250 in the Roger Fight Fund. Mark Ozias thanked the Clallam County Democrats for our \$2500 donation. It was decided that we will renew our membership in the Sequim Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, several new memberships have come in.

LeRoy Martin requested a brief explanation of the difference between Limited and Unlimited Accounts. Kris Grier explained that the Limited Account is for contributions to candidates, and the Unlimited Account is for expenses.

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

Reports.)

County Fair Booth – Carlyn Syvanen

Carlyn reported that the County Fair booth was very successful, with a full complement of volunteers (39) to staff the booth, as well as many others, including members of the Bernie Sanders campaign.

Bill Dole, Jr. reported that while it was very good to have such diversity at the Fair, some of the WAMend volunteers were very strident and detracted from other issues and causes.

Carlyn and Steve had a lot of much appreciated help in taking the tent down, including Mike and Paula Doherty, Ed Chadd and Tom Bihn, and Bill Dole Jr. and Sr.

Mark Ozias Campaign – Bill Dole, Jr. and Catherine Harper

Bill Dole, Jr. Reported that he is no longer Campaign Manager due to differences of opinion between himself and Mark Ozias. Mr. Ozias is now running his own campaign. He is doing a good job of getting himself known to the public, with upcoming events such as Monday's spaghetti dinner and other meet-and-greet style events scheduled.

Norma Turner has the Ozias signs for Port Angeles, and will bring them to Headquarters where people can pick them up. Paul and Paula Creasey have the signs for Sequim.

Carlyn Syvanen reported that another upcoming event is tomorrow's Fun Walk; she has signed up to participate and reports that others may participate as well for \$10 each. This is a fundraiser for the Sequim Health Clinic, which Mark Ozias helped organize. The Run begins at 8:30 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, and the route will follow the Discovery Trail.

Julie Johnson suggested the Mark Ozias should visit the Quileute Tribal Council at LaPush. Catherine Harper volunteered to pass this information on.

Makah Days Parade in Neah Bay – Marcia Farrell

Marcia reported that it was very stormy, everyone got soaked, but it was a lot of fun. Julie Johnson reported that it was near hurricane-strength wind, and that many campers' tents got blown into the bay due to 80+ mph winds. Even so, there was good participation.

Julie Johnson had a dinner at her home following the parade, and reported that she fed some 60+ people. Her son barbecued salmon and everyone ate well. Paula and Mike Doherty and Sylvia Hancock were very helpful. Everyone was wet, and the power was out, but a good time was had in spite of the hardship. Attendees included Derek Kilmer and his daughter, and several Seattle Seahawks.

Roosevelt Dinner – LeRoy Martin and Marcia Farrell

LeRoy Martin reports that they are making good progress. The goal is to have \$3,000 minimum to contribute to the Ozias campaign. LeRoy is hoping to put a definite budget together to track expenses. He hopes the event will draw 150 people or more, from Clallam and Jefferson Counties. He hopes to recruit Steve Tharinger as M.C., and Kris Grier is the backup.

Tickets are being designed and will be printed for sale at Headquarters and in other venues such as Port Book & News, the Oak Table, perhaps Windrose Cellars and other venues in Sequim. Kris Grier has created some letterhead with pictures of the Roosevelts and Keynote Speaker Governor Gary Locke; letters will be sent to PCOs in hopes of maximum participation. The 7 Cedars is a great venue, and Ron Allen is appreciated for his hard work in helping set this event up. Tickets will be available for \$55 until October 10th, and \$60 after 10/10. Julie Johnson will perform the Pledge of Allegiance and the acknowledgement of officials present.

The letter publicizing the event should go out soon; there will be a meeting next week to finalize this and other issues. A poster will go up in Headquarters window. Carlyn suggested buying an ad in the PDN and/or the Sequim Gazette to generate public interest. Marcia reported that Diane Urbani de la Paz could be approached to do an article, as the former Governor will be the Keynote Speaker and this should be of broad interest.

Marcia Farrell also discussed some fundraisers we could emulate, such as "Miss Lillian Speaks" and noted that Jefferson County has some unusual fundraising ideas, such as ukulele lessons. Lorraine Martin could give a short piano recital, for instance; there are many possibilities beyond the silent auction.

State Committeewoman – Julie Johnson

Julie Johnson reported that the State Meeting will be September 17-18, and she will be there. She is the Chair of the Native American Caucus committee. She noted that 6 Native Americans ran for public office, and 5 of them survived the primary; it is hoped that 3 will win.

Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest will meet in Spokane, and Julie will be there. She will also attend the Affirmative Action Committee meeting; this committee helps to choose the delegates for the State Convention. She thinks that the 6th District will have 6-7 delegates. Carlyn Syvanen reported that she will also attend this meeting. Approximately 80 delegates will be selected from Washington state.

Julie also reported that there is some dissent within the Affirmative Action Committee regarding tribal designation. She noted that the Duwamish want to participate, but that they are not a recognized tribe; rather, some of its members are registered as Snoqualmie, Tulalip, and others. This is creating tension. Julie may have to deal with this, although this is a matter that is decided by each tribe. In some tribes, 1/64 heritage is enough for enrollement; others are much more strict.

- New Business/Discussion

Nominations for Democrat of the Year (this item added to Agenda)

LeRoy Martin nominated Paula Doherty. Sylvia Hancock has nominated the Wheeler Clan.

It was noted that more nominees would be good, but we rarely have more than a few. Carlyn Syvanen backed the nomination of Paula Doherty, noting how helpful she has been as Carlyn assumed the duties of Acting Chair. Marcia Farrell noted that she believes Paula would refuse the nomination; others agreed.

Julie Johnson suggested Mark Ozias, but it was noted that he has only recently joined the Clallam County Democrats and is thus not eligible.

Bill Dole, Jr. nominated Norma Turner, but it was noted that she won this honor last year.

It was generally the consensus that the Wheeler Clan are amazingly helpful, with high energy and enthusiasm. The Wheeler Clan consists of Tim and Joyce Wheeler, Steve Vauss and Carlyn Syvanen, and Marion Wheeler Burns (Honeybee).

It was noted that the selection process at one time was more standardized, with a committee in charge. LeRoy Martin believes that the Executive Board should make the decision.

Motion to nominate the Wheeler Clan as Democrat of the Year, LeRoy Martin, Barbara Jepson seconds. Voice vote, motion carries unanimously.

Cleaning Out Closets

There is a lot of junk in the back room and storage area, including two DVD players, several old printers, and two sound systems. Carlyn has already taken a carton of books and one of old decorations to Goodwill. We should see if any of this old equipment is in working order; non-working equipment can be taken to E-Cycling. We need to clear out this area for storage purposes and to provide better access for campaign staff using the office pod in the rear of the building.

Bill Dole, Jr. would like to see the Headquarters space better organized, and knows someone who would be willing to help. This was discussed, and it was agreed that we could be making more use of the space. We get a lot of walk-in traffic, and it will be more once the 2016 election season begins; we should have more staff and train people in where supplies are, and how to help people who stop by.

It was decided that the Membership Committee will work on this after the Mark Ozias campaign is concluded.

LeRoy Martin added that we need a comprehensive list of contact information for all the E-Board members. We will work on this.

Bill Dole, Jr. suggests that the E-Board should meet in two weeks to decide how to proceed

with an office re-arrangement. LeRoy Martin suggested that someone with "retail experience" could be asked to look and give suggestions on improving the space, which is good but basic.

Marcia thinks that the signs in the window have a cluttered look, and that the displays should be changed more often.

Carlyn suggested that what we need is a volunteer Office Manager, and that perhaps that should be a function of the Vice Chair.

We need cabinets labeled, and lists of what we have and what we need. First, we should get rid of the junk. A call for volunteers is suggested. Kris Grier also suggest we obtain some room dividers to break up the space. Marcia will help after the Roosevelt Dinner is done; we will identify the players now and hit the ground running in November.

Julie Johnson suggested that an interior designer could be asked, if anybody knows one.

A meeting on this topic will be scheduled for November.

- Unfinished Business

None noted.

- Good of the Order

The next E-Board meeting will be October 9th. Julie Johnson will be unable to attend.

This earlier date accommodates the schedules of the greatest number. It will also help be a good time to assess Roosevelt Dinner ticket sales, and give organizers more time to make adjustments as needed.

The November E-Board meeting will be November 13th.

There was a brief discussion of the recent Iran nuclear deal (diplomacy not war). It is great that both of our Senators, and Representative Derek Kilmer, are standing with President Obama on this issue.

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