

Polk County Democrats Central Committee Minutes
May 5, 2009
Christ Church, Monmouth Oregon

Chair Alan Holland introduced Malik Morris, who is running for Polk Co. Fire District #1.

Chair Holland introduced Jon Pugsley, representing US Rep. Kurt Schrader. For information related to Rep. Schrader's position on issues, contact Jon at 503-588-9100 or 1 877-301-5878 or at Jon.pugsley@mail.house.gov

Chair Alan Holland called the business meeting to order at 8:12 pm. Present: Alan Holland, Gloria Holland, Jason Brown, Lianne Percy, Dick Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds, Lois Deroin, Dale Deroin, Malik Morris, Suzanne Price, Peter Wells.

Lianne Percy moved and it was seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved with corrections. Motion passed.

Lianne Percy moved and it was seconded that the February minutes be amended to strike the sentence that said there was a consensus to approve all meeting programs through the year. The motion passed.

Report on DPO Conference Call:

Chair Holland reported that the DPO county chairs send a message that the DPO is desperate for money and would encourage contributions.

Regarding Future Agendas:

Chair Holland explained that three officers of the Polk County Democrat Central Committee have resigned: Vice Chair, Lani Kirby; Secretary, Beth Fleischer; and Treasurer, Fred Brown.

Alan then explained the pros and cons of having opposition party representatives to speak at PCD Central Committee meetings. These points were discussed because the reason for the resignations surrounded an issue involving asking a Republican Representative to speak at a PCD Central Committee meeting.*(See Addendum below) Alan opened the issue to discussion. *The Process and Rules*

Committee will consider this issue at their May 14 meeting, to be held at 6:30 pm at Lisanne Percy's home. Please RSVP to Lisanne if you plan to attend.

Request for Survey Help:

Chair Holland asked for volunteers to help Suzi Price with some survey work to determine if there is a better time and place to hold PCD meetings. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Suzi at 507-606-3176.

Election of Officers:

Lisanne Percy nominated Linda Williams for Treasurer. Linda has accepted the nomination in writing.

Linda Williams was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Gloria Holland agreed to serve as acting secretary until another person can be found to take the position. Gloria was approved by voice vote with no dissent.

Suzi Price agreed to maintain the Polk County Democrats data base, and was selected to be archivist with access to the Safe Deposit Box.

Jason Brown volunteered to serve as Vice Chair and was elected by voice vote with no dissent.

Alan will contact Truman Price to ask if Truman will serve as newsletter editor.

Jason Brown nominated Peter Wells as 2nd alternate delegate to the State Central Committee, and Peter accepted. The nomination was accepted by the assembly elected Peter with a voice vote with no dissent.

The Chair will report these election results to the Democratic Party of Oregon, and he will contact Linda Williams, who is absent.

Fundraiser:

Lisanne Percy moved and it was seconded that, due to the lack of an organizer for the July 15 Pentacle fundraiser and the small number of tickets sold so far, the Polk Co. CC move the date to October or November. (This would be a different play.)

For the tickets already sold for July 15, we would offer to exchange them for the new performance, refund their purchase price,

or convert their purchase price to a donation to the PCDCC. All unsold tickets should be returned to a member of the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

Lisanne offered to be in charge of making the appropriate changes with Pentacle Theater.

Day of Service:

Chair Holland announced that the next day of service - the *Highway Litter Patrol will take place on June 28. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Rickreall Fire Hall at 1:00 pm.*

Strategic Plan:

Chair Holland requested input be sent to him for consideration of updates to our Strategic Plan for the May 14 Process and Rules Committee meeting.

Good of the Order:

A discussion of local school board candidates was held.

Dick Reynolds moved and it was seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. 9:07 pm.

Submitted by acting secretary, Gloria Holland

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

PROS AND CONS OF OPPOSITION Party Members speaking at PDCC Meetings

Reasons FOR non-party CC Presentations:

- Receptivity to ideas from alternate parties
- Welcome opposition points of view
- Dialogue with our elected officials
- Out reach to non-Dems to join our efforts or Party
- Hold opposition officials accountable

Reasons AGAINST non-party CC Presentations:

- (All of the above agreed upon and included below, also)
- Open the chance for erroneous inference of Party support/endorsement
- Get information that is objective and fair (only happens in open forum)
- Provide a chance for opposition to claim and document bi-partisanship
- Provide a platform for opposition views not otherwise available
- Contest opposition views in a public forum
- Displace Party business within limited program times.

*The crux of the issue is whether Party meetings are for Party Business to the exclusion of opposition Party presentations. The merits of inter party communication/outreach is NOT in dispute, only if such exchange is best done outside Party meetings.

The Polk Dems Process and Rules subcommittee will deliberate on these and any additional considerations submitted to them May 5 before returning to the CC in June with a proposal to guide the Executive on planning Programs and Events. Please offer suggestions during discussion or submit additional considerations to Timothe Seelbach, timseelbach@msn.com, or 503-581-2869 or Suzi Price at 503-838-5452.