

Polk County Democrats Central Committee Minutes

January 10, 2008, 7:00 pm

Christ Church, Monmouth, Oregon

Present: Linda Williams, Suzanne Price, Marilyn May, Dick May, Mariana Timshel, Joanne Timshel, Rich Riggs, David King, Kathy Smits, Timothe Seelbach, David Papen, Josh Roten, Jim Rotem, Alan Holland, Gloria Holland, Carol Ferron, Jackie Pierc3, Lianne Percy, Jason Brown, and visiting from Marion County, Wayne Baum.

Chair Alan Holland called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The chair introduced the Executive Committee and reviewed and corrected the agenda. Volunteer awards that have not been given out will be mailed to recipients.

Rich Riggs moved that the **minutes** from the December meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Linda Williams distributed the year-end financial summary. To date, the Polk County Democrats have \$6188.73 and \$900 in pledges.

Committee Reports:

A. Executive: Alan Holland reported that the Committee Chairs have met and made a 2008 Polk County Democrat Calendar, available on the back of the agenda.

Alan encouraged PCP's to attend the VAN training, to be held Saturday,

January 26 at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Information will be available on the Polk Dems website for this and other trainings. A manual which is available is also referred to as Vote-Builder.

B.Candidate Development: Rich Riggs reported that the Secretary of State

offers training for using OR-Star, which keeps track of campaign finances.

Rich stepped down as Chair of the Candidate Development Committee and announced his intent to run for the House of Representatives against Republican incumbent, Vicki Berger.

C.Communications: Alan Holland announced that Wendy Brokaw is providing a video of the Secretary of State Forum, which occurred at the December Polk County Central Committee meeting. The CCTV schedule of the showings will be posted on the Polk Dems website.

Alan asked for volunteers to take over as chair of the communications committee.

D. Events: Kathy Smits announced that issues to be discussed at future Central Committee meetings will generally be in regards to those of current concern such as health care or will involve support for candidates.

Kathy also suggested that the Polk Democrats sponsor a small fundraiser with a dinner at Buena Vista House for 25-30 people. Alan suggested setting the price at \$50. Kathy also suggested hosting an event at Airlie Winery during the summer.

Kathy Smits explained that we don't have e-mails for about 400 Polk Democrats, and she asked for help in calling targeted people to ascertain if these people are viable voters and to get their current information.

E. Fundraisers: Alan asked for a volunteer to step up to be fundraising chair to coordinate fundraising events.

F. Platform: Jason Brown suggested that anyone wanting to lobby the upcoming legislature will want to check out the legislative website.

Jason announced that he will be running for House District 23 and

asked for donations to help his campaign. Jason will be holding an organizational meeting on Saturday, January 19, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Independence Library. All are welcome.

Jason also resigned as chair of the Platform Committee.

G. Process and Rules: Timothe Seelbach announced that the committee met and concluded that fundraising and candidate support are two major priorities of the Central Committee.

Lisanne Percy distributed the Draft Form -*Proposal for PCD Event or Project*. The form is intended to help serve as a worksheet to help Polk County Democrats when arranging an event. Lisanne suggested that the form be put on the PCD's website and that changes to the form will be made as the form is used and changes are needed. A completed form would be presented to the PCD- Executive Council for approval.

Suzi Price presented a "tool kit" (notebook) for running fairs as an example of a "kit" to be developed for fundraising or other activities. The Committee plans to develop these kits throughout the coming year.

The Process and Rules committee will meet on January 24 at 7:00 PM at the home of Rich Riggs to discuss a process policy for funding candidates. The process will be presented to the Central Committee for approval. Anyone wishing to give input is welcome to attend the meeting and may contact Rich Riggs for further information.

Volunteer Recruitment: David Papen suggested that we organize 15-16,000 votes to defeat Republicans in Polk County in the next general election. A list of Democrats might include some independents and others not now strongly affiliated with a party.

Ballot measures will be published in August.

A Volunteer meeting will be held January 20 at 3:00 PM at the Independence Library. For further information, call David Papen at 503-364-7963.

New Business:

A. PCD-CC 2008 Budget: Linda Williams distributed 5 variations of a *Draft Budget Proposal* for 2008, explaining each proposal.

Dick May moved to approve the Draft Budget E. The motion passed by voice vote.

B. Pentacle Theater Fundraiser: Lisanne Percy reported that a benefit performance for the Polk County Democrats has been scheduled for June 4, 7:30 PM at the Pentacle Theater in West Salem. The play is titled *Betty the Yeti*. Council members will need to sell tickets and could possibly sell our own refreshments, not to include beverages. Lisanne proposed we sell the tickets for \$20 each for 189 seats. The profit would be @2280. Additional money to support the Polk County Democrats could be garnered during the play's intermission. Lisanne also suggested that the tickets could be sold as soon as they become available and picked up at the ticket office on the night of the performance. Linda Williams made it clear that all ticket sales must be reported to her within one week of the sale.

Kathy Smits moved to approve the Pentacle fundraiser as presented by Lisanne Percy. The motion passed.

C. Other:

Lisanne Percy moved to allocate up to \$50 for VAN training on January 26. The motion passed.

- Chair Alan Holland requested committee chairs submit dates of regular committee meetings so they may be added to the calendar.
- Alan asked the committee chairs to get their inventories to Linda or Gloria.
- Alan made a plea for money to help with maintenance of Salem-Keizer schools.
- Gloria Holland announced that the Polk County Democrats will be hosting a Super Tuesday party at Walery's Pizza on Edgewater in West Salem, beginning at 7:30 PM on February 5. All are welcome. Each person is responsible for his/her own expenses.
- Wayne Baum, Chair of the Marion County Central Committee reported that Marion County will be holding a fundraiser with great food and music on February 20 at 6:00 PM at the Grand Ballroom in Salem. All are welcome.
- Alan announced that Yamhill County Democrats will be holding a fundraiser in McMinnville on January 25. For further information, speak to Alan.

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