

MINUTES
POLK COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
June 1st, 2017

6:35 Welcome and Introductions, quote of the month

1. **Approve of Previous Minutes:** Move by Paul Evans, Steven Bell Seconds.
Pass Unanimously.
2. **Agenda Approved**
3. **Legislative Item Update:** Paul Evans gave update. Tomorrow is the last day to get policy bills through tomorrow.

Difficulty getting some things through Senate for Housing Protection bill.

Transportation blueprint 8.2 billion over 10 years...has enough votes to be taken into public. Negotiations beginning. Salem unable to get "skin in the game" because of lack of ability to allow payroll tax. One of the funding mechanism may will be a state payroll tax. This will allow Salem Transit to help earn match backs/whatnot.

8.2 billion is being negotiated for the education budget. Salem Keizer not looking to lay off, but may not hire new staff.

Three moving pieces are being put into place to help bolster funding. Discussions regarding toll roads in Portland.

Rep. Evans does not have much faith in a Revenue package passing. Working families would get a break on personal income tax. Would institute a tax on gross receipts for commercial business.

Discussion surrounding bills that come up every session. Provider tax being discussed. Will focus on large providers.

Number of policy bills floating around. Uncertainty around Boquist Gun Bill.

Discussed being pulled out of Paris Agreement. Working on strategies to counteract. Large push from republicans to change the Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Discussed possible changes in tax policy.

Discussed the kicker.

Answered a few questions from Central Committee.

- 4. Chair Report:** There will be a call regarding the Summer of Resistance. Plan to canvass neighborhoods to pledge to vote in the midterms. Large focus on volunteer canvassers.

Discussed the neighborhood leader program. Started in Washington County. People commit to talking to a number of Democrats in their neighborhood. Shown to increase turnout by up to 5%.

Ron Morgan will discuss at PCDC in July. Will need a few volunteers.

Kurt Schrader BBQ June 17th. Fundraiser for him, \$35 for PCP. \$50 for others.

SCC meeting June 24th and 25th. RSVP with the DPO. Reach out for a carpool. Delegates make sure to RSVP.

- 5. Candidate Support Committee:** Evan Sorce discussed. Delayed until June 17th at 2 PM. Will discuss potential races to target in Polk County. County commissioners, Mike Nearman's seat, etc.
- 6. Events Committee:** Julia Brown discussed. Held a meeting regarding the float at the Polk County parade. Have a rough draft. Focus on progressive messages on hand made signs. At the end, we will have a Democratic Donkey with message "we care about you." Reached out to Steve Emerson to get a permanent banner.

Next meeting: 3PM, Saturday June 17th @ Polk County Progressive Resource Center
- 7. Fundraising Committee:** Pattie discussed house party. Will be serving tacos from Los Primos.

Great time to mingle, have fun, make new friends. No fee, donations accepted.

June 10th, 7th and Monmouth. BYOB

8. Executive Committee: George Neujahr discussed previous Exec Meeting.

Evan Sorce discussed the low turnout in the election. Excitement since November not translating into voter turnout. Need to brainstorm ways to let public know how important the local elections are.

Committee Members discussed ideas that could help encourage the community to vote. Focus on education and door knocking. Importance of running for school boards and local positions. Utilizing WOU.

9. Process and Rules Committee: George Neujahr discussed. Met 5/13/17 at Suzi Price's house.

10. Budget Report: Linda Williams discussed. \$879.94 --- much is spoken for. We are charged by transaction. Will change to a quarterly charge to try to improve transactions.

Committee Members discussed fundraising issues.

11. Moved By Steve Bell, Seconded by Micki Varney. Passes.

12. FAQ Sheet: Steve updated FAQ sheet. Will add to website.

13. CD-5: Will be June 11, @ Marion County Democrats

14. Fair Update

15. Mug Update: Discussed our mug fundraisers. Discussed quotes to use.

16. Shout Outs