

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 February 28, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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5 OFFICERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray.
6 Sarah Stutler, Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew
7 Leonard

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9 ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 28, 2018, MEETING:

10 1. Motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the January
11 21, 2018, meeting of the Linn County Democratic
12 Central Committee as amended was moved,
13 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

14 2. Motion to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's
15 Report was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice
16 vote.

17 3. Motion that Linn County Democrats sponsor a float in
18 the 2018 Saint Patrick's Day Parade was moved,
19 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

20 4. The following Committeepersons resigned: Neil Blair
21 CR17.

22 5. The following Committeepersons were elected: Neil
23 Blair (CR14); Breeanna Oxley (CR35); Joe Aossey
24 (CR13); Lyla Aossey (CR13); Bill Falcon (CR26)

25 6. The following Alternate Committee persons were
26 elected: Scott Schultz (CR02); Jennifer Cress-Sliffe
27 (TMON1)

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29 I. CALL TO ORDER

30 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County
31 Democratic Central Committee was held on
32 January 21, 2018, at the Hiawatha Community
33 Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles
34 called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and
35 Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was
36 present. A quorum was present.

37 b. Mr. Nilles introduced the officers of the Central
38 committee to the newly assembly.

39 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

40 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a
41 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

42 III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND
43 CANDIDATES

44 a. County and Municipal Officials

45 i. Jim Houser (County Supervisor); Ben
46 Rogers (County Supervisor); Jim Houser
47 (County Supervisor); Stacey Walker (County
48 Supervisor); Jerry Vander Santon (County
49 Attorney); Kay Hale (Ely City Council); Gary
50 Anhalt (Cedar Rapids School District)

51 b. Candidates/Surrogates

52 1. Andy McGuire (Governor), Thomas
53 Heckroth (IA US House 1st District);
54 George Ramsey (IA US House 1st
55 District); Eric Gjerde (IA House District
56 67); Molly Donahue (IA State House
57 District 68); Scott Foens (IA House
58 District 68); Christian Andrews (IA State
59 House District 95)

60 c. Notables

61 i. Fmr. Ambassador Swati Dandikar (former IA
62 legislator & US Executive Director Director of
63 Asian Development Bank).

64 d. Candidates for elective office or their designees
65 addressed the Assembly.

66 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT: CO-SECRETARIES LAURA GEARY
67 BELL AND
68 MIKE MCGREE

69 a. Seating of Alternates

70 i. The following Alternate Committeepersons
71 were seated as full Members for the duration
72 of the meeting: Eric Gjerde (CR05); Ayman
73 Amer (CR11); Roy Portorfield (CR36);
74 Lindsey Elickson (CR38); Nicholas
75 Maybanks (CR39); Sarah Hinds (MR04);

76 b. Approval of minutes

- 77 i. The Draft Minutes of the February 28 2018
78 meeting of the Linn County Central
79 Committee were approved as amended.

80 c. Central Committee Membership changes

81 i. Resignations

- 82 1. Niel Blair (CR14)

83 ii. Nominations

84 1. Comitteeeperson

- 85 a. Neil Blair (CR14); Breeanna Oxley
86 (CR35); Joe Aossey (CR13); Lyla
87 Aossey (CR13); Bill Falcon (CR26)

88 2. Alternate Commiteeperson

- 89 a. Scott Schultz (CR02); Jennifer
90 Cress-Slife (TMON1)

91 iii. Elections

- 92 1. The individuals named above were
93 individually elected to the Linn County
94 Central Committee on a voice vote.

95 V. TREASURER'S REPORT

96 a. Approval of monthly report

- 97 i. The January 2018 Treasurer's Report was
98 approved as distributed.
99 ii. January report approved. Cash on hand is
100 approximately \$20,000.

101 b. Pass the Hat

102 i. The Pass the Hat fundraising activity raised
103 \$436.

104 ii. Funds raised this collection will be used to
105 defray expenses for CART at the County
106 Convention.

107 VI. FINANCE CHAIR – FUNDRAISING: FINANCIAL SECRETARY
108 SARAH STUTLER

109 a. Mardi Gras was a success raising approximately
110 \$1,500.

111 b. Sunny Story discussed placing orders for support
112 ads in the County Convention book.

113 VII. Committee Updates (Affirmative Action, Disability
114 Caucus, Labor & Stonewall)

115 a. Affirmative Action Committee

116 i. No report

117 VIII. DISABILITY CAUCUS: CAUCUS CHAIR CATHERINE CRIST
118 REPORTING

119 i. Ms. Crist reported on mechanisms that will
120 be in place to offer accommodations to
121 people with disabilities at the County
122 Convention.

123 ii. Coordinated efforts to ensure accessibility at
124 2018 Caucuses were successful in
125 improving statewide accessibility at caucus
126 locations.

- 127 iii. Disability Caucus will meet every other
128 month during the 2018 Convention
- 129 b. Labor Caucus: Joseph Zahorick reporting
- 130 i. Mr. Zahorick reported on activities for the
131 newly formed Labor Caucus.
- 132 c. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross
133 reporting
- 134 i. Meeting time has changed to 7-8:30
- 135 d. Bernard Clayon reported on activities of Iowa
136 Democratic Black Caucus

137 IX. CAUCUS REVIEW DISCUSSION

- 138 i. Brett Nile led a discussion of strengths and
139 opportunities for improvements observed
140 during the 2018 Caucuses.

141 X. PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 142 a. Bret Niles provided an overview of
143 responsibilities and suggested duties of Central
144 Committee Members.

145 XI. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 146 a. A motion that Linn County Democrats sponsor a
147 float in the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Parade
148 at a cost of \$50 was moved, seconded, and
149 passed on a voice vote.

150 XII. ADJOURNMENT

- 151 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.