

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. Sarah Stutler, Laura Geary  
6 Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew Leonard

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

- 9 1. Motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the January 21, 2018, meeting of the Linn  
10 County Democratic Central Committee as amended was moved, seconded, and  
11 carried on a voice vote.
- 12 2. Motion to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded,  
13 and carried on a voice vote.
- 14 3. Motion that Linn County Democrats sponsor a float in the 2018 Saint Patrick's  
15 Day Parade was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 16 4. The following Committeepersons resigned: Neil Blair CR17.
- 17 5. The following Committeepersons were elected: Neil Blair (CR14); Breeanna  
18 Oxley (CR35); Joe Aossey (CR13); Lyla Aossey (CR13); Bill Falcon (CR26)
- 19 6. The following Alternate Committeepersons were elected: Scott Schultz (CR02);  
20 Jennifer Cress-Slife (TMON1)

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22 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 23 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central  
24 Committee was held on January 21, 2018, at the Hiawatha Community  
25 Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at  
26 7:01 PM, and Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A  
27 quorum was present.
- 28 b. Mr. Niles introduced the officers of the Central committee to the newly  
29 assembly.

30 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 31 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a recitation of the Pledge of  
32 Allegiance.

33 III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND CANDIDATES

- 34 a. County and Municipal Officials
- 35 i. Jim Houser (County Supervisor); Ben Rogers (County Supervisor);
- 36 Jim Houser (County Supervisor); Stacey Walker (County
- 37 Supervisor); Jerry Vander Santon (County Attorney); Kay Hale (Ely
- 38 City Council); Gary Anhalt (Cedar Rapids School District)
- 39 b. Candidates/Surrogates
- 40 1. Andy McGuire (Governor), Thomas Heckroth (IA US House
- 41 1<sup>st</sup> District); George Ramsey (IA US House 1<sup>st</sup> District); Eric
- 42 Gjerde (IA House District 67); Molly Donahue (IA State
- 43 House District 68); Scott Foens (IA House District 68);
- 44 Christian Andrews (IA State House District 95)
- 45 c. Notables
- 46 i. Fmr. Ambassador Swati Dandikar (former IA legislator & US
- 47 Executive Director Director of Asian Development Bank).
- 48 d. Candidates for elective office or their designees addressed the Assembly.
- 49 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT: CO-SECRETARIES LAURA GEARY BELL AND
- 50 MIKE MCGREE
- 51 a. Seating of Alternates
- 52 i. The following Alternate Committeepersons were seated as full
- 53 Members for the duration of the meeting: Eric Gjerde (CR05);
- 54 Ayman Amer (CR11); Roy Portorfield (CR36); Lindsey Elickson
- 55 (CR38); Nicholas Maybanks (CR39); Sarah Hinds (MR04);
- 56 b. Approval of minutes
- 57 i. The Draft Minutes of the February 28 2018 meeting of the Linn
- 58 County Central Committee were approved as amended.
- 59 c. Central Committee Membership changes
- 60 i. Resignations
- 61 1. Niel Blair (CR17)
- 62 ii. Nominations
- 63 1. Comitteeperson
- 64 a. Neil Blair (CR17); Breeanna Oxley (CR35); Joe
- 65 Aosse (CR13); Lyla Aosse (CR13); Bill Falcon
- 66 (CR26)
- 67 2. Alternate Committeeperson

- 68 a. Scott Schultz (CR02); Jennifer Cress-Slife (TMON1)
- 69 iii. Elections
- 70 1. The individuals named above were individually elected to the
- 71 Linn County Central Committee on a voice vote.
- 72 V. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 73 a. Approval of monthly report
- 74 i. The January 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.
- 75 ii. January report approved. Cash on hand is approximately \$20,000.
- 76 b. Pass the Hat
- 77 i. The Pass the Hat fundraising activity raised \$436.
- 78 ii. Funds raised this collection will be used to defray expenses for
- 79 CART at the County Convention.
- 80 VI. FINANCE CHAIR – FUNDRAISING: FINANCIAL SECRETARY SARAH STUTLER
- 81 a. Mardi Gras was a success raising approximately \$1,500.
- 82 b. Sunny Story discussed placing orders for support ads in the County
- 83 Convention book.
- 84 VII. Committee Updates (Affirmative Action, Disability Caucus, Labor & Stonewall)
- 85 a. Affirmative Action Committee
- 86 i. No report
- 87 VIII. DISABILITY CAUCUS: CAUCUS CHAIR CATHERINE CRIST REPORTING
- 88 i. Ms. Crist reported on mechanisms that will be in place to offer
- 89 accommodations to people with disabilities at the County
- 90 Convention.
- 91 ii. Coordinated efforts to ensure accessibility at 2018 Caucuses were
- 92 successful in improving statewide accessibility at caucus locations.
- 93 iii. Disability Caucus will meet every other month during the 2018
- 94 Convention
- 95 b. Labor Caucus: Joseph Zahorick reporting
- 96 i. Mr. Zahorick reported on activities for the newly formed Labor
- 97 Caucus.
- 98 c. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross reporting
- 99 i. Meeting time has changed to 7-8:30

100 d. Bernard Clayton reportsd on activities of Iowa Democratic Black Caucus

101 IX. CAUCUS REVIEW DISCUSSION

102 i. Brett Nile led a discussion of strengths and opportunities for  
103 improvements observed during the 2018 Caucuses.

104 X. PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

105 a. Bret Niles provided an overview of responsibilities and suggested duties of  
106 Central Committee Members.

107 XI. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

111 XII. ADJOURNMENT

112 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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