

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 April 25, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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

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8 ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE APRIL 25, 2018, MEETING:

- 9 1. The Draft Minutes of the March 28, 2018, meeting of the Linn County Central
10 Committee was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 11 2. Lindsey Ellickson (CR34), Sarah Hinds (MR04), Rachel Greene (Alternate,
12 CR24), Laurie Klein (Alternate, CR34), and Marcio Diaz (Associate, CR17) were
13 elected to respective offices on the Central Committee.
- 14 3. A motion to approve the April 2017 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
15 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 16 4. A motion that Linn County Democrats purchase two booth spaces ("double-
17 wide") for exhibition at the upcoming PrideFest for \$100 was moved, seconded,
18 and carried on a voice vote.
- 19 5. A motion to approve March 2017 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
20 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

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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 April 25, 2018, at the Hiawatha Community Center
25 in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at 7:03
26 PM, and Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum
27 was present.

28 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 29 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a recitation of the Pledge of
30 Allegiance.

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

- 32 a. The Chair recognized first-time visitors and asked these individuals to
33 briefly introduce themselves.

- 34 b. The Chair recognized elected officials in attendance.

35 i. Linn County

- 36 1. Jim Houser (Supervisor), Ben Rogers (Supervisor), Stacey
37 Walker (Supervisor), Sharon Gonzalez (Treasurer)

38 2. Municipal

- 39 a. Ashley Vanorny (Cedar Rapids City Council)

- 40 c. The Chair recognized candidates for elective office in attendance

41 i. Iowa General Assembly

- 42 1. Scott Foens (HD 68), Eric Gjerde (HD67)

43 ii. Iowa Governor

- 44 1. Nate Boulton

45 iii. US Congress

- 46 1. Courtney Rowe (US House First District)

- 47 d. The Chair recognized notable guests in attendance

- 48 i. Amb. Swati Dandekar (Former US Director, Asian Development
49 Bank)

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

- 51 a. Seating of Alternates

- 52 i. Alternate Committeepersons were seated in the absence of
53 Committeepersons from their respective precinct for the duration of
54 the meeting.

- 55 1. Jon Fisher (CR02), Eric Gjerde (CR05), Lori Martins (CR07),
56 Diane Peterson (CR11), Roy Porterfield (CR36), Lindsey
57 Ellickson (CR38), Sarah Hinds (MR04), Sarah Stutler (MR05),

58 Noreen Tonkin (MR06), Mary Burke (TFRA), Jennifer Cress-
59 Slife (TMON)

60 b. Approval of minutes

- 61 i. A motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the April 25 2018 Central
62 Committee Meeting as amended was moved, seconded, and carried
63 on a voice vote.

64 c. Resignations

- 65 i. Erin Owen (CR10), Tristan Hines (CR17), Sean Caldwell (CR22),
66 Lindsey Ellickson (CR38) Cheryl Kinnaird (MR03)

67 d. Nominations

68 i. Committeeperson

- 69 1. Lindsey Ellickson (CR34), Sarah Hinds (MR04), Rachel Greene
70 (Alternate, CR24), Laurie Klein (Alternate, CR34), Marcio Diaz
71 (Associate, CR17)

72 V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andrew Leonard

73 a. Approval of monthly report

- 74 i. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report was moved,
75 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

- 76 ii. Cash on hand: \$40,054.87

77 b. Pass the Hat

- 78 i. Total funds raised from April 2017 Pass the Hat: 378.58

79 VI. FINANCE CHAIR: FINANCIAL SECRETARY SARAH STUTLER

- 80 a. Ms. Stutler reported on future fundraising activities for the Party that she is
81 organizing.

82 VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

83 a. Affirmative Action Committee: Committee Chair Lindsey Ellickson reporting

- 84 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported that she continues to organize the Affirmative
85 Action Committee by coordinating with the constituency caucuses of
86 Linn County Democrats.

87 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist Reporting

- 88 i. Disability caucus is not meeting this month, but will meet in a
89 breakout group at the 12st District Convention
- 90 c. Labor Caucus: Caucus member Joe Zahorick reporting
- 91 i. Labor Caucus meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 at IBEW
92 Local 405 in Cedar Rapids.
- 93 d. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross reporting
- 94 i. Stonewall meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Starlite
95 Lounge in Cedar Rapids.
- 96 ii. Cedar Rapids Pride Fest will be Saturday, July 7 2018. Mr. Ross
97 stated he would entertain a motion for Linn County Democrats to
98 purchase a double-wide booth at PrideFest at a cost of \$100.
- 99 1. Motion was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 100 e. Veteran’s Caucus: Committeeperson Kevin Techau reporting
- 101 1. Organizing meeting for Linn County Democrats Veterans
102 Caucus will be held on May 21 from 6:30-7:30 in the
103 “Unconference” Room at the main branch of Cedar Rapids
104 Public Library.
- 105 VIII. 1ST DISTRICT CONVENTION – APRIL 28
- 106 a. Preparations for the upcoming Iowa 1st District Democratic Convention
107 were discussed.
- 108 IX. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 109 a. 2018 Parades
- 110 i. Angie Spink discussed the current state of repair of the Linn County
111 Democrats float used in parades.
- 112 b. Ashley Vanorney reported on her recent experience with New Leaders
113 Council, a nonprofit organization fostering progressive political
114 entrepreneurship and candidates in Iowa.
- 115 c. Valerie Smith spoke about “Blue Wave” events throughout Linn County
116 designed to build momentum for Democratic Victories in 2018 and beyond.
- 117 X. ADJOURNMENT
- 118 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.