

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

21 PrideFest for \$100 was moved, seconded, and carried on a
22 voice vote.

23 5. A motion to approve March 2017 Linn County Democratic
24 Central Committee Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded,
25 and carried on a voice vote.

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27 I. CALL TO ORDER

28 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic
29 Central Committee was held on April 25, 2018, at the
30 Hiawatha Community Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair
31 Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and
32 Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
33 quorum was present.

34 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

35 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a recitation
36 of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

40 b. The Chair recognized elected officials in attendance.

41 i. Linn County

42 1. Jim Houser (Supervisor), Ben Rogers
43 (Supervisor), Stacey Walker (Supervisor), Sharon
44 Gonzalez (Treasurer)

45 2. Municipal

46 a. Ashley Vanorny (Cedar Rapids City Council)

47 c. The Chair recognized candidates for elective office in
48 attendance

49 i. Iowa General Assembly

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

51 ii. Iowa Governor

52 1. Nate Boulton

53 iii. US Congress

54 1. Courtney Rowe (US House First District)

55 d. The Chair recognized notable guests in attendance

56 i. Amb. Swati Dandekar (Former US Director, Asian
57 Development Bank)

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

60 a. Seating of Alternates

61 i. Alternate Committeepersons were seated in the
62 absence of Committeepersons from their respective
63 precinct for the duration of the meeting.

64 1. Jon Fisher (CR02), Eric Gjerde (CR05), Lori
65 Martins (CR07), Diane Peterson (CR11), Roy
66 Porterfield (CR36), Lindsey Ellickson (CR38),
67 Sarah Hinds (MR04), Sarah Stutler (MR05),
68 Noreen Tonkin (MR06), Mary Burke (TFRA),
69 Jennifer Cress-Sliffe (TMON)

70 b. Approval of minutes

- 71 i. A motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the April 25
72 2018 Central Committee Meeting as amended was
73 moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

74 c. Resignations

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

78 d. Nominations

79 i. Committeeperson

- 80 1. Lindsey Elickson (CR34), Sarah Hinds (MR04),
81 Rachel Greene (Alternate, CR24), Laurie Klein
82 (Alternate, CR34), Marcio Diaz (Associate,
83 CR17)

84 V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andrew Leonard

85 a. Approval of monthly report

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

88 ii. Cash on hand: \$40,054.87

89 b. Pass the Hat

- 90 i. Total funds raised from April 2017 Pass the Hat:
91 378.58

92 VI. FINANCE CHAIR: FINANCIAL SECRETARY SARAH STUTLER

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

95 VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

96 a. Affirmative Action Committee: Committee Chair Lindsey
97 Ellickson reporting

98 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported that she continues to organize
99 the Affirmative Action Committee by coordinating with
100 the constituency caucuses of Linn County Democrats.

101 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist
102 Reporting

103 i. Disability caucus is not meeting this month, but will
104 meet in a breakout group at the 12st District
105 Convention

106 c. Labor Caucus: Caucus member Joe Zahorick reporting

107 i. Labor Caucus meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
108 at 5:30 at IBEW Local 405 in Cedar Rapids.

109 d. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross reporting

110 i. Stonewall meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at
111 the Starlite Lounge in Cedar Rapids.

112 ii. Cedar Rapids Pride Fest will be Saturday, July 7
113 2018. Mr. Ross stated he would entertain a motion
114 for Linn County Democrats to purchase a double-wide
115 booth at PrideFest at a cost of \$100.

116 1. Motion was moved, seconded, and carried on a
117 voice vote.

118 e. Veteran's Caucus: Committeeperson Kevin Techau
119 reporting

120 1. Organizing meeting for Linn County Democrats
121 Veterans Caucus will be held on May 21 from
122 6:30-7:30 in the “Unconference” Room at the
123 main branch of Cedar Rapids Public Library.

124 VIII. 1ST DISTRICT CONVENTION – APRIL 28

125 a. Preparations for the upcoming Iowa 1st District Democratic
126 Convention were discussed.

127 IX. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

128 a. 2018 Parades

129 i. Angie Spink discussed the current state of repair of
130 the Linn County Democrats float used in parades.

131 b. Ashley Vanorney reported on her recent experience with
132 New Leaders Council, a nonprofit organization fostering
133 progressive political entrepreneurship and candidates in
134 Iowa.

135 c. Valerie Smith spoke about “Blue Wave” events throughout
136 Linn County designed to build momentum for Democratic
137 Victories in 2018 and beyond.

138 X. ADJOURNMENT

139 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.