

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 May 23, 2017 – 7:00 PM

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5 Officers Present: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray.

6 Sarah Stutler, Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree

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8 Actions taken at the May 24, 2018, meeting:

9 1. Central Committee Member Andrew Leonard was
10 elected Treasurer of Linn County Democrats.

11 2. Motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the April 24
12 2018 meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central
13 Committee as amended was moved, seconded, and
14 carried on a voice vote.

15 3. Motion to approve the April 2017 Treasurer's Report
16 was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

17 4. Joey Zahorick (CR 34; Member) and Wendy Cooper
18 (Alternate, TGRA) were elected to the Central
19 Committee on a voice vote.

20 I. Call to Order

21 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County
22 Democratic Central Committee was held on May
23 23, 2018, at the Hiawatha Community Center in
24 Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the
25 meeting to order at 7:04 PM, and Michael

26 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
27 quorum was present.

28 II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

31 III. Recognition of Guests, Elected Officials, and
32 Candidates

33 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in
34 attendance

35 i. Iowa General Assembly

36 1. Sen. Rob Hogg, Sen. Liz Mathis, Rep.
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38 ii. Municipal

39 1. Cedar Rapids Councilor Ashley
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41 iii. Linn County

42 1. Supervisor Brent Oleson, Supervisor
43 Ben Rodgers, Supervisor Stacey
44 Walker, County Attorney Jerry Vander
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46 b. Chair Nilles recognized candidates for Elective
47 Office in attendance.

48 i. Tracy Ehlert (HD 20), Scott Foens (HD 68),
49 Eric Gjerde (HD 67), Abby Finkenaur (IA 1st
50 District Rep.), Thomas Heckroth (IA 1st

51 District Rep.), George Ramsey (IA 1st District
52 Rep.), Courtney Rowe (IA 1st District Rep)

53 c. Chair Niles recognized other notable guests.

54 i. Amb. Swat Dandikar (Former US Director,
55 Asian Development Bank; Former IA
56 legislator)

57 d. Candidates for office and elected official
58 addressed the Assembly.

59 IV. Secretary's Report: Co-Secretaries Laura Geary Bell
60 & Mike McGree

61 a. Seating of Alternates

62 i. The following Alternate Committeepersons
63 were seated for the duration of the meeting:

64 1. Jon Fisher (CR01), Lori Martins (CR07),
65 Helane Golden (CR14), Sunny Story
66 (CR14); Debora Engmark (CR18),
67 Andrew Leopold (CR19), Dale Evans
68 (CR20), Rachel Greene (CR24),
69 Courtney Rowe (CR25), Laura Kline
70 (CR37); Nicholas Maybanks (CR39),
71 Brent Oleson (MR05), Noreen Tonkin
72 (MR06); Mary Burke (TFRA); Robert
73 Zahorick (TFRA)

74 b. Approval of Minutes

75 i. The April 23 2018 Draft Minutes of the Linn
76 County Democratic Central Committee were
77 approved as amended on a voice vote.

78 c. Resignations

79 i. None

80 d. Nominations

81 i. Committeeperson

82 1. Joe Zahorick (CR34)

83 ii. Alternate

84 1. Wendy Cooper (TGRA)

85 iii. Election of nominees

86 1. The persons named above were elected
87 to their respective offices on the Central
88 Committee on a voice vote.

89 V. Treasurer's Report : Treasurer Andrew Leonard
90 reporting

91 a. Approval of monthly report

92 i. The Treasurer's Report for April 2018 was
93 approved as distributed on a voice vote.

94 ii. Cash on hand: \$38,035.42

95 b. Pass the hat

96 i. This fundraising activity generated \$291 in
97 donations from the Assembly.

98 VI. Finance Chair: Sarah Stutler reporting

99 a. Ms. Stutler reported on planning for upcoming
100 Linn County fundraising events.

101 VII. Committee Updates

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a. Affirmative Action: Committee Chair Lindsey Ellickson reporting

- i. Mrs. Ellickson reported that she continues to attend constituency caucus meetings to increase her understanding of issue and initiative of significance to these caucuses.
- ii. Ms. Ellickson also discussed the benefits of caucus membership.

b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist reporting

- i. Ms. Crist reported on accessibility issues as they pertain to the State Convention.
 - 1. She cited Linn County's Convention as a model for the state.
- ii. Ms. Crist stated that volunteers were needed to act as Accessibility Assistant for the State Convention.

c. Labor Caucus: Joey Zahorick reporting

- i. Labor Caucus meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at IBEW local 4015 at 5 P.

d. Veterans Caucus: Caucus Chair Kevin Techau reporting

- i. Mr. Techau reported on continuing efforts to organize the Linn County Veterans Caucus as a standing constituency caucus.

e. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross reporting

- 129 i. Mr. Ross reported that Stonewall Caucus will
130 meet on the 2nd Wednesday in June and
131 July.
- 132 ii. Pridefest is coming up July 7.
- 133 iii. Mr. Ross announced he will resign as Chair
134 of Stonewall Caucus after PrideFest.

135 VIII. New Business/Announcements

136 a. Primary Election June 5

- 137 i. Kevin Burgess, IDPP 1st District Organizer,
138 reported on activities relating to the Primary
139 election.
- 140 ii. Valerie Smith reported on absentee voting
141 voter registration, and voter ID requirements.

142 b. Additional items of New Business:

- 143 i. Matthew Clay reported on an initiative to
144 audit the State Central Committee election
145 held at 1st District Convention.
- 146 ii. Ashley Vanorney provided event
147 announcements and spoke about decorum
148 in campaigns.
- 149 iii. Dale Todd spoke about City Council service
150 and an upcoming event at the History Center
151 on June 2.

152 IX. Old Business

153 a. 2018 Parades

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i. Angie Spink provided updates to the schedule of upcoming parades.

1. The Linn County Democrats Float will be part of these parades

X. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

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