

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 September 26, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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5 OFFICERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Karen Black, Laura Geary
6 Bell, Michael McGree

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8 ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2018, MEETING:

- 9 1) The Draft Minutes August 22 Central Committee meeting were
10 approved as amended.
- 11 2) The August Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.
- 12 3) A motion that the Linn County Central committee donate \$500 to the
13 campaign of Stacey Walker was moved, seconded, and carried on a
14 voice vote.
- 15 4) Scott Foens was elected Financial Secretary of the Linn County
16 Central Committee.
- 17 5) Bill Falcon was elected Treasurer of the Linn County Central
18 Committee.

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20 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 21 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic
22 Central Committee was held on September 26, 2018, at the
23 Hiawatha Community Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret
24 Nilles called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and Michael
25 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum was
26 present.

27 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

- 31 a. The Chair recognized first-time visitors and asked these
32 individuals to briefly introduce themselves.
- 33 b. The Chair recognized elected officials in attendance.
- 34 c. The Chair recognized elected officials in attendance
- 35 i. Linn County
- 36 1. Sharon Gonzalez (Treasurer), Ben Rogers
37 (Supervisor), Brent Oleson (Supervisor), Stacey
38 Walker (Supervisor)
- 39 ii. Municipal
- 40 1. Kay Hale (Ely City Council)
- 41 iii. Other notable guests
- 42 1. Gary Anhalt (Cedar Rapids school board)
- 43 2. Swati Dandiekar (former state legislator, former
44 ambassador to Asian Development Bank)
- 45 iv. The Chair recognized candidates for elective office in
46 attendance
- 47 v. Elected officials and candidates for office were given an
48 opportunity to address the Central Committee.
- 49 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 50 a. Seating of Alternates
- 51 i. All Alternate Committee persons present were seated for
52 the duration of the current meeting.
- 53 b. Approval of minutes
- 54 i. The Draft Minutes of the August 22 2018 Central
55 Committee Meeting were approved as amended
- 56 c. Resignations/Nominations
- 57 i. There were no resignations or nominations.
- 58 V. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 59 a. Cash on hand: \$19,914.044.
- 60 b. Approval of monthly report

61 i. The September 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved
62 as distributed.

63 c. A Motion that the Linn County Democratic Central Committee
64 donate \$1000 to the campaign of Stacey Walker was moved,
65 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

66 d. The Pass the Hat fundraising activity generated \$213 for the
67 Central Committee.

68 VI. ELECTION: FINANCE CHAIR & TREASURER

69 a. Parliamentarian Roy Porterfield read the Rules of Election. A
70 motion to ratify the Rules of Election was moved, seconded,
71 and carried on a voice vote.

72 b. A brief description of the office of Treas. and Financial Sec. was
73 read to the assembly.

74 c. Tellers were appointed to assist with the election. Catherine
75 Crist was appointed as Head Teller.

76 d. Nominations for the office of Financial Secretary were opened.
77 Scott Foens was nominated, and no further nominations were
78 offered. Nominations were closed. Mr. Foens was elected was
79 elected Financial Secretary on a voice vote

80 e. Nominations for the office of Treasurer were opened. Bill
81 Falcon was nominated, and no further nominations were
82 offered. Nominations were closed. Mr. Falcon was elected to
83 the office of Treasurer on a voice vote.

84 VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

85 a. Affirmative Action Committee: Lindsay Ellickson reporting

86 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on the activities at Latino Fest and
87 activities ahead of the November election.

88 b. Disability Caucus: Catherine Crist reporting

89 i. Ms. Crist reported on recent activities of the Disability
90 Caucus, including recent listening post and conversations
91 with Abby Finkenauer, Diedre DeJear.

92 ii. Held listening posts

93 c. Labor Caucus: Mary Burke reporting

94 i. Ms. Burke reported that members of the Labor Caucus
95 were busy canvassing for candidates ahead of the
96 November election.

97 d. Veterans Caucus

98 i. No report

99 e. Stonewall Caucus: Harvey Ross reporting

100 i. Mr. Ross reported on the activities of Stonewall Caucus
101 and results of their first meeting at the Chrome Horse
102 Saloon in downtown Cedar Rapids.

103 ii. First mtng at Chrome Horse

104 f. Progressive Caucus: Mathew Clay reporting

105 i. Matthew Clay provided an update on the activities of the
106 Progressive Caucus.

107 VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

108 a. Office Support – 1st Ave. NE, 16th St. SW, & Marion

109 i. The Campaign Offices in Cedar Rapids have it open call
110 for assistance with donations of office supplies.
111 Volunteers are also always appreciated!

112 IX. OLD BUSINESS

113 a. Chair Bret Nilles reiterated the call to action for activists to
114 volunteer for Democratic candidates ahead of the November
115 election.

116 X. ADJOURNMENT

117 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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