

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  
6 Black, Laura Geary 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  
10 meeting were approved as amended.

11 2) The August Treasurer's Report was approved as  
12 distributed.

13 3) A motion that the Linn County Central committee  
14 donate \$500 to the campaign of Stacey Walker was  
15 moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

16 4) Scott Foens was elected Financial Secretary of the  
17 Linn County Central Committee.

18 5) Bill Falcon was elected Treasurer of the Linn County  
19 Central Committee.

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21 I. CALL TO ORDER

22 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County  
23 Democratic Central Committee was held on

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

29 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

36 b. The Chair recognized elected officials in  
37 attendance.

38 c. The Chair recognized elected officials in  
39 attendance

40 i. Linn County

41 1. Sharon Gonzalez (Treasurer), Ben  
42 Rogers (Supervisor), Brent Oleson  
43 (Supervisor), Stacey Walker  
44 (Supervisor)

45 ii. Municipal

46 1. Kay Hale (Ely City Council)

47 iii. Other notable guests

48 1. Gary Anhalt (Cedar Rapids school  
49 board)

50 2. Swati Dandiekar (former state legislator,  
51 former ambassador to Asian  
52 Development Bank)

53 iv. The Chair recognized candidates for elective  
54 office in attendance

55 v. Elected officials and candidates for office  
56 were given an opportunity to address the  
57 Central Committee.

58 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

59 a. Seating of Alternates

60 i. All Alternate Committee persons present  
61 were seated for the duration of the current  
62 meeting.

63 b. Approval of minutes

64 i. The Draft Minutes of the August 22 2018  
65 Central Committee Meeting were approved  
66 as amended

67 c. Resignations/Nominations

68 i. There were no resignations or nominations.

69 V. TREASURER'S REPORT

70 a. Cash on hand: \$19,914.044.

71 b. Approval of monthly report

72 i. The September 2018 Treasurer's Report  
73 was approved as distributed.

74 c. A Motion that the Linn County Democratic  
75 Central Committee donate \$1000 to the

76 campaign of Stacey Walker was moved,  
77 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

78 d. The Pass the Hat fundraising activity generated  
79 \$213 for the Central Committee.

80 VI. ELECTION: FINANCE CHAIR & TREASURER

81 a. Parliamentarian Roy Porterfield read the Rules of  
82 Election. A motion to ratify the Rules of Election  
83 was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice  
84 vote.

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

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

89 d. Nominations for the office of Financial Secretary  
90 were opened. Scott Foens was nominated, and  
91 no further nominations were offered. Nominations  
92 were closed. Mr. Foens was elected was elected  
93 Financial Secretary on a voice vote

94 e. Nominations for the office of Treasurer were  
95 opened. Bill Falcon was nominated, and no  
96 further nominations were offered. Nominations  
97 were closed. Mr. Falcon was elected to the office  
98 of Treasurer on a voice vote.

99 VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

100 a. Affirmative Action Committee: Lindsay Ellickson  
101 reporting

- 102 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on the activities at  
103 Latino Fest and activities ahead of the  
104 November election.
- 105 b. Disability Caucus: Catherine Crist reporting
- 106 i. Ms. Crist reported on recent activities of the  
107 Disability Caucus, including recent listening  
108 post and conversations with Abby  
109 Finkenauer, Diedre DeJear.
- 110 ii. Held listening posts
- 111 c. Labor Caucus: Mary Burke reporting
- 112 i. Ms. Burke reported that members of the  
113 Labor Caucus were busy canvassing for  
114 candidates ahead of the November election.
- 115 d. Veterans Caucus
- 116 i. No report
- 117 e. Stonewall Caucus: Harvey Ross reporting
- 118 i. Mr. Ross reported on the activities of  
119 Stonewall Caucus and results of their first  
120 meeting at the Chrome Horse Saloon in  
121 downtown Cedar Rapids.
- 122 ii. First mtng at Chrome Horse
- 123 f. Progressive Caucus: Mathew Clay reporting
- 124 i. Matthew Clay provided an update on the  
125 activities of the Progressive Caucus.

126 VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 127 a. Office Support – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE, 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW, &  
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i. The Campaign Offices in Cedar Rapids have it open call for assistance with donations of office supplies. Volunteers are also always appreciated!

IX. OLD BUSINESS

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

