



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called to Order: 5:05

Present: Jerry Sebestyen, Sharon Evoy, Glen Scheele, Terry Edvalson, Dick McDaniel, Carole Halvorson, Bill Whitaker, Gray McGuire, Heidi Vanderlooven,

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval: have around \$750 as of last report HCAO given \$50

Item: Push to recruit PCPs
need to fill out forms, need to recruit, deadline is March 11, everybody must fill out form again if re-upping, reach out to folks so we can extend our reach, some tough elections coming up, Glenn will send out document explaining PCP role, district 1 is pretty well covered – need to recruit for other districts, Glen will look into print out from vote file to recruit, Terry will look into coming up with a list of names, Sharon volunteers to make a few calls.

In other housekeeping, Glenn will add Donna Skovlin to email list,

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Item: Local elections: Where are our Democrats for local office?

3 seats City council (non partisan), 2 county commissioner opening, may be some competition in commissioner election,

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Item: May primary: Plan to Get Out The Vote

State Dems interested in recruiting help in getting out vote, votes broken down by precincts – Dems heavy in a few counties in Willamette Valley, R's tend to vote at higher %, an issue we can raise, Independents vote at low rate in primaries, Terry is working on writing up a editorial with voter info, see notes below regarding non-partisan campaign/election



Item: - Schedule showing(s) of "Inequality for All"

Gray purchased \$16 needs to be reimbursed, Glen will schedule Sacs room, La Grande Stereo will give us a loaner for showing,

Item: Ask to host 3rd Qtr. State Central Committee meeting July 12-13

Glen in touch with state organization, we might consider throwing our hat in the ring for hosting, last time was when Kathleen was chair, was a successful fundraiser for our local chapter, takes a handful of folks a lot of time

Item: Non partisan for county commissioner campaign

– will be on ballot, positive response from a number of sources, e.g. Observer poll 70% pro, Terry passed around ad for newspaper & discussed spot in voters pamphlet, will appear on the primary ballot – hopefully will help motivate Dems to vote, Glen may be scheduling some calling parties, ballots out last week in April with voters pamphlets coming out about same time,

Item: Local convention this fall

ideas regarding increasing participation, holding a regional conference, Dems host a meeting community organizations involved with particular issues, generating connections get people pumped up, '07 we had a tri county convention in LG had keynote speaker, different training sessions, candidate training, Laurence from Clatsop County Dems they are having an issues discussion event,

“Democrats Issue conference - open to all” foster engagement participation build visibility for local chapter,

We'll return to this later,

Item: Senator Merkley town hall meeting at Imbler High School Monday, February 17 4:30 Elizabeth Sheeley Pendleton office Elizabeth Sheeley

Item; Heidi announces that she has decided to not run, had been in touch with state Pac, local Dems are encouraged to run to hold R's accountable, need to get out message of how Dems vote for benefit of local constituents e.g. SNAP, in our district this will impact a large # of folks,

What do Union County Democrats believe is important?

Other Eastern Oregon counties? Branding of Democrats loss of enthusiasm might have a sort of “sage brush” Democrats what do we believe that is different



from the valley?

Brad Martin executive for state Dems, came out of Montana knows rural issues, Terry shares info about issues that folks think about issues that effect their lives, still need to ask the hard reality based questions, references to letter printed in Monday's paper, DPO can provide support regarding issues forum

Plan: Mission statement, outline goals, strategies, Terry will help with organizing once we have some structure in place

Announcements:

Town Hall Sen. Merkley Monday Feb. 17, 4:30 Imbler HS

Walk for Warmth Saturday Feb. 15 join & wear Dem shirts,

EOFF Film Festival Feb. 21-22 Glen shares some of the features,

HCAO Bill shares benefit George Mann concert upcoming, opening gig is Steve Hines & friends, Colton from Bitterroot, APRIL 17, McKenzie EOU 7pm, benefit for HCAO & Oregon Health Care reform Action Team,

Adjourned: 6:11

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Evoy, Secretary