

Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00pm Date: May 8, 2013

Present: Glen Scheele, Jamie Gustafson & Fred, Gray McGuire, Mary Calder, Bill Whitaker, Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker

Introductions: Introductions were made.

*Sharon and Jerry are in San Francisco until September.

*Cleaned the highway!

*Special District Election due May 21st

Robin L. Maille suggested for La Grande School District Zone 3

Cheryl suggested that we make an effort to facilitate a meet the candidates gathering in the future.

The next election is 2014. We could do it in honor of the League of Women Voters.

*UC Citizens for Good Government fundraiser @ Norm and Shelly Cimon. Thursday, May 9.

Bill says we need 650 signatures to put the measure on the ballot. Petition signing for a ballot initiative to change county commissioners to a non-partisan vote.

-every other appointed position in the county is non-partisan.

*HCFA Health Care for All

House bill 3260 Provide a study to report on the following. Currently in the ways and means.

Hopefully will pass in House and Senate

House bill 2922 Affordable Healthcare for all Oregon

If this gets passed in the next year with 60% majority it will become the law. Where then the insurance companies will make a referendum.

Oregon will need lots of money and people to go against the insurance companies.



Glenn made a motion to approve executive committee which agrees to join the HCFA, Bill seconded and everyone voted in favor of joining. In hopes of supporting Single Payer healthcare through the Affordable Care Act. So far Baker county, Union County, Lane County and Umatilla county Dems are working on joining the HCFA.

*Union County Fair Plans By Gray (Fair dates July 31-Aug 3)
HCFA feature and petition signing available.
Called Wyden, Merkley and Kitzhapper for materials to hand out.
Local Unions representation and support from UC Dems.
Skip the raffle this year.
Looking for volunteers....contact Gray McGuire
HCFA helium balloons for kids.

*Carol Halverson is going to plan an FUNdraiser for the dems.

*Next meeting after Labor Day unless otherwise called.

Adjourned: 6:00ish? Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Gustavson, Co-Secretary