



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called to Order:

Present:

Kathleen Cathey, Jerry Sebestyen, Carole Halvorson, Jerry Sebestyen, Glen Scheele, Sharon Evoy, Bill Whittaker, Gray McGuire, Terry Edvalson

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval: Financial report, some expenses from fair may still be pending; balance right now is \$700

Reminder to Dems list regarding tax credit, local party would be helpful, may write to UC Dems – contribution can be noted on tax form as tax credit

Discussion: effects of government shutdown, particularly locally, what can we do? Letter writing, media coverage, how much does local receive from federal funds,

Dems have stood up for all the folks who have had struggles with health care; we need to stop picking at it
Letters to editor, send to email list for vetting

Constitutional challenge 3 bodies of government have already approved. Do some question that is not a big deal? Tea Party faction necessitates process, what effect will this shutdown have on primary?

What can we do to get congress OPEN? Contact legislators

Item:

Thank you presentation – to Gray McGuire for his work on organizing the Union County Fair Dems Booth

Item: Challenges of being a candidate, can't do it all, going to events,

Heidi received 25% of vote with little effort due to extenuating circumstances, gives voice to a minority of voters, interested in county commission position

Item: Request to Glen to get from county clerk a list of upcoming elections

Item:

Highway clean up Friday October 25, 9:00am, 204 Spring

Item:

UC citizens for good government is a non partisan group. More than twice as many signatures than needed non partisan for county commission on petition...need to raise about \$1200 for expenses. What position might be open? Need more competition from both parties. January 7th will file with county clerk. Vote will be in May 2014. Gathering signatures was not difficult, most of previous county commissioners have signed. Some issues: open meetings, what (funded) committees are still meeting, transparency, little news coverage,



Item:

HCAO ours is one of 90 groups in Oregon, December 7th in Portland will be a membership meeting, representatives from all member need rep from UCD, House parties are being organized need two homes for house parties. Action team will bring all info and organized purpose to inform folks about health care reform, about 2 hour period to become more informed about health care. Would like to have these 2 house parties before November, perhaps first half of November,

HCAO team meets at ORA office, on Tuesday Oct 22nd 6-8pm opportunities to do presentations at churches or other venues, 30 minutes, photo petitions,

Health care surveys have been revamped, Bill will bring copy next meetings; hope to get over 5,000 folks to share their experience with health care,

Presentation of HB3260 study of health care bill, has passed if it shows positive outcome for universal health will have more positive chance of coming up to legislators

Legislation for universal health care program three options,

Pass with majority 60% (if so likely to be followed by a referendum from insurance company,

Less than majority passes with at least 51% than referred to ballot by legislator

Doesn't pass it – initiative process,

So more information regarding this effort to groups the better for future process

ORA Annual gathering from 3-9 on Saturday, Sally Kane speaker, involved with community conversations, coming together for topics e.g. climate change,

Would like to see UCD do more to support the AFA gather stories of who are the winners, what's the best program to get everyone insured

Item: need to get more young folks involved, young Dems on campus?? Ice cream social at EOU set up with student government; many clubs are already collaborating with ORA, HCA, and UC Citizens for Good Government

Next meeting: social event with a wine cellar basket, solicit donation of wine bottles, 2nd Wednesday of November 6:00

Adjourned:

6:15

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Evoy, Secretary