



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Meeting Called to Order:

Present: Bill Whitaker, Bill Lindsley, Jerry Sebestyen, Sharon Evoy, Glen Scheele, Carole Halvorson, Kathleen Cathey, Michael Frasier, Randy Knop, Mary Calder, Jack Howard, Gray McGuire

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval:

Item: no agenda main order of business is election of officers

Item: Reactions of election – Oregon Dems did rather well, ballot measures also positive

Measure 92 - GMO ballot is still being counted

Nation wide strike of Walmart next week in over 160 cities across nation

Worker at local Walmart, Tom Dalton was interested in the organized Walmart efforts, e.g.

Minimum wage person local contact person,



Drive for voter turnout is to get folks involved in local actions,

Issues on ballot that engage folks,

More organized to get word out e.g. recount in Union County

An opportunity, next time there's a call for actions, work with chair for information sharing & connect with like minded folks, a better way to share information

Randy has an appreciation for social media sites & how they can be manipulated

Randy encourages ways to have folks be more educated about party platform

Could share platform occasionally on our list serve

Jack's campaign had energy, what makes a difference?

What are potential issues? E.g. petition campaign,

Keep it simple so folks can relate,

Opportunity to make some progress to execute,

Jack – to succeed, step away from state and Federal politics, make connections, need candidate to engage folks, respond to candidate, groom local candidates well ahead of time, need cross over votes, get our message out about advocates for middle class, open government that belongs to people,

Item: Thoughts & vision of UCD

We succeeded in electing a new commissioner & passing school bond, good opportunity to elect fresh candidates, passing the non partisan commissioner,



RN: nationally 35% of electorate voted, 15% elected the outcomes we got, many people say it doesn't make a decision, expect as a Dem party to mobilize & enthuse the community we will have to influence the populace, promote issues that are of interest to the community

Disenfranchise voters – all politics is local

Engaging voters...

Item: Recognition of Bill, Jack, & Michael as Dems who serve in public office, interject values of Dems

There was a discussion of the voting demographics of Union County

RK: research how community interacts within its self, influence of religion for example knowing where folks are coming from is helpful,

MF: end game?

Even with a diverse community, there is a discussion of how to meet goals and how to get the job done, we can influence values

Item: Bill L – issues working with others on what needs to be done, e.g. Trades training, educational system not functioning for those who are not headed for college, need for jobs training, frustration of county commissioners & UCDC as far as accomplishing change in county,



Item: Randy inquires about elected official by laws

Glen: we are seeking chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer,
PCP qualify to elect,

Need to expand the central committee, do elected officials
have a seat at the table? SEE GLEN'S EMAIL 12/4 FOR
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS

All meetings are open to the public

PCP folks who were elected are present, we can also appoint
this evening,

Nomination of PCP,

Responsibility of PCP: go between with party and folks in
their precinct, get the message out, PCP comprise the central
committee, craft the goals and aims of local Dems, engage
with candidate, may attend and voice at state level

Who is interested in being appointed PCP?

Jack Howard - precinct one (?)

Bill Whitaker – precinct one

Precinct one has 3 vacancies, Norm & Rebecca are currently
PCPs, we've got lots of slots,

Vote taken, Jack & Bill appointed

Carole nominated as chair by Glen seconded by Mary

Vice Chair responsibilities: be at meeting and assume & take



over as chair in her absence, quarterly meetings at state level chair is a delegate, alternate delegates can be appointed, Glen has attended about 4 times in 4 years, can be spendy, telephone conference meeting with chair & vice chair, occasionally quarterly meeting was '08 (?) vice chair is not

Bill Lindsley nominated as vice chair by Kathleen, Bill Lindsley is elected vice chair

Treasurer, working with assumption that Janet Hume will continue if she declines we will bring up at a future meeting Glen nominates Janet, second by Kathleen, Carole will contact Janet

Secretary – need a nomination will Sharon continue until candidate can be found, agreed to serve until she moves, further arm twisting to find a replacement

Continue to look for others who want to be a part of the leadership of UCD

State rules have a gender balance stipulation

Alternate candidate to state, Glen volunteers,



Item: Mary wrote a letter to Michelle with pictures of her living which has many Obama pictures on the wall, Mary received a very nice letter from Michelle which she shared, “find ways to improve your community”,

Adjourned: 6:00

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Evoy, Secretary