



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 5:10 PM

Present: Brittany Pryce, Saje Marvin, Jerry Sebestyen, Gray & Kathy McGuire, Carole Halvorson, Bill Whitaker, Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker, Sharon Evoy, Laura Cathey, Brynne Morningstar, Casey Dreher, Russell Waiganen, Kathleen Cathey, Elinor Riley, Robert D'Ascoino and Nan McDaniel

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval: There was no Treasurer's Report, but Kathleen reported that after all expenses were paid the spaghetti dinner netted \$466.00 for the Union County Democrats

County Fair: The Fair Booth sign up list was passed around. Nan McDaniel, Sharon Evoy and Gray McGuire will co-ordinate the sign up.

County Fair Parade: It was agreed that we would be in the Union County Fair parade again this year. Please let Kathleen know if you plan to participate.

State Central Committee: The State Central Committee meeting was deemed a success. We had 120 people at the dinner, 150 at the meeting and the delegates enjoyed coming to La Grande.
Item: Carole Halvorson reported that Fair Trade products were not produced in sweatshop/very low wages taking advantage of the producers to obtain unfair market pricing. She encouraged people to buy item with the Fair Trade logo. Carole provided Fair Trade Coffee for the SCC meetings.
Item: Casey reported that the EOU Democrats sponsored the play successfully with a net \$5,800. They want to make this an annual community event with a ongoing scholarship fund. Donations may be made to EOU Foundation with the EOU Democrats Scholarship Fund in the memo line.

Values in Action: The notice of Care Packages for the Military event reached us too late to enact. The Values in Action for August 23rd will be a "Back to School" supplies drive. We will use less drop sites than our "Baby Shower" event and have each with a container provider.

Listening Project: Bill Whitaker reported that the Listening Project needs more core people. No vote, but apparent consensus to suspend or drop the project.

Downtown Clean-Up Day, Service Project: Carole is in charge of the "Clean Up La Grande" Values in Action from 9 to 11 Saturday the 13th. Volunteers need to bring gloves, hats and water.



EOU Democrats: Casey suggests we make announcements next year on EOU radio. He plans to have a political hour for his segments.

Single-Payer Resolution: Bill introduced a resolution to be given a full and fair hearing for single-payer Health Care. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. Nan recommended that the title be changed to allow a discussion. An amendment was moved and seconded to make the change and the motion was approved of single-payer system consideration. The approved resolution is available in pdf format [from this website link](#).

Stimulus Package Benefits: Rebecca Bonney announced that an Operating Room which is badly needed at Grande Ronde Hospital will be built with the Stimulus Package that Obama encouraged and the Congress passed.

Single-Payer Materials: Bill supplied a hand out of Single Payer Concept information sheet and post cards for any one who wanted to send them to their U. S. Senators.

ORA: Bill announced several ORA events – “Good Food” showing & a community garden presentation. Visit the ORA website for details.

House Party on Health Care: July 17th is the date set for “House Party on Health Care” nation-wide. Anyone can hold one.

Good News: Brittany has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be stationed in Africa.

It's a Party: Jerry's Retirement Party is Sunday the 14th at 204 Spring from 2 to 4 for minors, after 4 for adults.

Adjourned: 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor Riley, Secretary