

Meeting Minutes
Union County Democrats
Wednesday, September 05, 2012, beginning soon after 5:00PM
1304 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon

In attendance: Carole Halverson, Vice-Chair; Gray McGuire; Mary McCracken; Sally Williams; and Susan Boyd.

Setting up Office. Susan Boyd obtained the key to 1304 Adams Avenue from Jen Williams; Susan gave the key to Carole Halverson; Carole gave the key to Mary McCracken. Mary intends to begin moving furniture into the office tomorrow, September 6th. Mary will loan four wooden folding chairs, long folding table, and possibly a desk top computer. Gray McGuire will loan two long folding tables and a large Obama poster from 2008. Carole will loan several white plastic lawn chairs. Carole will ask Glen Scheele to bring bumper stickers, pins, posters, large flag, banner, and other Democratic stuff that we had at the Union County Fair booth. The “executive committee” will decide where the keys are to be kept.

Calling Democrats. We have a 42-page print-out of some of the Union County registered Democrats. Carole will call individuals on page 1, Mary will call individuals on page 2, Sally will call individuals on page 3, and Susan will call individuals on page 4. Susan has the remaining 38 pages of the print-out and will keep track as she gives pages to other “callers.” Please contact Susan (541) 562-5465 if you are willing to take a page of Democrats to call.

When calling Democrats, these are the two questions: (1) Are you willing to contribute to the \$ 2,063 cost of operating the storefront at 1304 Adams Avenue? and (2) Are you willing to work a 2-hour shift in the office, hopefully each week...or as many weeks as you can?

Note to the “executive committee”: Where should contribution checks be sent?

Shifts. We are aiming to have the office open from 11 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. We are hoping to have at least two people at the office when it is open. The shifts are the following: 11:00 am-1:00 pm; 12:01 pm-2:00 pm; 1:00 pm-3:00 pm; 2:00 pm-4: pm; 3:00 pm-5:00 pm; 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm; and 5:00 pm-6:00 pm (short shift).

The first shift volunteers are Mary and Sally, who will open as close to 11:00 am as they can on Mondays and Wednesdays, and work until 2 pm. They will be coming from an event in La Grande that ends at 11:00 am. They will cover for each other, if one has a conflict. They will work together most of the time.

No one was selected to keep a schedule of shifts. **Note to “executive committee”:** Calling has already begun.

Cost of Operating Office.

\$ 750.00	Rent
\$ 312.55	Electricity
\$ 102.38	Telephone
\$ 93.88	Internet DSL
\$ 415.00	Insurance
<u>\$ 390.00</u>	26 yard signs at \$15 each
\$ 2,063.81	Total

MoveOn Call Party.

Mary McCracken will reply to MoveOn offering to host a “call party” at the office on the weekend of September 15-16. MoveOn will supply the names and numbers of voters in critical states who supported President Obama in 2008 and are silent now. Volunteer callers will use their own cell phones. Please make notes in your calendar. More details will follow by email from Mary.

3rd Thursday Art Walks.

Note to “executive committee”: There will be 3rd Thursday Art Walks on September 20th and October 18th. These will be opportunities to participate in festivities and draw foot-traffic in.

Celebrate La Grande.

Perhaps Carole and another Democrat plan to participate in Celebrate La Grande, maybe today or next Thursday. Carole did not discuss it at the meeting.

Voters to Target.

If we do door-to-door outreach, we believe Independent voters and single women should be our targets. Minorities would be on that list, but due to our demographics we do not list them.

Note to “executive committee”: Does our data base, that we pay for, give us names and contact information for Independents?

Important Date. Local ballots will be mailed to voters on October 19, only 44 days from today.

Next Meeting. Carole indicated that remaining issues for the campaign season will be initiated by “executive committee” by email. We understand that the next regular meeting of Democrats is Wednesday, October 3rd, at 1304 Adams, at 5:00 PM. **Note to “executive committee”:** If this is incorrect, please correct.

Minutes humbly submitted by,
Susan Boyd