



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes: 5/4/11

Meeting Called to Order: 5:18

Present: Glen Scheele, Jerry Sebestyen, Suzy Chapman, Gray McGuire, Sharon Evoy, Kathleen Cathey, Mary Calder, Jeff Spier

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval:

Item: Precinct Committee Persons (some discussion ahead of meeting officially starting)

- Terry Edvalson, Norm Cimon, Rebecca Tilley (& Mary Calder recruited today) are all new PCP
- There's a PCP person for every 500
- Dems are still recruiting
- Role includes contacting registered Dems, get acquainted ahead particularly around election time, there may be some voting issues such as appointments. You also get access to voter file.
- Will we get a list of PCPs? Glen: yes
- Suzy not sure if she was voted in to be a PCP
- Organized through state organization, it can be printed out for campaigns (e.g. making walking lists)
- Glen will print lists and get them to PCP after this meeting
- Jerry makes motion to elect above stated as PCPs (including Mary & Suzy)
- Seconded Kathleen, brought forth by Glen and voted by all present.
- What else if voted on? Resolutions, what goes in the platform.

Side conversation: Wolf issue will likely be coming, being discussed at State level & Marian County. We may be should be preparing a statement as Union County's voice rural caucus.

Item: Strategic Planning Meeting 4/12 (next meeting at White House at noon on 5/12)

Kathleen, Jerry, Terry, Glen, will meet and work on getting specific in our goals, build our team, build leadership, and nail down funds

Item: Adopt a Highway now scheduled for Friday May 27, meet at 204 Spring at 8:00am to carpool

Item: Report on US uncut Demonstrations 4/15

- Small group came together at Max Square, (but we outnumbered the Tea Party spite their half page ad and IPOD give away. Does Walden have open meetings? Mary can find out when his schedule, was here last month at Flying J, get it through Chamber, it was open to the public as a Chamber event, lots of voices to shut the government down, debt is more transparent with Obama because wars have been added into the budget, some discussion of EPA and government



regulations.

- Marched to Bank of America which is recipient of billions of tax money due to financial crisis, have paid zero taxes, somehow the notion that we're broke and therefore deny our most needy and eliminate Medicare etc, doesn't.
- R's claim about taxation might need a letter written to editor topic.

Item: Vanishing of the Bees screening 4/22

Colony collapse disorder, with ORA, at Badgley Hall, 65 folks turn out, ORA paid for screening rights,

Item: Mad as Hell Doctors 4/26

- Presentation organized by Bill Whitaker, about single payer
- Oregon branch to bring legislature regarding single payer to Oregon Health Plan/reform
- Goal of group is to keep issue alive and raise awareness,
- Jeff brings up some history, "social" medicine isn't new, and public employees built America
- Kathleen wishes they would take out partisan politics and criticism of Obama, a lot of people lost their seats over this reform.
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Item: DPO/OFA Grassroots Volunteer Training 5/7 (Register on-line

<http://bit.ly/EasternOregonTraining>

- We are hosting this training at Hoke Hall 301, designed for grassroots volunteers, how to conduct messaging, outreach, building leadership, etc.
- Training is free, lunch is included, has been conducted on west side 5 times.
- There will be a few facilitators, mainly through Organizing for America, including Meredith Wood Smith, and others from OFA, eight people signed up, have room for 25, Mary is interested will contact Glen, will also register Jeff, Gray will also register on -line
- Previous training in '05, very useful

Item: New Business

- Report from DPO Chair/Vice Chair Conference Call 5/2
- Suzy & Glen discuss, travel expenses are a concern, can make donations for local county
- (may be a question for Janet) maybe able to use credit on Union County Website page with paypal (Gray could set up, needs contact info from Janet Hume try email for contacting, Gray needs bank #s info. Glen will contact Janet).

Item: Misc.

- Should we meet in June & July?
- Fair booth? Suzanne & Gray are organizing
- Chair is willing to continue meeting
- Gray is thinking of maybe getting a guest politician at Fair
- Next meeting first Wednesday of Month June 1st at White House

Adjourned: 6:10

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Evoy, Secretary