

Minutes
Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon
General Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6:00 pm

Chair Michael Gaskill convened the meeting at 6pm, noting that this meeting was the last before the May primary election. He noted campaign finance violations by the two Republican candidates for County Commissioner. He encouraged everyone to help get out the vote, because turnout in this race is key to Democrats winning in the primary. Chair Gaskill then described the process and upcoming training for phone banking and encouraged people to also help by walking neighborhoods and addressing postcards. He responded to questions from attendees about phone banking and clarified that Lincoln County Democrats are not endorsing any candidates in the primary. County Commissioner candidate Waldport Mayor Greg Holland expressed concern that phone bankers make that clear. Chair Gaskill emphasized that the goal is to inform voters of who the Democratic candidates are in non-partisan races and to get out the vote. Newport City Councilmember Cynthia Jacobi recommended referring people to organizational endorsements, such as that of the League of Conservation Voters. There followed discussion of statewide candidates.

Gubernatorial Candidate Tina Kotek

Chair Gaskill introduced candidate for Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, who described her focus on homelessness and housing supply; health service access on the coast; and addressing climate change. She said that as Speaker of the House she has been a problem solver. She responded to questions about wind farms, a proposed casino, gun safety regulation, mental health care services, and other issues, and she invited people to support her campaign.

Gubernatorial Candidate State Treasurer Tobias Read

Chair Gaskill introduced gubernatorial candidate Tobias Read, who is currently State Treasurer. Mr. Read opened with his concerns around homelessness, safety, health, and loss of confidence in public schools and public institutions generally. He said that follow-through on well-intentioned policy has been lacking in state agencies. Mr. Read said he is the best candidate to represent the interests of the entire state and has won a statewide election. He then took several questions around his position on wind farms, housing, and other topics and he invited support for his campaign.

Upcoming Candidate Forum for John Selker

Diane Eckstein announced an upcoming candidate forum for John Selker who is running for Congressional District 4. The event is Wednesday, May 4, 6pm, at the Newport Visual Arts Center.

Loyalty Days Parade

Secretary Carol Shenk invited everyone to participate with the Lincoln County Democrats at the Newport Loyalty Days Parade on Saturday, May 7.

Trivia Night

Fundraising and Publicity Chair Eliot Sekuler described plans for the upcoming Trivia Night fundraiser, to be held at the Gleneden Beach Community Club. Councilmember Jacobi,

who is organizing trivia teams, encouraged everyone to contact her to arrange for tables. Vice Chair Cherie Harbour added that donations are welcome for the silent auction. Fundraising and Publicity Chair Eliot Sekuler noted the State Representative David Gomberg is donating a kite-flying lesson.

Lincoln County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson

Chair Gaskill introduced Lincoln County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, who is running for reelection to Commissioner Position 3. She noted she is the only Democrat running for her position and that she is the only woman who is running for any Commissioner position in this election. She noted the amount of money going into Republican races this year and invited campaign support. She offered to donate a Fall salmon fishing trip to the silent auction.

Adjournment

Chair Gaskill reminded everyone that video recordings of the recent candidate forum for County Commissioner is now posted on the Lincoln County Democrats website. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.