

Minutes
Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon
General Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 6:00 pm

Chair Michael Gaskill convened the meeting at 6:00pm.

State Representative David Gomberg

Representative David Gomberg announced that his campaign is looking for housing for his new campaign manager. This would be a temporary arrangement through the election season and would be credited as an in-kind donation to the campaign.

Approve February 23 and March 23, 2022

Chair Gaskill requested a vote for approval of the minutes of the meetings of February 23 and March 23, 2022. With 15 yes votes and no votes against, the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Wendy Girard reported that the bank statement for May, 2022, shows \$13,953, with a few outstanding checks. The Lincoln City Club's portion of that total was \$2,679.

Report back from Trivia Night Fundraiser

Chair Gaskill expressed gratitude for everyone's contribution to the success of the Trivia Night fundraiser. He introduced Fundraising and Publicity Chair Eliot Sekuler, who reported that over 90 tickets were sold. Sekuler commended the dinner that was catered by A Taste of Aloha and arranged by Vice Chair Cherie Harbour. The "paddle raise" fundraising portion of the event alone brought in \$3,500.

Report Congressional District 4 Candidate Val Hoyle

Chair Gaskill introduced Val Hoyle, who is running for U.S. Congress representing Congressional District 4. She reported that she will be running a coordinated campaign with State Representative David Gomberg. Hoyle will be attending the Yachats July 4th parade and touring the Big Creek Dam. She noted that there are three seats in Oregon at risk of being flipped, and that hers is the only district not touching the metro area and is therefore most vulnerable. Hoyle reported that she has received support from the Democratic Progressive Caucus, and she emphasized the importance of local campaigning to maintain the Congressional majority and to keep Democrats in federal and state office. Her office will be hiring a Lincoln-County-based organizer.

Campaign Expenditure Request

Publicity and Fundraising Chair Sekuler presented the budget for the 2022 campaign for the Lincoln County Democrats' official slate of electors. There was discussion of advertising options. Sekuler thanked Cynthia Jacobi and Gary Lahman for their help with the trivia event. Chair Gaskill responded to questions about how the funding will be spent. Chair Gaskill stated that he will email a ballot to voting members with a motion to pre-approve \$12,595 in expenses for the upcoming campaign budget and \$700 reimbursement for past primary expenses.

Sekuler and Gaskill reiterated that the advertisements will mostly be for the entire slate to be approved by the Lincoln County Democrats Central Committee. The question of endorsing unaffiliated candidates would be decided by the LCDCC. Gaskill clarified that even if they are endorsed, some resources will not be available to unaffiliated candidates. There was debate over whether LCDCC should ever endorse a candidate who is not a registered Democrat. Gary Lahman objected to supporting the advertising budget without knowing who would be on the slate. Sekuler noted that regardless of who is endorsed, the funding will be needed. Chair Gaskill reminded people that the Candidate Recruitment Committee and the Bylaws Committee are both inactive and need members.

Update from County Fair Committee (Fair is July 1-3)

Secretary Carol Shenk invited volunteers to help staff the Lincoln County Democratic Party booth at the Lincoln County Fair. Kate Kelly offered to set up a raffle of donated items for the booth.

Report From State Central Committee, Joanna Cummings

Joanna Cummings reported that the State Central Committee meeting was a quick business meeting. The next meeting will be July 6 in Eugene. There will be a gala fundraising event for the Oregon Democratic Party on August 6. The SCC is restarting its women's caucus. Cummings added that there is an online dashboard to which LCD could add events.

Meet the Candidate: Casey Miller, Candidate for County Commissioner Position 1

Casey Miller described his platform and responded to questions about his decision not to register as a Democrat. He said that he has been unaffiliated since 2004, and that it was only on registering as a candidate did he have to contemplate changing his registration. He saw that his values are aligned with those of the Democratic Party, but he didn't want to appear to be changing his registration solely for the purpose of his candidacy, and he also didn't want to limit his ability to connect with people who are not Democrats. He emphasized his difference from his opponent, including in his support for LGBTQ+ people, promoting voices of minorities, and supporting action on climate change.

Upcoming Events

Chair Gaskill mentioned the upcoming County Fair and the State Fair in August. Sekuler reminded everyone of the picnic August 7 at noon at Beverly Beach. Gaskill invited people to join the Events Committee. Secretary Shenk reminded folks to reach out to friends for potential candidates for open seats in local government.

Report from Newport City Councilmember Cynthia Jacobi

Newport Councilmember Cynthia Jacobi reported that the City Council is working on a camping ordinance and an ordinance to address obstruction of entryways. The city is participating in a process led by County Commissioner Claire Hall on a county-wide effort to develop a 5-year-plan to alleviate homelessness. Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke added that it is a great opportunity to work on the problem with funding. Councilmember Jacobi agreed and emphasized that the group is working on the issue with compassion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.