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Lincoln County Democrats General Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
6:00 PM
Newport Visual Arts Center and online

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Chair Cherie Harbour. Chair Harbour introduced those attending in person at the VAC and she encouraged people to attend in person if they are able to. She then shared that the Democratic Party of Oregon is seeking volunteers to help get out the vote in support of gubernatorial candidate Tina Kotek. There would also be phone banking opportunities coordinated by LCDCC. Returned campaign endorsement postcards are being collected to update addresses in Orestar.

Chair Harbour thanked everyone, especially Judy Bowman who stepped in to partner with Michael Gaskill as a VAN manager, and the whole Coordinated Campaign Committee.

Adoption of draft September minutes

Chair Harbour called for a motion to approve the September 2022 draft minutes. With no objection the minutes were approved.

Coordinated Campaign Committee Chair Lisa Spence reporting on the committee's work. She stated that she felt there was a good response to calls for help in getting out the vote. Of 24 precincts that have Precinct Committee People, there were active people working in 19 precincts. Seven thousand bulk-mail postcards were sent to addresses where there weren't PCP's. There were a total 6,000 postcards. All of the smaller postcards were distributed. About 1,500 of the larger format went out the door. The VAN database showed over 483 doors knocked and 179 phone calls made. Spence felt this was low, though this only counts those who were working directly under LCDCC and not on behalf of other campaigns. She encouraged attendees to make phone calls in this last week before the election. Chair Harbour and Spence encouraged people to work on whatever phone banking effort inspired them. Committee Chair Spence advised that for the next election cycle all precincts should be represented by PCP's, and where a PCP isn't able to canvass, volunteers need to be recruited to fill in. She also recommended looking at how other similar committees operate in other counties.

Election & Voter Protection Chair Kate Kelly reported that 56 people had volunteered to watch the ballot count at the County Clerk's Office. An email went to members out about how to respond to voter intimidation at ballot boxes. Kelly noted that all along I-5 corridor there are large signs for Republican candidates.

Chair Harbour thanked Kelly for her work. In response to a question, Kelly described the observation process in the Clerk's Office.

Report from Representative David Gomberg

Representative Gomberg reported that the campaign is urgent and his opponent has radio ads that are misrepresenting him. Senator Merkley will be coming to the coast for a door-knocking event.

Upcoming Nominations for 2023 Board Election

Chair Harbour reported that those who signed up for subcommittees will be contacted in January after the reorganizational. The following committees have chairs and members: Finance, Bylaws, Voter and Election Protection and Integrity Committee, Fundraising, PR, and Programming. Programming will focus on bringing guest speakers to meetings.

At the upcoming reorganization meeting, nominations will be accepted for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Announcements

Judy Bowman reported that the fundraiser for Val Hoyle raised \$5,000. Michael Gaskill encouraged people to help to get out the vote by making calls or knocking on doors. He noted that with Oregon's mail-in ballot system, every day is vital as people could be casting their ballots at any time up to the election date, and reaching people sooner is better than later. Mary Margaret Hite urged people to reach out non-affiliated voters. Publicity and Fundraising Manager Eliot Sekuler noted that there still two days to write to local papers in favor of candidates.

Chair Harbour asked Sekuler for a report on publicity. He stated that there had been ads in local papers.

Budget Report

Chair Harbour noted that the Executive Committee had followed the campaign budget set out by Gaskill and Sekuler, except that due to limited funding, had decided not to run a Facebook ad and to reduce the number of direct-mailing postcards for the campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.