

Minutes

Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6:00 PM

The hybrid meeting – in which 11 attendees participated via Zoom and six participated in-person at the Newport Visual Arts Center – was called to order by Chair Cherie Harbour at 6:05 PM.

Chair Update

Chair Harbour described the well-attended reorganization meeting held on January 25. At that meeting, working committees were established as were expectations about those committees holding monthly meetings and reporting their progress at general meetings.

Harbour mentioned that she and Vice Chair Haun would attend the DPO Leadership Retreat to be held this weekend, weather permitting.

Harbour announced that an informal meet and greet with Val Hoyle took place earlier this week. Representative Hoyle shared her vision for the district, described a meeting she had with local organizers including Eric Sherman about apprenticeship programs in the county, and announced she is seeking a field representative for the county. This position will be responsible for communications, resources, and planning.

LC Democrats Central Committee Elected Officers and Delegates Committees, 2023-2024

CHAIR: Cherie Harbour

VICE CHAIR: Dave Haun

SECRETARY: Brian Bunnett

TREASURER: Marta West

CD4 DELEGATES: Steve Shaw, Debbie Kozar Duus, Michael Gaskill

CD4 Alternates: Cy Smith, Kate Kelly, Melissa Sumner

SCC DELEGATES: Peggy Kroessin, JoAnn Cummings, Dave Haun

SCC Alternates: Leigh Evans, Danon Kroessin

Lincoln County Democrats Committee Roster as of January 30, 2023

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Cherie Harbour, Marc Kardell, Marta West

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Marta West (chair), Gary Lahman, Amy Greer

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Judy Bowman (chair), Carol Shenk

COORDINATED CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE: Lisa Spence-Bunnett (Chair), Cy Smith, Kate Kelley, Debbie

Kozar Duus, Judy Bowman

PR COMMITTEE: Melissa Sumner (Chair), Cherie Harbour, Lynetta Richardson, Kelly Greer, Marta West
(graphic design)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Melissa Sumner (Chair), Debbie Kozar Duus, Steve Shaw, Cathy
Devereaux, Linda Aguirre, Diann Eckstein, Susan Wahlke

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE: Carol Shenk (Chair), Dianne Eckstein, JoAnn Cummings, Debbie Kozar
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Budget

Treasurer Marta West reported a balance of \$5,664.04. She announced that the new reimbursement forms are available and that the address on those forms has been updated. She reminded everyone to be sure to use them, including for in-kind donations. Our PayPal account has been closed and needs to be removed from our web site.

Comments from Elected Officials

Casey Miller (Lincoln County Commissioner): Commissioner Miller thanked us for our support and mentioned that he and his commissioner colleagues will rotate through our meetings. Either Commissioner Kaety Jacobson or Commissioner Claire Hall will attend our next meeting.

Judy Casper (Lincoln City Councilor): Reported that Susan Wahlke (Mayor, Lincoln City) and Daphnee Legarza (City Manager, Lincoln City) had met with Congresswoman Val Hoyle about the local homeless situation and that Congresswoman Hoyle would be meeting with Governor Kotek on January 23 to relay their concerns.

Committee Reports

COORDINATED CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (Lisa Spence-Bunnett): Indicated that the group's four priorities for the coming year are: 1) convene a meeting of all Precinct Chairpersons (Doodle poll coming soon), 2) update PCP manual, 3) ensure that every precinct has a chairperson (Lisa has the paperwork if you are interested in applying), and 4) preparing for the May elections.

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (Judy Bowman): Reported that we will migrate from MailChimp to Gmail which will save us money and simplify communication.

PR AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES (Melissa Sumner, absent due to illness, so reported by Chair Harbour): Exploring holding a trivia night and mentioned that an article about the LC Dems January officer elections had recently appeared in the Newport paper.

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (Carol Schenk): Announced the following: 1) the committee has already met once and agreed that its priorities are to identify speakers, locations, and how much they want to contribute to county events, 2) the first meeting outside of Newport will take place in Yachats; the committee is looking for a speaker who would appeal to a Yachats audience, 3) since March is Women's Month they are looking for an appropriate speaker for that meeting, and 4) they are attempting to participate in events in which Republicans also participate; in this spirit they contributed an item to the Crab Crack held on January 6 at the Pacific Maritime Museum in Newport.

Chair Harbour's Vision for the County Party

- Grow the active membership in our county party
- Reach into the rural areas to bring in new Democrats throughout county
- Fill as many local seats with Dems as possible
- Activate PCPs & fill all missing precincts
- Establish a full and active set of committees that meet monthly & report to general meeting; chairs also participate in Executive Committee meetings
- Have regular informal gatherings with elected officials to give members opportunity to meet and ask questions of their leaders
- Create a robust wallet through fundraising activities & events
- Access more social media & communication tools with focus on diversity
- Streamline procedures & processes, reducing costs & maximizing reach
- Seek feedback through open communication & periodic surveys from membership about priorities, platforms, endorsements & partnerships

Election Review

Vice Chair Dave Haun reported on the effectiveness of our recently-conducted Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts. His conclusion: GOTV messaging works and should be actively pursued in future.

Upcoming Elections

Chair Harbour described the elections that will take place this May, in which the positions on the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors are most prominent. Current Chair of the Board, Liz Martin, has announced that she will not run again. Cynthia Jacoby has agreed to reach out to her to determine if she could recommend possible candidates. Two other incumbents on the Board have indicated they will seek re-election.

There are many vacant positions for port commissioners (Alsea, Newport, Toledo), fire district directors, and in the North Lincoln Health District. Everyone is encouraged to run for them.

No one signed up for our Recruitment Committee so Chair Harbour said she would put together an ad hoc committee in the meanwhile. Contact her if you are interested in becoming a member.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

If you have reason to think that you aren't receiving emails from the Lincoln County Democrats then send an email to our web site (dems@lincolncountydemocratsoregon.com).

Marta West announced that rallies in support of Ukraine will be held on February 24 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, and Newport.

Adjournment

Chair Harbour adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.