

**Minutes**  
**Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon**  
**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:00 PM**

Approximately 25 people attended the meeting, which took place entirely via Zoom. It was called to order by Chair Cherie Harbour at about 6:15 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Marta West, Treasurer)

The organization's current balance is \$5845.59.

**Penny Okamoto** (Executive Director, Ceasefire Oregon)

Current legislative bills [n.b., the May 24 meeting took place during the since ended legislative session] center on SB 348, which would fund and implement Measure 114 and HB 2005, which would, among other things prohibit ghost guns and raise the age when certain kinds of firearms can be purchased. Chair Harbour moved that the Lincoln County Democrats donate \$250 to Ceasefire Oregon and the subsequent vote was unanimously in favor. Chair Harbour suggested that we be kept well apprised of developments to come and that it is altogether likely that when Ceasefire Oregon creates a call for action, the Lincoln City Democrats will actively support it.

**Statements from Elected Officials**

**David Gomberg** (State Representative, District 10)

[n.b., Once again, the following comments were made during the since ended legislative session.] Described the Republican walk-out in Salem, prompted by their opposition to HB 2005 (see above) and HB 2002 (removing the parental consent requirement for minors seeking abortions). Ten Republican senators have exceeded the limit of ten absences during the session; local State Senator Dick Anderson was one of only two Republican senators not to miss a single meeting of the Senate and there was speculation during the Q and A period at the conclusion of Representative Gomberg's remarks that the Republicans might be "protecting" him.

**C. M. Hall** (City Council, City of Newport)

Mentioned that Democrats have to step up now more than ever, especially when it comes to LGBTQ+ issues. Encouraged Democrats living in Newport to volunteer to serve on city committees.

**Cynthia Jacobi** (City Council, City of Newport)

Stated that Newport is focused on providing adequate shelter for the homeless by this winter. Described the city's personnel shortage, with perhaps 20% of all positions within municipal departments and offices currently unfilled, which has severely slowed down city business.

**Dave Price** (Vice President for Engagement and Entrepreneurship, Oregon Coast Community College)

Spoke on behalf of the measure that would provide \$8,000,000 in matching state funds for the Trades Education Facility to be located in Lincoln County. State funding for the facility has had a long history. The OCCC's request for that funding must now undergo a reapplication process. The bond measure will appear on the May 2024 ballot.

### **Upcoming Events/Committee Reports**

- Trivia Night is now scheduled for September 23 at the Pines Dine in Lincoln City. Contact Mellissa Sumner through the "Committees of the LCDCC" section of the website if you are interested in helping out.
- The organization will staff a table at the upcoming county fair from June 30 to July 2.
- Vice Chair Dave Haun mentioned that two positions on the City of Lincoln City, City Council will be on the November ballot.
- Judy Bowman asked that you let her know of any upcoming events you would like added to our website. Judy can be contacted through the "Committees of the LCDCC" section of the website.
- Judy also mentioned the Senior Fair that will take place at the casino this August.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Harbour adjourned the meeting at about 7:45 PM.