

**Minutes**  
**Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon**  
**General Meeting**  
**August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM**  
**Lincoln City Community Center**

This meeting – in which all 45 attendees participated in person, as Zoom was unavailable – was called to order by Lisa Spence-Bunnett (as proxy for Chair Cherie Harbour) at 5:01 PM.

**Budget** (Lisa Spence-Bunnett)

Our bank account shows a balance of \$9,273, which reflects an increase from recent Act Blue donations. Sale of tee-shirts and yard signs is expected to further increase this amount while future expenses (slate cards, postage, etc.) will diminish it.

**Get Out The Vote** (Lisa Spence-Bunnett)

Lisa described the Neighborhood Leader Program (NLP) and the training programs which will ensure the effectiveness of our Neighborhood Leaders. These programs will take place on September 5 at the Lincoln City Public Library and on September 7 at the Newport Public Library and concentrate on canvassing and use of the VAN. Lisa mentioned that Neighborhood Leaders will also be asked, about a week prior to the election, to call those voters who have been previously contacted but have not yet cast their votes. She pointed out that those who are not Neighborhood Leaders will still have many opportunities to assist in getting out the vote by addressing postcards that will be sent to specific groups of registered Democrats and non-affiliated voters in mid-October. Postcard parties will be held in South Beach on September 10, in Lincoln City on September 16, and in Waldport on September 23. A total of 3000 cards will eventually be mailed. She noted that “When we write, we win.” Of course you do not need to be a Neighborhood Leader to participate in these canvassing and postcard writing activities and she encouraged everyone present to give at least three hours to one of these efforts.

**Endorsements** (Lisa Spence-Bunnett)

Lisa went over changes to the endorsement flyer that will be mailed after September 16 and the candidate forums taking place in Yachats and in Waldport.

**Candidate Reports**

**Kevin Hohnbaum** (candidate for City Council, Lincoln City)

Kevin is a candidate for the Lincoln City Council in District 3. He has owned a small marketing business in Lincoln City for the last 15 years and has served on the City of Lincoln City’s Budget Committee for much of that time. A member of the audience pointed out that Kevin’s opponent in the race is Tammy Stafford from the Hilltop

Patriots, the group that has held rallies outside the town halls recently conducted by senators Wyden and Merkely.

**Max Shaw** (campaign organizer for Val Hoyle, incumbent candidate for US House of Representatives)

Max will be providing campaign literature and helping volunteers who wish to work specifically for Representative Hoyle. Her priorities are: she is from and for labor, strongly supports reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights, and has been and will be a forceful advocate for the environment. Max stressed that it will be a close race and can't be taken for granted.

**Cynthia Jacobi** (incumbent candidate for Newport City Council)

Cynthia will run unopposed for the Newport City Council this fall. She pointed out that many of these local races are non-partisan and that this is sometimes best for the communities.

**Monica Kirk** (representing Claire Hall, incumbent candidate for Lincoln County Commissioner)

Mentioned that Claire sent her regards but was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency.

**Democratic National Convention** (Monica Kirk)

Monica had just returned from the Convention, which she described very favorably. There were 66 delegates elected to represent Oregon at the Convention; they were joined by 12 state officials for a total delegation of 78. She said the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) took very good care of the delegates and she was especially impressed by the participation of senators Wyden and Merkely in the initial delegate breakfast. Monica highly recommends attending the Convention and believes everyone should do it.

## **Announcements**

An audience member from Siletz, representing the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, thanked us for coming out for their recent parade.

Democratic rallies are held every Saturday at noon in Newport (at the corner of 101 and 20) and every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 in Lincoln City (at the Nelscott Strip). At the most recent rally in Newport, the 25 attendees counted 600 positive acknowledgements from passersby.

LC Dems' Holoholo annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 14, from noon to 2:00 PM at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea Street, Gleneden Beach. This is our major fundraising event of the year and everyone is encouraged to attend. Political bingo and a Hawaiian luau luncheon will be among the featured activities. Come out to support the Democratic ticket and candidates.

## **Thanks and Adjournment**

Lisa, on behalf of Chair Harbour, gave special thanks to the candidates and to Elissa Wilson and to Marta West and to the candidates present. She also thanked the audience before adjourning the meeting at 5:55 PM.