

Minutes

Lincoln County Democrats of Oregon

General Meeting

October 24, 2024, 6:00 PM

Community Center, Lincoln City, Oregon

This meeting – in which all 29 attendees participated in person, as Zoom was unavailable – was called to order by Chair Cherie Harbour at 6:00 PM.

Chair Update

Chair Harbour mentioned that the Lincoln County Democrats’ annual reorganization meeting, at which new officers will be elected, will take place on January 22, 2025. For the November general election, over 10,000 slate cards were sent to registered Lincoln County Democrats and left leaning non-affiliated voters. These cards represented the single biggest expense we had during the entire year.

Chair Harbour then further described the other expenses we incurred during the year, these included postage, fundraising related expenses, signs, advertising, memberships, candidate donation, and meeting room rentals. A total of \$17,294 was spent in 2024 and our year-end account balance is expected to be \$4,428,69 – a healthy figure that compares very favorably with our account balances of previous years.

Candidate Remarks

Claire Hall (Candidate for Lincoln County Commissioner)

Mentioned her six terms and 20 years of experience as a County Commissioner. She then, in response to a question from the audience, described the current status of the harassment complaint lodged against Commissioner Casey Miller. Claire said that a Portland law firm is investigating and that Commissioner Miller is voluntarily staying away from his office and working entirely from home during the investigation.

Kevin Hohnbaum (Candidate for Lincoln City Council, Ward 3)

Referred to his experience, prior to moving to Lincoln City, at a hospice agency in Portland, and, since his move to the coast, on the City of Lincoln City’s Budget Committee where he served for eight years and was elected chair of that committee on two occasions. He described the campaign as “fun” and thanked everyone who worked on his behalf.

Committee Reports

Lisa Spence-Bunnett (Chair, Coordinated Campaign Committee/GOTV)

Stated that we currently have 38 neighborhood leaders who have pledged to knock on the doors of 4,075 county voters. Neighborhood leaders and other volunteers attended postcard signing parties at which 2,300 cards were personally signed and addressed. Over \$900 in stamps was donated to this effort.

Lynetta Richardson (Chair, Communications Committee)

Reported that election ads had recently appeared in the *Yachats News*, *The Leader*, and at the Bijou Theater in Lincoln City. She also drew attention to our Lincoln County Dems merch: signs and tee shirts.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Those interested in canvassing for Val Hoyle should assemble at Don Davis Park in Newport on October 27, at 1:00 PM.

Kate Kelly announced that election observers are needed for three-hour shifts in both the morning and afternoon on Election Day.

Adjournment

Chair Harbour adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.