

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

7/20/2012 – Harris Hall, Eugene

The regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Lane County Central Committee, held in Harris Hall on Thursday evening, July 20, 2012, was called to order at thirty-five minutes past six P.M., Ms. Fahey being in the Chair & noting a quorum, & Mr. Present Becker as Secretary.

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was received.

The Budget Committee submitted a written report.

The Platform Committee reported on their work with the Rules Committee to clarify procedures for submitting Resolutions for consideration by the Central Committee, as per our Bylaws.

The Public Relations Committee reported on the redesign of the DPLC website, and that the website will be integrated with the Party's social media sites. The "News" section of the website will be replaced with a blog for time sensitive news and commentary. The PR Chair is working with the Platform Chair on an Op-Ed regarding the EmX expansion. Ms. Erguiza is working on a re-branding project for the Party, to include our newsletter. The Committee meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7 P.M. in the DPLC office.

The Organization Committee reported on efforts to recruit new HD Chairs.

The Membership Subcommittee reported that the office sponsors board is now full thanks to our generous donors, ensuring that the office is paid through the year.

The Volunteers Subcommittee reported on their work to welcome new PCPs. Ms. Heermance reported the names of persons to be nominated and appointed to become PCPs: Joanne Hurst, Domini Stecker, Tony McCown, and Mark Shapiro. Mr. Becker moved to appoint the nominees, which was seconded and approved.

The Community Action Committee reported on the upcoming summer events the DPLC is organizing Party attendance at. People interested in volunteering should contact the Community Action Committee Chair, Ms. Swenson-Harris.

The Fundraising Committee reported on brainstorming and planning activities for future low-dollar fundraising events to supplement annual/biannual high-dollar events, to include upcoming presidential debate watch parties.

The Campaign Services Committee reported on the successful canvasses for Arnie Roblan and Caddy McKeown in Florence with the LCYD (Lane County Young Democrats), and on the opening of a DPLC satellite office in Florence.

Future canvasses will be announced on the DPLC website's calendar.

The Rules Committee reported through Ms. Fahey on their recent ruling that the DPLC's endorsements during the Primary Election do not count towards the General Election, and that therefore several candidates were again eligible for endorsement. The Committee ruled that previous endorsements were valid, though endorsements in the General Election will only be granted in races where one Democrat is running. Mr. Bartlett made a point of clarification regarding the Rule's Committee's involvement with the previous endorsement process, and Mr. Becker confirmed the involvement of the Rules Committee Chair with meetings of the Campaign Services Committee in crafting the Primary Election endorsement policy, and its passage through the Executive and Central Committees. The Chair concluded by explaining that the Endorsements section of our Bylaws will be examined and re-written after a poll of the Central Committee's attitudes towards endorsing in races in which multiple Democrats are running, prior to the biannual Organization meeting.

The CD4 Delegation reported on their recent meeting and DeFazio campaign kick-off at the DPLC Office.

As New Business, the Chair announced two requests for endorsement for the General Election: County Commissioner Pete Sorenson and State Representative candidate John Lively.

Mr. Barnhart moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. Sorenson, which was seconded and approved.

Mr. Lively was given time to speak towards his candidacy, and answered questions from the floor. Ms. Bean moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. Lively, which was seconded and approved.

As per notice at the previous meeting, the Committee took up consideration of Resolution 2012.3, "A Resolution on Health Care," regarding the DPLC's joining the 'Health Care for All Oregon' coalition. Mr. Swenson gave a presentation about the coalition and resolution, noting that the Resolution was passed by the Platform Committee and recommended by the Executive Committees, with revisions. Mr. Swenson moved that the Central Committee approve Resolution 2012.3. After debate, the motion passed and the Resolution was adopted.

Upon unanimous consent, the Chair adjourned the meeting at thirty-five minutes past eight o'clock.

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Andrew S. Becker
Secretary

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2012.3

AS APPROVED JULY 20

A RESOLUTION ON HEALTH CARE

SUBMITTED JUNE 4, 2012

Whereas

1. There are many components that contribute to good health, including the ability to respond to sickness, disease and injury;
2. Achieving the goal of living a healthy life is impossible without the ability to access health care;
3. Health care should be available to everyone;
4. The lack of available health care is a barrier to opportunity, success and quality of life;
5. Oregonians should not be divided between those who can afford to be healthy and those who cannot;
6. Oregonians should not be divided between those who have hopes and dreams and those whose sickness, disease or injury robs them of their hopes and dreams;
7. The cost of health care is the primary cause of personal bankruptcies, even though the majority were insured when their health crises occurred;
8. The inclusion of health insurance in employer overhead makes Oregon (and U.S.) industry non-competitive with virtually all foreign industry, where the cost of health care does not have to be added directly to the cost of production;
9. Comprehensive single payer health care for everyone living in Oregon is estimated to cost no more than our current costs for incomplete and inadequate coverage, and to cost much less than the current system in the future;
10. Private insurance markets are inherently ineffective, inequitable, excessively bureaucratic and wasteful as means to assure universal access to health care;
11. Health care coverage should be treated as public good, provided equitably in a universal risk pool, comparable to public schools, public safety and public utilities;

And whereas

12. Single payer health care is the most frequently mentioned legislative action item in the DPLC's adopted 2012 platform;

13. Among the highest priority legislative action items from the Democratic Party of Oregon 2012 platform convention is "Recognize in the Constitution that health care is a fundamental human right, and adopt a comprehensive single payer health care system that provides all Oregonians with basic health care that include medical, dental, vision, mental health care, addiction treatment and preventative care by licensed providers";
14. There is a statewide coalition (Health Care for all Oregon, or HCAO) that has formed to establish the principle that health care is a human right, and to create a comprehensive single payer health care system to secure that right, in Oregon, and ultimately in the United States;
15. The statewide coalition includes, locally, ESSN, AFCSME 1740, PNHP-Eugene (Physicians for a National Health Plan), HCAO- Eugene, but not yet the DPLC;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Lane County will apply for membership in the HCAO coalition, and in our membership agreement we will agree to:

1. Help raise funds for HCAO;
2. Advertise relevant HCAO events in the Outspoken, on our calendar, and through emails to DPLC members;
3. Encourage DPLC canvassers to bring up health care as a human right when it is appropriate during an election season;
4. Help HCAO canvassers in using the Voter Activation Network (VAN) in compliance with our user agreement;
5. Help with signature gathering for an initiative petition if the coalition decides this is useful;
6. Allow small meetings related to HCAO that involve a DPLC PCP to use the DPLC office if it the office is not already being used by a DPLC committee or a Democratic Party campaign, and if it is convenient for someone with a key to be there;
7. Work with other local coalition organizations on public events that educate about or promote health care as a human right or comprehensive single payer health care in Oregon.

