

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

2/21/2013 – Planned Parenthood, Glenwood

The regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Lane County Central Committee, held at Planned Parenthood on Thursday evening, February 21, 2013, was called to order at twenty minutes past seven P.M., Ms. Fahey being in the Chair and noting a quorum, Mr. Becker present as Secretary.

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

The previous minutes were adopted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was received. The first month of the year saw \$780 in contributions and \$1,976.78 in expenses, for a net loss of \$1,196. Much of this was because of fees and licenses for events which will occur later in the year.

The Budget Committee reported that the Party's budget for the new fiscal year has been estimated at \$41,969. The Committee Chair will meet with the Chair of the Fundraising Committee to finalize this number and prepare a final budget for passage by the Central Committee at the next month's meeting. A more detailed breakdown of the budget may be requested by emailing budget@dplc.org.

The Platform Committee reported two resolutions considered by the Committee, Resolution 2013.1 (introduced by Mr. Smith at the January meeting) and Resolution 2013.2 (introduced by Ms. Reilly after the January

meeting but 25 days before consideration at February meeting, as per the Bylaws). Both are scheduled for consideration by the Central Committee later in the agenda.

The Publicity Committee reported that Ms. Lana O'Brien has been appointed Chair of the Committee. A new newsletter has been sent out. The Committee will be discussing the future direction of the newsletter along with the planned Party rebranding. The Committee will be launching a program to encourage better contact with legislators. An internship program will be continued this year to facilitate publicity and outreach. For inquiries or to volunteer, contact PR@dplc.org.

The Organization Committee reported on organizing efforts within House Districts. The Committee has been training House District Chairs and Vice Chairs, and will be considering a Precinct Committeeperson training, which will be conducted by the new Organization Subcommittee on Training, chaired by Mr. Richard Cundiff.

The Organization Subcommittee on Membership is taking photos of Precinct Committeepople and volunteers for display in the Party's office. The Subcommittee is working towards getting a \$50 average donation per year from 1,000 people, which would fully fund the Party.

The Organization Subcommittee on Volunteers & PCPs read the names of people requesting to be nominated to become a Precinct Committee person:

- Hank Newhouse, nom. by Mr. Reilly, 2nd
- Lana O’Brien, nom. by Mr. Wig, 2nd
- Alex Biddle, nom. by Mr. Becker, 2nd
- Janae Wells-Tiege, nom. by Ms. Swenson-Harris, 2nd

The Subcommittee also recommended the appointment of those previously nominated: Mr. Jose Ortal and Ms. Mary Stephens. Ms. Gladstone moved appointment, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Community Action Committee reported on their work tabling with the Young Democrats at the U.O.’s Social Justice Conference. The Committee collected signatures for the Marriage Equality ballot initiative.

The Fundraising Committee reported that the Committee will be pursuing a large gala fundraiser. The Committee is looking for a few committed volunteers and interns to schedule, plan, and execute the fundraiser. The event may be held in September or October.

The Rules Committee reported that the Committee met and discussed the Party’s endorsement process. The Rules Committee is a procedural committee, and, as such, will be involved in the *procedure* of reworking the endorsement process—not the *substance* of the amendment. The Committee discussed the possibility of establishing a timeline within the Bylaws for endorsements. The Committee this

year will initiate a rolling review of the Bylaws to clean up confusing language and promote efficiency within the Party structure. For suggestions for Bylaws changes, or to inquire about meetings, email Rules@dplc.org.

The Campaign Services Committee reported that the Committee is recruiting candidates for the non-partisan Board elections this May. Candidates who have filed so far are being tracked to ensure that the Party tries to field at least one Democrat for every position. A list of open positions and filed candidates is available at the Lane County elections website. If anybody is or knows someone who is interested in running for one of these positions, contact the Committee at Campaign@dplc.org. The Committee will be sending out a survey to all Precinct Committee people regarding volunteerism and the structure of the Party—including the endorsement process, how people volunteer and would like to volunteer, and how the Party can better engage Precinct Committee people.

The State Central Committee Delegation reported that the Democratic Party of Oregon will be holding their Organization meeting to elect officers on March 9 and 10. The first day will consist of informational seminars and trainings at the AFSCME headquarters in Salem. That night will be a fundraiser to support the Marion County Party at Marco Polo’s restaurant. The second day will consist of committee reports, some resolutions, and election of

officers at McKay High School. For more information, email SCC@dplc.org.

The Democratic 4th Congressional District Committee held their Organization meeting, and will hold an Executive Board meeting March 3 in Oakland. For more information, email CD4@dplc.org.

As New Business, the Chair opened nominations for the election of the two At-Large Executive Committee seats.

Ms. Heermance self-nominated.

Ms. Stecker nominated Ms. McKenney.

Nominations will remain open until the next CC meeting.

Mr. McCown discussed the resolutions before the Central Committee: Resolution 2013.1 and Resolution 2012.2. Mr. Foster moved the consideration of Resolution 2013.1, which was seconded. The introducer, Mr. Smith, urged a vote against the resolution, and urged a vote in favor of Resolution 2013.2, which he said spoke to the same point but was more encompassing. The Chair put the question, and Resolution 2013.1 was defeated unanimously.

Mr. Swanson moved the passage of Resolution 2013.2, which was seconded. Ms. Reilly spoke towards the resolution. Mr. McCown moved that Section 2 of the resolution be amended after the word "Congress" to include ", the state legislature, and local governing bodies." The motion to amend was seconded and discussed. The Chair put the question on Mr. McCown's amendment, which passed unanimously. Mr. Reilly moved to end discussion and vote on the Resolution, which passed unanimously. The Chair put the question on adoption of Resolution 2013.2 as amended before the Central Committee, which passed unanimously.

The Committee heard a presentation from Planned Parenthood's Nichi Masters regarding "Women's Healthcare Day at the Capitol," which will be on March 14, for lobbying for women's health issues.

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

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Andrew S. Becker
Secretary

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