

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## Central Committee Minutes

*June 15, 2023 – Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street Eugene*

The monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Lane County Central Committee, held at the Eugene Garden Club and virtually, on Thursday June 15, 2023 was called to order at 6:51 pm, Ms. Swenson Harris being in the Chair and noting a quorum.

Mr. Wig was appointed Secretary Pro Tem by unanimous consent.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was received. The Party received \$4,296.20 in income and spent \$9,422.02 the month of May, resulting in a net loss of \$5,125.82.

The Budget Committee reported expenditures are on track with the Party's adopted budget. The committee is discussing the pros and cons of transitioning from an annual and biennial budget. It was announced that the DPLC Chair has appointed Lisa Plaxico as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee.

The Campaign Services Committee reported the Eugene City Council Ward 7 campaign will extend to a run-off election

in November between endorsed Democrat Lyndsie Leech and Barbie Walker. State Rep. Paul Holvey (HD 8) is facing a potential recall campaign. Mr. Moore moved to designate these two races as priority races for the DPLC, seconded by Ms. Heermance and passed unanimously.

The Community Action Committee reported on upcoming events in which the DPLC will participate, including the Lane County Fair, Asian Celebration, and Pride.

The Fundraising Committee reported the Ice Cream Social is coming up on Sunday, July 16 at the Campbell Community Center and the Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 at Alton Baker Park.

The Organization Committee reported the next meeting of the committee will occur Wednesday, June 21 on Zoom. The committee will be prepared to mobilize volunteers if the recall moves forward.

Nominations for PCP: William Gray was nominated by Ms. Boyd and seconded by Ms. Keizer. Mr. Morris moved appoint new PCPs Alexander Aghtaei, Janean Fossum, Erick Oshel, and Anevay Simonson,

seconded by Mr. Thompson passed unanimously.

House District 7 reported the next district meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at Irene Henjum's house.

House District 8 reported the District is hosting a drop-in garden party on Tuesday, June 20 at Mary Ann Petersen's house.

House Districts 9 and 10 reported the Florence Area Democratic Club hosted a 50-year anniversary party on June 3 at the Florence Senior Center; Chair Swenson Harris and Vice Chair Gillpatrick were present. Districts 9 and 10 are working with Democrats in Lincoln County and Coos County to recruit a candidate for state senate.

House District 12 reported that Republican State Rep. Charlie Conrad is being asked to resign by Republicans because he voted Yes on pro-choice legislation.

House District 13 reported the District is hosting a party at Katrina Bowser's house on August 5.

House District 14 reported the committee is working to improve attendance of its members to the monthly Central Committee meetings.

The Platform Committee reported the Democratic Party of Oregon is hosting the biennial State Platform Convention on August 18-20 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon. Lane County has been allotted 102 delegates, and the registration fees have been set at \$50 for delegates, \$25 for students and first-time attendees, with scholarships available. Ms. Boyd moved to elect DPO Platform Delegates, seconded by Mr. Rempel and passed unanimously. A list of delegates elected is included at end of the minutes.

The PR Committee reported the committee is working to support campaigns for Lyndsie Leech and Paul Holvey.

The Rules Committee reported the committee is working to create standing rules to establish caucuses within the DPLC.

The State Central Committee Delegation reported the next SCC meeting will occur in conjunction with the DPO Platform Convention on Saturday, August 19 at 8:30 am.

The 4th Congressional District Committee Delegation reported the 4th CD is meeting on Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 pm on Zoom. The committee will be voting to elect two alternates to the DPO

Rules Committee and receive a messaging training from Mr. Thompson.

As New Business, Ms. Keizer presented the Kick Ass Award to Carol Hammond for her great work in the DPLC Office.

Announcements: Luke Grossmiller invited PCPs to participate in Braver Angels, an organization that promotes cross-partisan conversations to depolarize American politics. Chris Wig thanked PCPs for supporting him in the May special district election. Chair Swenson Harris invited PCPs to canvass with Rep. Holvey on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 am.

Upon unanimous consent, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

The following Lane County Democrats were elected as DPO Platform Convention Delegates:

- Katrina Bowser
- Doniya Boyd
- Rebecca Bradvica
- Laura Gillpatrick
- William Gray
- Forrest Ingram
- Dan Isaacson
- Kajanda Love
- Mary Ann Petersen
- Lisa Plaxico
- Gerry Rempel
- Charlie Swanson
- Celine Swenson Harris
- Ron Thompson
- Chris Wig