



MEETING MINUTES  
April 2023  
Monday, 4/17/23 7PM  
Online via Zoom  
Clark County, WA

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. meeting called to order 7:04pm
- b. eBoard meeting members did introductions and listed their “one thing they’d like to see changed”

### **2. Consent Agenda: Single Motion to Approve All Items Listed Below**

- a. Approve This Meeting’s Agenda and Prior Meeting’s Minutes
- b. Motion by Matt Dittrich, 2nd by Kass Bessert. Consent agenda was approved by majority vote.

### **3. Stronger Relationships with BIPOC Communities**

- a. Tim kicked off a discussion and was supported by Oletha about the idea of 2-3 Democrats attending other meetings such as LULAC, NAACP, to build strong relationships with other communities.
- b. Oletha mentioned that minority communities have a trust issue with politicians. We also have a tendency to individually attend meetings but not as official representatives of the Democratic party. It’s important to start showing up.
- c. Tim mentioned the importance of not showing up before the campaigns and mentioned the importance of Oletha’s ideas.
- d. Carolyn Long mentioned the importance of having candidates tag along with representatives that already have a relationship with minority groups.
- e. Terri Niles shared specific examples of joint work that was done in the past with minority groups. This included the NAACP and OneAmerica.
- f. Hector Hinjosa shared links on upcoming events for various organizations and spoke of other possible groups that can be reached.
- g. General discussion about the need for 2-3 folks that should be approached about taking this task on. Donna Sinclair will be approached since she’s the outreach contact. More ideas were suggested from the membership.

### **4. Update but No Decisions Yet on Awards Approach:**

Team Value Awards and Potential Jim Moeller Award(s)

Young Democrat of the Year Award

Woman of Impact Award

PCO of the Year Award

Rookie of the Year Award

Volunteer of the Year Award

Ed Cote Democratic Service Award (This is a lifetime achievement award for service to the local Democratic party)

Val & Dan Ogden Democrat of the Year Award (For this one we keep a plaque in the Dems office with the names of the winners each year)

- a. Charles Polacek gave a presentation about the Team Value Awards and the key items that should be noted about the awards.
- b. A General discussion ensued with some of these topics.
  - i. The potential Jim Moeller award would be a new award and not replacing an existing award program
  - ii. the list above (section 4) is a list of existing awards that aren't to be replaced
  - iii. transparency about awards, how awards were given out, the difficulty of giving awards to folks already in the room, in the past, there weren't many awards,

## **5. Four Fundamentals**

- a. Clark County Democrats Ogden Dinner on June 10th
  - i. Holly gave an update and mentioned that we have a new volunteer that will be helping with the dinner. (Sana). She also asked the e-board to try to purchase tickets and to invite others to the dinner. It will be busy and energizing based on the featured speakers lined up so far.
- b. Consistent Messaging
  - i. Carolyn Long gave a brief update which included the creation of videos and a calendar. Her communication team is working on rules for creating the video. Comprehensive list of folks to write letters to the editor and how to incorporate the values of the Democratic party. Working on generic branding statements and will deliver within 2 weeks.
- c. Voter Contact Volunteer Drive
  - i. Shirin reported 28 members in the VCV group and was happy about the creativity exhibited by the VC volunteers.
- d. Sustaining Donor Drive
  - i. Matt will be doing a debrief on the numbers on the sustaining donor drive

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Main account balance ~\$35,361.04 Exempt account : \$18,182. Rent is now coming out of the exempt account so that balance will continue to drop each month.

## **7. Election Observers Committee Chair's Report**

- a. Andrew reported that ballots are still coming in from the special election in Washougal.

## **8. State Committee Person's Report**

- a. Hector reported that the Latino caucus will be meeting soon but not much going on yet.
- b. Leah, the elections committee will be meeting on April 30th and the state party convention is coming up soon.

## **9. Recent Budget Discussions Update**

- a. The chair proposed a line item in the budget for outreach. This may include shirts and hats potentially.
- b. Patricia mentioned that this would need approval of the body.
- c. Motion by Terri Niles, 2nd by Patricia O'Bannon. Amend the budget for \$3500 for community outreach purposes. PASSED by majority. no objections, no abstentions.

## **10. Announcement and Good of the Order**

- a. Bill Whipple discussed office staffing and information that should be left at the desk for volunteers at the desk. Broadly announce that the office is open and some desk coverage is needed (3 slots)
- b. A general discussion ensued about the importance of ensuring that insurance is in place as the office has volunteers present. A 2nd layer of security should be employed for important/valuable items.
- c. Voicemail set up status was requested. This is still a work in progress but should be done soon.
- d. Forward Friday will not be in North County just yet but will be in the future.

## **11. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm