



## CLARK COUNTY DEMOCRATS MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

MEETING Minutes  
January 2023  
Monday, 01/09/23 7PM  
Online via Zoom  
Clark County, WA

Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) and Members check in between 6:45-7pm.

### **1. Call to Order -19:00**

- a. Welcome everyone!
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Request for Brevity
- d. Welcome of First Time Guests
- e. Welcome of Elected Officials

**2. Approval of January 2023 Agenda and December 2022 Minutes** - Motion to approve made by Patricia O'Bannon, 2nd by Susan Schwartz. Approved by unanimous consent

### **3. Rotating LD Chair's Report**

- a. Terri Niles, 17<sup>th</sup> LD – Had meeting with Rep. Perez, likely first townhall next week in Skamania County, details to follow. Reviewed areas included in 17<sup>th</sup> LD. Will share slide show regarding demographics of the county.

**4. County Chair's Report** – Tim Probst - Thanks everyone for all their work for the last month. He also reiterated the goal of getting more Democrats to vote and to get more

Democrats elected. Stresses the importance of working together to increase Democratic votes.

- 5. Treasurer's Report** - Patricia O'Bannon Shares current balances and sustaining donors. Discusses a plan for increasing sustaining donors. Discussion of tracking of current membership rolls vs sustaining donors.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. February Special Election Ballot Measures – 5 ballot measures, they are to replace levy's that are set to expire. For Vancouver it is the levy for affordable housing, to raise \$10million annually. Another is a school funding levy. Two school levies in Washougal. Recommend yes for all 5 measures. Websites shared. Ballots will be available as of January 17<sup>th</sup> and can be printed from the county website and mailed in. Hector Hinojosa is available if anyone has any questions regarding the Affordable Housing Fund.

Motion to endorse ballot measures

City of Vancouver - Proposition 3 - Affordable Housing Levy

Vancouver Public Schools - Proposition 6 - Renewal Education & Operations Levy

Washougal School District - Proposition 10 - Enhanced Programs & Operations Levy

Washougal School District - Proposition 11 - Capital Levy for Technology, Health and Safety

Woodland School District - Proposition 1 - Maintenance & Operations Levy

Motion to approve made by Andrew Brewer, 2nd by Terri Niles. Approved by unanimous consent

- b. PCO Recruitment and Management – Joe Maldonado and Shirin Elkoshairi, working with PCO and on voter engagement. Looking for someone to help with coordinating support for PCOs
- c. Sustaining Donors Drive – Elaine Brown, need to work towards goals of monthly sustaining donors
- d. Sign Design – Proposed designs reviewed. Can expect signs to be up in 3-4 months.
- e. Ogden Dinner – Candy Bonneville, needs a committee meeting to assign roles and start to plan to look of the evening and start moving forward to inviting guests and speakers. Will take the lead while co-chair is found. Dinner will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton. Also, a call for volunteers for the dinner.
- f. Clark County Democrats New Office – Bill Whipple is office manager. Joe Maldonado shared update. Moved into the office. Thanked those that helped set up the office. Open house this weekend with refreshments. Motion to approve paying for refreshments made by Bill Whipple, 2nd by Ray Connor. Approved by unanimous consent

## **7. New Business**

- a. Monthly Social Events for Team-Building, Mutual Support and Friendship – First social event will be at Loowit Brewing in downtown Vancouver on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8. Will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month and will move around to various small businesses in Clark County.
- b. Four Numbers We Could Choose to Aim for:
  - i) 4,000 more Democratic votes would change the 17<sup>th</sup> to “leans Democratic”
  - ii) 5,000 more Democratic votes would change the 18<sup>th</sup> to “leans Democratic”
  - iii) Number of votes that would increase 49<sup>th</sup> turnout the levels in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
  - iv) Number of votes that would change the 20<sup>th</sup> to "leans Democratic"
- c. Approval of Executive Board Appointments
  - i) At-Large Executive Board Members: Shirin Elkoshairi, Candy Bonneville, Matt Dittrich.
  - ii) Election Observers Chair: Andrew Brewer, if you wish to be an observer, applications are due soon and you have to be certified. Please reach out if you have any questions
  - iii) Office Manager: Bill Whipple

Motion to approve made by Ray Connor, 2nd by Susan Schwartz.  
Approved by unanimous consent

## **8. Approval of New PCOs –**

- a. 18<sup>th</sup> LD Beth Cooper, appointed 445, Jennifer Giles, appointed 553, Linda Michel acting 638, Basil Paulson, acting 458, David Terry, appointed 585

Motion to approve made by Rich Raitano, 2nd by Joe Maldonado. Approved by unanimous consent

## **9. Announcements and Good of the Order**

- a. Please let us know in the chat portion of the Zoom Conference to be recognized for this section of the agenda
- b. Election Observers Chair – Andrew Brewer
- c. Rich Raitano for Grumpy Old Democrats will be using office for meetings. They focus on voter registration. Also, offering to help with shared goals
- d. Andrew Brewer – Senate bill 5082 to abolish advisory votes from the ballot. Companion bill in house 1158. Recommends reaching out to elected officials in support of these bills to get them out of committee. Suggests that once out of committee that were discuss supporting them
- e. Bill Whipple – requests clarification on who can and cannot vote from the Executive board. At large member can board but committee chairs and office managers cannot vote.

- f. Central Labor Council Dinner February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in Vancouver. Detail available on Facebook and their website. Link for info on the labor dinner: [https://www.swwaclc.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view\\_calendar.cfm&calendarID=12149831&thisdate=02/01/2023&useCalSection=main](https://www.swwaclc.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view_calendar.cfm&calendarID=12149831&thisdate=02/01/2023&useCalSection=main)
- g. Terri Niles – requests the website be updated with current contact information for Clark County. Also, Vancouver Women’s March on January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a virtual event, further details to come.
- h. Clark County Fair – no chair yet but supplies for the fair are in the office.

**10. Review Next Steps and Assignments** – Chair encourages people to become sustaining donor and encourages people to publicly support the upcoming ballot levies

**11. Adjournment** – 21:03