

06-12-23 Meeting Minutes Clark County Democrats General Meeting

1. Call to Order (meeting called to order at 7:00pm)

- a. Welcome*
- b. Pledge of Allegiance*

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

- a. Approve This Meeting's Agenda and Prior Meeting's Minutes*
- b. Approve PCOs Submitted by Legislative District Organizations*
- C. Motion to approve by Susan Swartz, 2nd Joe Maldonado [motion carries, verbal vote, 0 Nay, 0 absentions]*

3. Acknowledgements and Chair Privilege

- a. Oletha Wade-Matthews was recognized as new volunteer of the year.*
- b. Shirin Elkoshari was recognized as Odgen Award Winner*
- c. PCO of the year, Joe Maldonado*
- d. Ed Cote award winner, Jim Moeller*
- e. Women Democrat of the year, Holly Williams*
- f. Volunteer of the year, Beth Cooper*

3. Review Expectations

- a. Tim reminded the body of the etiquette and what to expect for the rest of the evening**
- b. Welcome New Guest and Officials**
 - a. Welcome first time guests*
 - i. Welcome Alan Taylor, first time attending our meeting*
 - ii. Welcome Greg Ikehara Martin, first time attending our meeting*
 - b. Welcome elected officials*

(none)

5. Four Fundamentals

a. Clark County Democrats Ogden Dinner Recap

Chair Tim Probst acknowledged the hard work of Holly Williams and her team. It was really well done, “we are back” was the message by having such a good dinner. Holly acknowledged her team and thanked them for their hard efforts.

b. Voter Contact Volunteer Drive

Shirin Elkoshairi mentioned his survey and that he appreciates folks responding to the survey. Based on the results of this survey we are going to establish a monthly meeting and also provide the resources that folks felt they were missing.

c. Sustaining Donor Drive

Elaine Brown has grown the sustaining donor drive and thanked all the new sustaining donors that have joined.

d. Consistent Messaging

Tim reported that messaging is solidified and the video submissions from membership with Dem talking points are rolling in. We will be releasing a video every 2 weeks.

6. Reports

a. Treasurer

Tim Probst reported numbers provided by Patricia O’Bannon. End of April 54,689 combined accounts, end of May \$73,281 in all combined accounts. \$20,000 check has not cleared the bank.

B. Election Observers Committee Chair

Andrew Brewer indicated that it will be a short election. There’s still an opportunity to be an election observer although the window is soon closing (closes June 19th, more information

is available here

<https://clark.wa.gov/elections/interested-becoming-certified-elections-observer>

C. State Committee People

Hector Hinojosa sent an after the meeting action report to all the LD chairs. Drew Estep at the Washington State Democrats has asked for information on issues with vandalism, threats and provided contact information emergency@wa-democrats.org and a CC to Drew Estep drew@wa-democrats.org. State caucus meeting is coming up in July.

7. Old Business

a. Forward Friday: June 23th at 6pm at Coyote Ridge Ranch

i. County Councilor Sue Marshall will be attending.

This will be a potluck picnic with the main course (BBQ!)

provided.

2404 NW Coyote Ridge Road, La Center, WA 98629

Hector Hinojosa reported this will be a potluck and that he will be providing some vegan dishes for those. The event will be BYOB. Hector asked that Tim Probst invite Marie Gluesenkamp Perez to join the Forward Friday event.

b. Fair Booth at the Clark County Fair

Steve Perkel, Aug 4-15 - we need sign ups for the Fair Booth. There are plenty of spots for folks to sign up. You get a ticket and a parking pass if you cover the booth for the Democrats. You can sign up for booth coverage:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/527035747141550047/false#/invitation>

C. Pride in the Park

Joe Maldonado reported this event will be July 8th, ~ 10-5pm, the Democrats will have a booth at this event as well. If interested, please email Donna Sinclair at

historygal517@gmail.com

D. Juneteenth

This Saturday at Esther Short Park. Democrats will have a booth at this event. Looking for volunteers at the booth for the 3-5pm shift and booth breakdown. To volunteer, please email historygal517@gmail.com

8. New Business

a. Candidate Recruitment Plans for the Coming Year

Tim kicked off this agenda item with thoughts about the importance of figuring out winning elections in rural areas and recognized the success of Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and Sue Marshall. Marsha Manning and Jackie Lane reported. Jackie stated that it's important to reach out to those who are not Democrats. Jackie reported on possible folks that would be good candidates to support in Battleground, Woodland, Don Orange for Port of Vancouver, Leah Perkel and Sarah Fox for Vancouver City Council position 6. Jackie suggested attending the League of Women voters. Marsha Manning mentioned 84 races and ~54 races were uncontested. Charles Polacek suggested that folks doing outreach would ask residents about their feelings about the proposed railroad. Terri Niles emphasized the importance of the Port races as they cover 100 miles of shoreline. Don Orange's race is very important. To volunteer for Don Orange here are the contact details (For the Don Orange campaign - call Nick Ande to volunteer. 360-823-6300 (text) or email - nick@votedonororange.com) Joe Kent is calling to "take back our ports".

b. 2023 Election Recommendations

This was covered in 8a.

10. Review Next Steps and Assignments

11. Transition to Chair's Roundtable at 7:45 PM

CHAIRS' ROUNDTABLE: Expect exchange of ideas, brainstorming, listening session, member advice to LD Chairs and County Chair

12. Chairs' Roundtable

a. Rotating Legislative District Chair's Report: 17th LD this Month (3 Minutes). Terri Niles is hosting an event focusing on local politics. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez will be the headliner, "All Politics are Local". Candidates and elected officials are going to address the audience. Sept 8, 6pm, Lacamas Lodge

b. County Chair's Report (2 Minutes)

c. Member Input, Ideas and Brainstorming and Good of the Order (10 Minutes)

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez will be having a fundraiser on July 8th at Sana Pierce-Wright's home.

Leah Perkel Kickoff this Wednesday June 14th 5:00 at Loowit

Andrew Brewer asked if he could

Donald Auguston asked if we are completely staffed for the office. Friday slots are still needed.

Don Steinke, Alexander's house for the Forward Fridays is not easy to find, so plan on that. Jim Malinowski will not be running next year for PUD and so we need to recruit someone. Don and Alona will be having an event on July 9th to move their Voter Contact Volunteer project along.

Hector Hinojosa- will be capturing the biggest priorities in everyone's community and who is working on them.

Tim Probst read a statement from Annette Cleveland. It included thanking the leadership and volunteers for making the dinner a success.

13. Adjournment at 8:12 PM