



Monthly General Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023, 7 PM – 8:30 PM
[Online via Zoom](#)

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING: Expect an efficient meeting to cover many updates and decisions quickly.

- Call to order – 19:00
 - Welcome everyone!
 - Pledge of Allegiance

- Consent Agenda: Single motion to approve all items listed below – Motioned by Susan Schwartz, Seconded by Charles Polacek. Approved by unanimous consent, including request for correction to include vote count to sustain Chair’s ruling.
 - Approve this meeting’s agenda and prior meeting’s minutes
 - Approve PCO’s submitted by LD’s - 18th LD James McRae appointed precinct 638

- Moment of Silence for the Victims and Global Repercussions of 9/11

- Review expectations
Special “Let’s Not Fiddle While Rome Burns” Edition: Please watch this video ahead of time and come ready to discuss W.I.N., that is, “What’s Important Now.” [\(94\) Ken Burns on why the Republican Party completely changed | The Warning Podcast with Steve Schmidt - YouTube](#)

- Welcome first-time guests
 - New guests, please enter your name and email in the chat and we’ll stay connected!

- Welcome elected officials

- Four Fundamentals
 - Voter Contact Volunteer (VCV) Drive: Become a VCV today!
Group is growing and there are more volunteers. Joe Maldonado will be sending out an email for the volunteers. Plan is to have volunteers start canvassing now.

- Sustaining Donor Drive Next Steps
 - ACTION: Proposed Allocation of Funds to Candidates
 - Donate today at www.clarkcountydems.com/donate
 - Elaine Brown seeks to start a 1 month campaign with one month's new donations to be allocated to recommended candidates. This is supported by the Targeted Funds Committee. Motioned by Hector Hinojosa, Seconded by Pete Aller. Approved by 27 in favor, 6 against, 48 present. Motion passes
 - Sustaining Donor Committee moves to allocate \$1,000 per candidate that is recommended by the CCDCC from the proceeds of the Ogden Dinner. This is supported by the Targeted Funds Committee. Motioned by John Latta. Seconded by Hector Hinojosa.
 - Friendly amendment offered by Jon Oberg – money only to be given to those running as Democrats, amendment declined.
 - Friendly amendment by Charles Polacek to give \$750 to School Board candidates and \$1,000 to City Council races. Amendment accepted.
 - Motion by Jesse James to remove the 2 candidates that do not identify as Democrats from this vote to be voted on separately. 15 for, 18 against. Motion fails.
 - Friendly amendment by Janet Landesberg to decrease donation to \$500 for all candidates. Amendment declined.
 - Friendly amendment by Elaine Brown to decrease donation to Fire Commissioner to \$750 as well. Amendment accepted
 - Friendly amendment from Donna Sinclair to change donations to all candidates to \$750. Amendment accepted.
 - Motion to donate \$750 to all candidates recommended by the CCDCC. 32 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions. Motion passes
- Consistent Messaging
- Ogden Dinner: Saturday, June 22, 2024, 5-9 PM, Vancouver Hilton

- Reports

- Treasurer -Balances reviewed
- Election Observers Committee Chair – Ballots will be sent soon. Military go out in September and the rest in October. The electronic version of the Voter's Guide is available on the Clark County website. Certified observers can reach out to Andrew Brewer to sign up for shifts.
- State Committeepersons – request for proposals for constituency meetings.

- Old business

- Forward Friday: Focusing on a BIG Forward Friday in September!

Lt. Governor Denny Heck Celebrates YOU!

Born and raised in Vancouver, Lt. Governor Denny Heck is thanking Clark County Democrats with a special Forward Friday party on Friday, September 29, with live music, free food and

drinks, and a rousing speech by our Lt. Governor, Clark County's own Denny Heck!
6-8:30 PM, Sep 29, Fort Vancouver Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes St, Vancouver WA 98661

- ACTION: Round 2 of our 2023 election recommendations/endorsements and brief candidate statements (*- indicates recommended candidates)
Randal Friedman – running for Mayor of Camas.
*Shannon Cluphf - LaCenter School Board. Running as a democrat.
*Amber Baker – Ridgefield School Board. Running as a democrat.
*Bonnie Carter – Camas City Council, Ward 2, Position 1 – Running for reelection (non-partisan)
*John Nohr - Camas City Council, Ward 2, Position 1 - Running as a democrat.
*Steve Hogan – recommended Candidate for Mayor of Camas
The recommended candidates are in no particular order: Shannon Cluphf, Amber Baker, Bonnie Carter, John Nohr, Steve Hogan.

A Motion was presented to vote for the recommended candidates except for Bonnie Carter, who will be voted on in a separate motion. Motion to approve motioned by Charles Polacek, Seconded by Terri Niles. Motion passed by acclamation

Friendly amendment to add Bridget Taylor for Fire Commissioner made by Mike Pond and seconded by Terri Niles. Amendment accepted by Charles Polacek. Motion passes

Motion to recommend Bonnie Carter. Motion to recommend moved by Joe Maldonado, Seconded by Terri Niles. 24 voted for, 14 against.

- New business
 - Seeking second vice-chair and state committeeperson- deferred
 - Updating our local party platform - deferred
(See current platform, attached below)
- Announcements and good of the order
- Transition to Chair's Roundtable at 8:00 PM - deferred

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

- Chairs' Roundtable - deferred
 - Rotating LD Chair's Report: 49th LD this month (3 minutes)
 - County Chair's report (2 minutes)
 - Member input, ideas, and brainstorming (25 minutes)

- Adjourn at 9:35 PM