



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024, 7-8:30 PM

Online via Zoom

1. Call to order
2. Seek motion to approve of this agenda and the prior minutes  
Motioned by Donna Sinclair, seconded by Charles Polacek. Motioned approved by unanimous consent
3. Continuous improvement discussion  
Our job is to get more people to vote for Democrats, and we're a mid-sized all-volunteer organization with a core of committed volunteers who do most of the work.
  - a) What are we doing well and should continue doing?
  - b) What can we do better, to get more people to vote for Democrats?  
Support allied groups such as the Vancouver, WA NAACP, LULAC, Labor Board, One America
  - c) Who could take a lead on any potential next steps identified during our discussion?  
Alysia Privrat – will register table for Pride in the Park  
Leah Perkel – will find program used for scheduling volunteers for the Clark County Fair booth  
Donna Sinclair – will work on coordinating people to set up the booths
4. ACTION: Form a search committee for Community Liaison (Donna)  
We now have nametag-sized badges for community liaisons. Some are just the logo and "Clark County Democrats" (like the sign outside our office), and others have that and also say "Community Liaison." We need someone to lead the Community Liaison function, including: keep track of who our liaison is for each group is (eg, LULAC, NAACP, Labor Round Table, Sierra Club, etc.); ask them to be sure to attend regularly; wear the badge identifying themselves as our liaison; listen and be a good ally; and build positive relationships.  
We will invite allied organization to come to the meeting as well as to organize future social gatherings including Forward Friday events
5. ACTION: Seek the following motion  
"The Clark County Democrats Executive Board endorses the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District's resolution to the Washington State Democratic Party in support of high-quality care for foster youth."  
(See resolution below, Attachment A.)  
Motioned by Charles Polacek, seconded by Tim Probst. Motioned approved by unanimous consent

## 6. The Four Fundamentals

### a) Consistent Messaging

ACTION: Form a team to handle translating our new Unity Platform Printing will be done in English currently but also in the process of getting them translated into the appropriate languages for the community. Team for translation of Unity Platform handout to be coordinated by Emily Borden, Alysia Privrat and Chuck Polacek

### b) Win With 10! Update and Next Steps (Heidi)

### c) Ogden Dinner (Holly or Matt)

Saturday, August 24, 5-9 PM, Vancouver Hilton, Featuring Lt. Gov. Denny Heck as MC and keynotes by Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Lt. Gov. Bob Ferguson, and Sen. Maria Cantwell

ACTION: Seek the following motion, "The Clark County Democrats Executive Committee requests that the 49<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to advertise the link to buy Ogden Dinner tickets and promote early purchases of tickets."

Motioned by Tim Probst, seconded by Leah Perkel. Motioned approved by unanimous consent

### d) Sustaining donors: Update and Next Steps - Deferred

## 7. Old Business

### a) Come to the Forward Friday in May 31, 2024 with the Cowlitz County Democrats

Will be at the Oak Tree Restaurant - [1020 Atlantic Ave, Woodland, WA 98674](#)

## 8. New Business

### a) Consider setting a regular cycle for Forward Fridays to rotate to each LD

Plan to have it rotate to the various LDs through the end of the year with a stabilized schedule

Motioned by Donna Sinclair, seconded by Chuck Palacek. Motioned approved by unanimous consent

Forward Friday Schedule through Dec 2024:

May 31, 6PM: Forward Friday with Special Guests Cowlitz County Democrats! (Oak Tree in Woodland.)

June 28, 6PM: Forward Friday with Special Guest Terri Niles! This Forward Friday is also Terri's Campaign Kickoff! Come for fun with your friends, and donate to Terri if you choose to. Donations are not required--your presence is your present. (17th LD venue TBD)

July 26, 6PM: Forward Friday! Venue: Prairie Tavern in the 20th LD

August 30, 6PM: Forward Friday with Special Guest Chris Reykdal! This Forward Friday is also a fundraiser to support Chris' campaign! Come for fun with your friends, and donate to Chris if you choose to. Donations are not required--your presence is your present. (49th LD venue TBD)

September 27, 6PM: Forward Friday! (18th LD venue TBD)

October 25, 6PM: Forward Friday! (17th LD venue TBD)

November 29, 6PM: Forward Friday! (20th LD venue TBD)

December 27, 6PM: Forward Friday! (49th LD venue TBD)

9. Announcements and good of the order

C-Roots opened Carriage House and named Casa Hinojosa after Hector Hinojosa

C-Roots will be have their annual breakfast on June 14<sup>th</sup> - <https://croots.ejoinme.org/Home24>

Endorsement Committee are working though recommendations

Teri Niles campaign is having monthly Town Halls, next one is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and the topic is Affordable Housing at Camas Library at 3:30 in the Community Reoom

10. Next steps and adjournment

ATTACHMENT A:

**Resolution in support of codifying into law and fully funding high quality care and best practices for the youth in the Washington State Foster Care System.**

Whereas: There are approximately 8,000 children living in out-of-home care in Washington state. (citation 1)

Whereas: Children and Youth in foster care, both in Washington and nationwide, tend to have poorer outcomes than other children and youth, including: one-third of children or youth in foster care in Washington State who age out of foster care become homeless within three years; researchers have found that between 31% and 46% of youth exiting foster care experience homelessness by age 26. A study conducted in Washington State found that approximately one quarter of youth that exited foster care at age 17 or older became homeless within 12 months of exit. (citation 2)

Whereas: Young adults in Foster Care in Washington State graduate from high school at a rate of 53%, compared to 82% of the general student population. (citation 3)

Whereas: Studies have found that just 3-4% of former foster youth obtain a four-year college degree. And between 2 and 6% receive a two-year degree. (citation 4)

Whereas: Nationwide, about 80% of youth in foster care receive a psychiatric or mental health diagnosis compared to the fact that only 20% of non-foster children have mental health issues within the general population. (citation 5)

Whereas: Washington State statistics show that nearly one in four young adults will be arrested within one year of aging out of foster care. (citation 6)

Whereas: The National Foster Youth Institute reported that 7 out of 10 girls who age out of foster care become pregnant by 21 years old. What is clear is that young women in foster care, and those who have aged out, are at a much greater risk of teen pregnancy than those with stable family life. This rate is 2.75 times higher than the general population. (citation 7)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee

endorses and urges the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to implement, and our legislators to pass legislation to codify law and fully fund high quality care and best practices for foster youth until age 26.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Full list of measurable goals

- LD17 adding 4,000 democratic votes above current base
- LD18 adding 5,000 democratic votes above current base
- LD49 adding 3,710 democratic votes above current base
- Recruit 100 Voter Contact Volunteers
- Double number of PCOs (from 65 on January 1 to 130 by Dec 31)
- 100% of PCOs and VCVs actively conducting voter outreach (or for PCOs, alternative work of their choice)
- Sustaining donors drive exceeding \$2500 per month (current baseline \$1800)
- Ogden Dinner raising \$26,000 (net) and stabilized as an ongoing system from year to year