

CD4 Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting called to order at 1.03pm by Chair Laura Gillpatrick

The minutes from the previous CD4 meeting were not available for review at the meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

- Election debrief
- Review of the By-Laws by Ron Thompson and there will be a vote

Special guests DPO Chair KC Hanson and DNC member Matt Keating were welcomed.

The Credentials were taken by Corresponding Secretary Carleen Reilly and a quorum was present.

In Attendance:

1. Laura Gillpatrick, Lane
2. Ron Thompson, Lane
3. Carleen Reilly, Lane
4. Jim Gourley, Linn
5. Steve Harbert, Linn
6. Karin Radtke, Lane
7. Dede Murphy, Coos
8. Dorothy Yetter, Josephine
9. Vicki Bradley, Curry
10. RaeLea Cousens, Coos
11. Bill Dooley, Curry
12. Billie Spell, Douglas
13. Lynda Spangler, Josephine
14. Nora Kent, Lane
15. Matt Keating, Lane
16. Becca Byerley, Lane
17. Celine Swenson Harris, Lane
18. Wendy Nilson, Linn
19. Ann Gaidos-Morgan, Benton
20. Les Goodrich, Curry
21. Ellie Blanton, Douglas
22. Gerry Rempel, Lane
23. Pat Reilly, Lane
24. Lil Frey, Lane
25. Timothy Morris, Lane
26. Rebecca Bradvica, Lane
27. Ann Gaidos-Morgan, Benton

Guests:

1. Dave Aakre, Coos
2. Maurene Aakre, Coos
3. Marcia Schneider
4. KC Hanson, DPO Chair
5. Lisa Levsen, Lane
6. Brian Clark, Josephine

Election debrief by county:

Benton County – Worked with Linn County on the Neighborhood Leader Program. Has some money left over.

Coos County – Hardworking crew. Melissa Cribbens and Cal Mukumoto did not win. No Democrat won in Coos County at all. Office was vandalized with a foul smelling substance which generated some financial support.

Curry County – No Democrat won. Over 95% of the Democrats voted in spite of the voter intimidation. Mixed bag.

Douglas County – Many new volunteers. The Republicans voted at 91%. The Democrats need to turn out more. Shout out to Ellie and the volunteers in Reedsport.

Lane County – Florence. The city mayor race was very close and a Democratic candidate almost won. Nora gave a shout out to Karin Radtke for her leadership and for her leadership on the NLP.

Lane County – Lane. Matt Keating gave a report. Lisa Levsen talked about NLP and Ron Thompson talked about NLP and Vote observation of Lane County Elections and the counting. 98% of the vote count was observed.

Linn County – Successful with NLP program and coordinate with Benton County. Rural counties have a tough uphill road.

Josephine County – There was a 60% vs 30% Republican versus Democrat turnout in voting. Wonderful neighborhood leader program. About 91% of Democrats contacted through the NL program voted. Some non-Republicans elected to City Council. Tough because its 2 to 1 against the Democrats in Josephine County. Democratic turnout was 85% in Josephine County. The recall Kate effort was used to recruit to NAVs over to the Republican party. Timber Unity spending money on getting local candidates elected in the hope they can move the candidates up the ticket.

Strategic planning sub-committee to be formed in order to get local candidates running in down ballot races. Committee members would be Jim Gourley from Linn, Celine Swenson-Harris from Lane, Vicki Bradley from Curry, Ann Gaidos-Morgan from Benton, Lynda Spangler from Josephine, Douglas will get someone to represent on the sub-committee. The other counties will work on getting representation for the new sub-committee. Info from other states called “Blue Bench” about building a Democratic bench might be helpful. Celine and Jim Gourley are willing to take leadership of the group.

Ron Thompson reviewed the proposed by-laws changes, which require approval prior to the CD4 Organization meeting.

Jim Gourley made a motion to approve the by-law changes. Steve Herbert seconded the motion. No discussion. Unanimous approval of the by-law changes.

Steve from Linn County moved to vote by acclamation to use Election Buddy to hold the CD4 re-organization vote. Unanimous approval of the use of Election Buddy.

Laura needs help with the web site for being able to add candidate statements for the officer and committee positions. Lil Frey is possibly interested and has Word Press experience. Lisa Levensen is willing to help but does not have Word Press experience. There are 30 CD4 positions to fill.

Vicki Bradley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Gourley seconded. Unanimous approval.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Levensen, Temporary Volunteer Recording Secretary