

Marion County Democrats Central Committee General

Meeting February 20th , 2020

Doors open at 6pm and Meeting start promptly at 6:30pm

“Democrats believe in reigniting the American dream by removing barriers to success and building ladders of opportunity for all, so everyone can succeed.” – Nancy Pelosi

I. Announcements

Election survival March 26 6-8pm, support group. Mental strength.

Holly Oakes Miller, City Council 5

II. Call to Order – Welcome Evan Called to order 646pm

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from January 17 th 2020 Meeting: can't print, will bypass approval until next month.

IV. Program: Congressional Update from Congressman Kurt Schrader:

DC sad right now, Pelosi chose points wisely. Schiff did an excellent job presenting. The President's actions since have gotten worse. Budget is ludicrous. He was able to work on budget last year. Trade agreement with Mexico and Canada, best agreement in long time. Minimum wage and work place conditions. Biggest news end of last year HR3, drug price negotiation bill. Grassley and Wyden got it moved in Senate, might pass. Price transparency. Limiting out of pocket for seniors. Limits increases. Bright spots, but a lot of work and long way to go. Presidents agencies are adrift. Not much will get passed, Mitch is set on filling courts with right wing judges. Mention of Swing Left.

Will Landstrom: How is donation not a bribe? Tries to get donations from wide variety so not beholden to any one person. Tries to hear all sides of story.

Maryann: Concerned about our current president might not plan on leaving, what's in place to remove him. Straw that would break back of R's?

Cindy Kimball: How can we convince all D's to support candidate? Hope it's a no-brainer. Hope we are more aware.

Sean Nikas, CD5: Climate change. Strong reactions and importance on Climate change. What are we going to do about Climate change: President has refused to acknowledge. Number of R's acknowledge that it's real. Committee just put out "approach to cleaner future" 2050. Innovation in green tech over next 10 years. Opportunity to get it in law to be clean energy. Not wait another 10 years.

Peggy Woolsey: Doing what she can, but sees a lot of people not paying attention, how can we get them to take action? Lead by example. All hands on deck.

Adrien Lockhart: When will House impeach again? Don't see it happening again. Evidence overwhelming. Keep emphasizing existing impeachment materials.

V. Officer's Reports

A. Chair: CD5 meeting here at 1pm. Coordinating efforts, how to use Van for NAV. Every Saturday here, 9am, canvas for various candidates. March 14, PCP training. March 28 is local election project, one day candidate boot camp.

B. VC's

Trevor: many people in room are involved in various elections.

Carina: This weekend DPO Chair/vice chair retreat.

Working on childcare for various events such as our meetings or testify at the Capitol.

Melissa: putting pressure on Boles to not walk out.

C. Treasurer: May 30, next big fundraiser.

VI. Standing Committee Updates

A. Candidate Support- Feb 12th meeting. Next meeting 11th and 25th. SOS Forum in April. Slate cards for local elections for women's march on March 8th.

Candidates here tonight:

Paige Hook HD 17, running on unity,

Ross Schwarzendruber: SD 12. Running against Boquist again. Raised PCP's in area.

Delagate, education caucus. Area covers Jefferson. Least D district.

RJ Navarro: Ramiro, vet, struggled with drugs and alcohol after. Found a program that could house and peer support with veterans. Went to school, business management and welder.

Nonprofit: Oregon Veterans Youth Challenge. Serve age 16-19. When student was shot, Post said it wasn't his problem. Now going to be a Problem for Post.

Michael Gaskill for Mark Gamba: Come to Newport on April 14th to candidate forum. Look at Schrader's energy bill... it give away to fossil fuel industry.

Deb Patterson: She's in it for everyone. I show up. The choice is clear.

Trevor Phillips: Salem City Council Ward 3, south Salem. March 1st coordinate door knocking with all City Campaigns

Casey makes motion to recognize candidates: Holly Oakes Miller, Paige Hook, Sarah Landstrom, Ross Swarzendruber, all approve, no objections.

B. Communication: Last newsletter had Demo Forum date incorrect.

C. Program: Demo Forum seeking SOS forum.

D. Fundraising: BMJ had knee surgery and is home, send her appreciate warm wishes.

Raffle: \$75 Chris Hoy won draw, donated back to MCD. If you know orgs who want to buy or sponsor a table or donate for auction items, see BMJ.

E. Legislative: Lisa Taylor: Today was cut off for bills in 1st chamber. Over half way done. Cap and trade: House is being made to read bills 3 times, slowing things down. Anticipate walk out

of R's when bill moves out of committee. Covanta bill is in Rules and probably Dead. Clem has amendments to bill, but not a high priority. Energy and Environment asked for financial records from covanta, and that has changed trajectory.

F. Membership: PCP training March 14 10-1, New PCP today: Sarah Rohrs, active in local social justice groups, school board elections, no on 105. Expanding her political involvement in Salem. Unanimous acceptance of PCP. No objections.
Meet on first wednesday. Fill out your SEL 105, deadline is March 10.

G. Rules meets First Thursday, bylaws revision Sat 2-5.

VII. Old Business

A. Update on NAV to DEM Project:

App has script

B. Update on Neighborhood Leader Program

C. Update on Delegate Selection Plan for the National Convention

1- primary may 19th, 2) district conventions June 6-7, and 3) state convention june 20, delegate register march 1st to participate. DPO.org link on March 1st.

D. Update on Platform Resolution Committee Platform Edits

Chair of DPO Platform resolution, Nathan Soltz: changing how state convention timeline looks. During second quarter. Moving it to every other year in odd numbered years.

VIII. New Business

Sean Nikas brings a new motion regarding debates in CD5. Text passed out. Mary and Will Landstrom seconded. Motion passed with full support.

IX. Speak Out

Paige Hook spoke out about group unity and conversational interruptions.

For a Complete List of Upcoming Events Please go to <https://mariondemocrats.org/current-events/>

X. Adjournment 914pm.