

Okanogan County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting: MINUTES

3 November 2018

12:00 –2:30 pm

Lucy F. Covington Government Center, 21 Colville St., Nespelem

1. Call to Order
 - a. 12:00 pm by Chair.
2. Motion to suspend the rules to go over by-laws first.
 - a. Motion: Valerie. Seconded: Melissa. Approved.
3. By-Laws (highlights, vote to adopt)
 - a. Standing Committees (p. 6 in by-laws)
 - i. Aspirational—If we can get new officers on board.
 - b. PCOs—Responsibilities (p. 9 in by-laws)
 - c. Candidate Endorsement process (p. 10 in by-laws)
 - i. Candidate Questionnaire (p. 13, Appendix 1 in by-laws)
 - d. WA State Democratic Committee Code of Conduct/Ethics (p. 17, Appendix 2 in by-laws)
 - e. Discussion:
 - i. Article XV, A.—Add.
 1. (definition) Candidate endorsement is the action of publicly declaring a group's support of a **candidate** for elected office.
 - ii. Article XV, G.—Add.
 1. Endorsement shall be by simple majority vote of the membership in attendance at a general meeting. Motion carried.
 - iii. Article XV, D—Strike.
 1. Harvey makes a motion to get rid of Article XV, D. Seconded: Sandy. Discussion ensued. 13 votes for approval.
 - iv. Article XV, C—Change.
 1. New language: No Committee member shall publicly endorse another candidate other than a Democratic nominee in a General Election. 13 votes for approval.
 - v. Article XV, A, B, C—Change.
 1. Change “support” to “endorse.” Motion carried.

vi. Article VII, A, 4.—Change.

1. Add: “Electric participation may be allowed under discretion of the Chair.” for General Meeting since we are such a large county. Harvey M.—Voiced concerns Katie H.’s vision—Eventually we could have simultaneous local meetings in regions of the county where we could collectively participate in a larger Democratic meeting. Allows for more flexibility and participation. Maria C.— Trying to get PCOs in the Methow Valley to attend meetings regularly. People would be more likely to participate if they could attend a local venue. Susan S.— Also has value for those who are dealing with health issues. Melissa—Also has value for those who have kids or for those who cannot leave home. Motion to put specific language regarding remote satellite participation. Quorum: A. Remote electronic and satellite location participation may be allowed under discretion of the chair. B. Voting members present at all locations... Motion called 13 approved. 1 opposed.

- f. Motion made by Susan to adopt the By-Laws as amended. Seconded: Sandy. Language can be amended at any future general meeting. 13 votes for approval. No votes against.

4. Moment of Silence

5. Roll Call

- a. Self-introductions
- b. E-Board members in attendance: (11) **Michael Sarratt**, Chair. **Sandy Vaughn**, Vice Chair— 7th LD. **Melissa Beseda**, Vice Chair—Communications & Young Democrats. **Tom Cloud**, Treasurer. **Harvey Moses**, State Committeeman. **Kirsten Williams**, State Committeewoman. **Valerie Sarratt**, Secretary. **Susan Swanson**, Campaign Events Coordinator Chair. **Terri Peterson**, PCO Coordinator Chair.
- c. General membership: Signed in: 7 Counted: 17

6. Adoption of Minutes from 10-6-18.

- a. Motion to adopt, Sandy. Seconded, Valerie. Approved.

7. Good of the Order

- a. Katie H.—Reviewed her idea of video conferencing from satellite locations for our meetings.
- b. Sandy V.—Report on the recent Tonasket “Meet & Greet.” Democratic candidates present: Brandon Platter, Michael Bell, Karen Hardy. 31 people showed up and asked good questions. The Democrats also had a presence at the fall barter faire. Kirsten W., Pat P., & Tom C. have been very active as canvassers in the 7th LD.
- c. Kirsten made her State Committeewoman report at this time.
- d. Valerie S.—Thanked everyone who supported her campaign and voted for her.
- e. Michael S.—Gave closing argument as OK Democratic Chair.
- f. Harvey—9,400 people have Colville tribal membership. 40% are voting age. In Nespelem, 2,000 belong to this district. 30% turnout to vote is high. 552 federally-registered reservations.
- g. John L.—Colville Tribal Council has been very active this year encouraging tribal members to vote.

- h. Lisa—Described a citizenship module that is taught in 4th grade. We need to educate our students more about civics, and impress on them that it can make a difference. She recommended the website icivics.org.
 - i. Michael—Political internship is being offered to youth 21-36 years old. See Michael for more info.
 - j. Melissa—This election many more people are turning out to vote. We need to play the long game in terms of registering and informing voters.
 - k. Jayden—A book club at Omak High School would be one way for young people to begin discussing politics and government.
 - l. Susan—Gave details about her experience of election monitoring (counting ballots). Workers at the auditor's office say that they have never seen this much early voting. Also, there are three positions open on Okanogan County Elections Board. No special experience is required. Susan also pointed out that we need to identify candidates a year before the filing date.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
- a. Call to meeting for re-organization of Okanogan County Democrats
 - i. Re-organization will take place during the OK County Democrats General Meeting on Dec. 1, 2018 at 12:00 pm at the 12 Tribes Casino, Omak. All members are encouraged to attend. Voting rights for elected PCOs only.
10. Treasurer report
- a. We currently have \$938.56 in the bank. Susan & Terri set up direct deposit of their dues. Our general meeting in Tonasket last month took in \$205. Over the last month, \$177 rental of 12 Tribes venue; \$70 for post office box rental; \$325 for 1/2 page ad in the Chronicle.
11. State Committeeman report
- a. See Harvey's remarks above in the Good of the Order.
12. State Committeewoman report
- a. Native American caucus—Discussion about how candidates show up but have no idea about their history and the issues that they are facing.
 - b. Maintaining good relationship with North County Indivisible, who hosted the recent "M
 - c. Regular canvassing in the 7th. 2, 021 Strong or likely Democrats—56% have their ballots in already. Republicans have 64.6% have turned in their ballots.
13. Campaign Events Coordinator Chair report
- a. Kirsten has been involved in many campaign events this month.
14. PCO Coordinator Chair report
- a. Pat gave details about monitoring the vote count for the primaries.
15. Adjournment at 2:32.
- a. Motion to adjourn, Katie. Seconded, Valerie. Approved.