

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 January 24, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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5 OFFICERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray.
6 Sarah Stutler, Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew
7 Leonard

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9 ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 2018 MEETING:

10 1. Motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the December
11 6 2017 meeting of the Linn County Democratic
12 Central Committee as amended was moved,
13 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

14 2. Motion to approve the December 2017 Treasurer's
15 Report was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice
16 vote.

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18 I. CALL TO ORDER

19 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County
20 Democratic Central Committee was held on
21 January 24, 2018, at the Hiawatha Community
22 Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles

23 called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and
24 Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was
25 present. A quorum was present.

26 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

27 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a
28 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

29 III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND 30 CANDIDATES

31 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in
32 attendance.

33 i. Elected officials present: Jim Houser (Linn
34 County Supervisor); Ben Rogers (Linn
35 County Supervisor); Stacey Walker (Linn
36 County Supervisor); Sharon Gonzalez Linn
37 County Treasurer); Kay Hale (Ely City
38 Council Member); Amy Witchendahl
39 (Hiawatha City Council Member)

40 b. Chair Nilles welcomed candidates for elective
41 office/campaign surrogates in attendance.

42 i. Eric Gjerde (HD67); Molly Donahue (HD68);
43 Scott Foens (HD68); Tracy Ehlert (HD70);
44 George Ramsey (Governor), Jackie Norris
45 (Surrogate for John Norris, Governor); Bill
46 Heckroth (1st Cong. District Representative);
47 Fran Swanson (Surrogate for Abbie
48 Finkenhauer, 1st District Cong.

49 Representative); Courtney Rowe (1st District
50 Cong. Representative)

51 ii. Candidates and surrogates provided brief
52 campaign updates

53 c. Chair Nilles welcomed first time visitors and other
54 notable guests in attendance.

55 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT: LAURA GEARY BELL AND
56 MICHAEL MCGREE

57 a. Approval of minutes

58 i. The Draft Minutes of the December 6, 2017,
59 meeting of the Linn County were approved
60 as distributed on a voice vote.

61 b. Resignations/Nominations

62 i. This agenda item was skipped.

63 1. January 2018 was last meeting of
64 current Central Committee members.

65 ii. Skipped

66 V. TREASURER'S REPORT: ANDREW LEONARD

67 a. Approval of monthly report

68 i. Treasurer Andrew Leonard presented the
69 December 2017 Treasurer's Reports. The
70 report was approved as distributed.

71 b. Pass the hat

72 i. The "Pass the Hat" fundraising activity raise
73 \$263 dollar for Linn County Democrats.

74 c. Audit Committee 29:00

75 i. Chair Bret Niles presented a brief summary
76 of the Report of the Audit Committee. He
77 noted that financial statements were found to
78 be substantially in good order.

79 d. Finance Chair 31:00

80 i. Finance Chair Sarah Stutler and Sunny
81 Story reported on fundraising activities.

82 1. Upcoming Mari Gras event

83 2. New fundraising club membership levels

84 ii. Mardi Grai 2/10 5-9

85 iii. Sunny Story

86 VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

87 a. Affirmative Action Committee

88 i. No report.

89 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist
90 reporting

91 i. Ms. Crist provided the report of the Disability
92 Caucus.

93 1. She thanked candidates for their
94 commitments to making events
95 accessible

96 2. Next meeting: Jan. 31, 6 PM, at Mount
97 Mercy Graduate Center

98 c. Labor Caucus: Caucus Member Kelly McMahon
99 reporting

100 i. Ms. McMahon provided an overview of Labor
101 Caucus and invited interested person to
102 learn more about Labor Caucus by attending
103 Thursday February 8 at the Blind Pig.

104 d. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross
105 reporting

106 i. Stonewall Caucus meets on the 2nd
107 Wednesday of each month at the Starlite
108 Room in Cedar Rapids from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

109 VII. New Business/Announcements

110 a. Members briefly presented items of New
111 Business and announcements for consideration.
112 No Motions were presented for action.

113 VIII. CAUCUS TRAINING

114 a. First Vice Chair Valerie Smith presented
115 abbreviated Precinct Caucus training.

116 b. The Committee broke out into groups by House
117 District Caucus locations for final briefing by
118 Location Managers.

119 IX. ADJOURNMENT

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a. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40
PM.

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