



CURRY COUNTY DEMOCRATS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2021

The online ZOOM General Meeting of the Curry County Democrats was brought to order by Chair Bret Cecil at 6:02pm, November 6, 2021 in Curry County, Oregon. Attending the meeting: Bret Cecil, Vicki Bradley, Joy May, Lisa Neher, Tom Bozack, Teresa Lawson, Linda Bozack, Jan Henault, Casey Folden, , Jaiden Oquendo, and Bruce Levy.

Chair's Remarks: Bret mentioned that the infrastructure bill is on the President's desk for signature. The redistricting plan is now in the courts and we won't know for months what the outcome will be. We need to be ready to get our PCPs on the ballot.

Agenda: The Agenda was accepted with the change to October in the "Approval of Minutes" item.
The Minutes: The Minutes were accepted unanimously without changes.

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OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer: Expenses were twice the amount of funds brought in this month. However, added to regular expenses were the cost of yard signs and postcards, two items that are very popular and bring in donations.

Office Manager – Office winter hours are in effect.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Platform Committee – Chair Linda Bozack reported that the Committee is considering using legal size paper for the final tri-fold brochure. She'd like to include photos of local events/actions. Teresa and Casey have some photos. Lisa informed her that the office computer has a program to manipulate photos. It's nearly done.

Campaign – Vicki is waiting for new districting completion. PCPs can download the form to complete for the ballot, but must hand in a hard copy to Vicki. There are two forms for new PCPs to complete. Vicki will take completed forms to the Curry County Elections Division.

Joy stated that a call to action by the Declaration for Democracy Coalition is asking for participation in "Freedom to Vote – Time to Act" November 8 -13. She asked that emails be sent to Senators Wyden and Merkely, thanking them for their support. She's helping to plan a large rally in Port Orford.

Delegates – The DPO Platform Convention will take place December 10-12. The CCD Platform Committee is signed up to attend, if the Convention is held online. No one has to attend otherwise.

ALLY REPORTS

North County Indivisible – Casey reported that the sign in Port Orford is attracting a lot of attention. It's likely the only one of its kind on the West Coast. There is also a lot of positive feedback on the Friday rallies. They had 16 participants last week.

Progressives – Linda reported that the Brookings is making national news because of the City Council's restriction on St. Timothy's program of feeding the hungry.

SOCAN – The Southern Oregon Climate Action Now group is on a break.

CORE - Teresa reported that CORE (Brookings Community Response), headed by Diana Cooper and Michelle Carroll, received the prestigious national Community Health Worker Group Award from the American Public Health Association. The award recognizes distinguished public health service. Congratulations! You make our community proud.

Old Business: CCD is still looking for an alternate delegate for SCC. Bret's planning to reach out to those who'd make a good delegate.

Here's more on Brookings City Council actions regarding the actions involving the good works by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and national news: Portland stations, NPR, national FOX News, have all reported with FOX News stating the Council's actions are likely illegal. The NY Times called Father Bernie and may do an article. St Timothy's is prepared to go to court to prevent limitations on caring for the homeless and needy. During the decision-making City Council meeting Father Bernie stated that the council did not have authority to tell him how to do God's work. It should be noted that St. Timothy's had vaccine for kids and began inoculating them before any other group or health agency in the County.

New Business:

Linda reported that KICW was not granted an extension to have their antenna remain on the City Tower. They are now off the air as they search for a location.

Vicki talked about the County's plan to use American Rescue Plan funds. With a balance of about \$1.5M, citizens should have a strong voice on how these funds be spent. She urges everyone to attend the BOC meetings.

Announcements:

CCD will participate in the Azalea Light Show on December 24th 5-9pm. Volunteers needed.

The next CCD Executive Committee Meeting is 4:00PM, November 23, 2021 on ZOOM.

The next CCD General Meeting is December 6, 2021 at 6pm. Social at 5:30pm on ZOOM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.