

OKLAHOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

Bethany Metropolitan Library

Oklahoma County Central Committee Officers Present:

Robbie White, Chair

Carol Chappell, Secretary

Matthew Ruiz, Affirmative Action Male

Ms. White presided at the meeting and Carol Chappell acted as secretary.

Pledge and Welcome – Ms. White called the meeting to order at 6:36pm and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of May 21 Meeting – Upon motions duly made and seconded the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved.

Finance Report – Ms. White read the report aloud, and reiterated the importance of ongoing donations. Calvin Rees asked if there will be a dinner for the presidential preferential primary – per Ms. White, it is not known as of now. After brief further discussion, upon motions duly made and seconded the Finance Report was unanimously approved.

Secretary Report – nothing to report as of this time.

Chair's Report – Ms. White reiterated the use of Robert's Rules during the monthly meeting, and asked for everyone's participation in their use.

Precinct Report - Lauren Craig is in the process of sending out knocking turfs to CD 5 precinct officers. Ms. White stated that fundraising is ramping up, especially with only 17 months to the primary. Asked everyone to review their budgets to see how much each can contribute. Larger scale projected expenditures include a new office and money to advertise on billboards. Ms. White will contact the Okmulgee DP to ask about the Medicaid expansion petition.

State Convention Recap – Ms. White reviewed the list of new officers. June 29 is the first State Central Committee meeting. Jana Harkins said that the meeting location is changing to find a larger space. Susan Mendus asked for the State CC to post the time, date and location of meetings on their website. Upon motions duly made and seconded the motion to request public announcement of State CC meeting specifics was unanimously approved. Ms. White will ask them to post.

Jim Potts Timeline Presentation – Mr. Potts developed and presented an overview of the timeline to the 2020 election, urging people to find voters and volunteers. He will share it for read only on Google drive. Ms. Harkins asked whether any efforts are being made to develop and support local candidates, and also whether the party can support Rep. Horn before the primary. Ms. White said plans are being made for an event in the fall where we will invite candidates to announce their campaign, but for everyone to apprise the party any time if they are aware of any candidates. She also stated she will get clarification regarding pre-primary endorsement. Jonathan Curtis asked all who are already knocking to apprise the campaign manager so they can better coordinate the campaign. Glenn Hightower asked about adding precinct officers back to VAN.

New Business and Announcements – Ms. Harkins thanked the OCDP for inclusion of the South OKC Democratic Women. She also announced a bingo night fundraiser. Rep. Forrest Bennett will be the bingo caller.

The Georgia Brown Democratic Women are holding a fundraiser on Saturday, July 20th from 12-3pm at the Muskogee Creek office on Lincoln. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on their Facebook page.

On August 24th the State Federation of Democratic Women will have a Women's Equality event.

Calvin Rees announced the next veteran's meeting is on July 13th at 10am at ODP headquarters. Membership is \$10 per year and the executive board meeting is open to everyone. He thanked people for attending their hospitality room at the state convention.

Sache Primeaux-Shaw announced the Young Democrats/College YD's national convention is on July 17th-21st in Indianapolis. They are fundraising to cover travel costs for 30 delegates. Past YDO president Joshua Harris-Till is running for president of the YD of America, which is another reason to donate. Ms. Primeaux-Shaw also announced that tomorrow is Juneteenth which commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery.

Amanda Christie is starting an OKC chapter of Stonewall, and will coordinate with the State Stonewall group.

Ms. Harkins stated that the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women's goal is to increase the number of chapters around the state.

Carol Chappell announced plans for the upcoming Pride festival and parade.

Matthew Ruiz announced that the Affirmative Action committee just passed new proposals and bylaws, and that AA members were previously not allowed to vote at the CD convention. They now have voting powers as per other officers. He thanked everyone for supporting this.

Mr. Rees asked if delegate seats were filled when delegates were elected to other positions, and Mr. Potts asked who the newly appointed delegates were. Ms. White replied that the county officers are appointed to elect new delegates and the vacant seats were filled accordingly.

OK County Democrats Doing Great Things – Ms. White met Harold Skip Morgan who had the most active precinct in the state and was sharing tips re how to get Dems registered. Ms. Cox said Mr. Morgan is offering training. Robbie announced two other precinct officer trainings. Ms. Chappell recognized Curt Carberry for his leadership in organizing a voter registration booth at the recent Pride on the Plaza. Ms. Harkins asked that we place the state fair booth on our calendar. Victor Gorin asked if the OCDP will host a float in the Bethany 4th of July parade.

Adjournment – There being no further business and upon motions duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.