

1 Minutes of the Linn County Democratic Central Committee

2 June 28, 2017 – 7:00 pm

3 Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, IA

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5 Actions taken at the 6/28/17 meeting:

- 6 1) The May 24, 2017, Draft Minutes of the Linn County Democratic  
7 Central Committee were approved as amended.
- 8 2) The May, 2015, Linn County Democrats Treasurer's Report was  
9 approved.
- 10 3) A \$1,000 expenditure as an initial payment for room reservations for  
11 the 2017 Hall of Fame dinner approved.
- 12 4) Committeepersons elected: Barb Rhame (CR24), Breanna Oxley  
13 (CR35), Troy Eden (MR02)
- 14 5) Alternates elected: Timothy Williams (MR02), Matthew Barnhart  
15 (CR24)

16 Officers Present: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray, Diane Peterson,  
17 Laura Geary Bell, Mike McGree, Sarah Stutler

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19 1 CALL TO ORDER

- 20 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic  
21 Central Committee was held on June 28, 2017, at the Hiawatha  
22 Community Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called  
23 the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and Michael McGree,  
24 Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum was present.

26 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

29 3 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

30 a. Chair Nilles welcomed present and former elected officials in  
31 attendance.

32 1. IA Sen. Rob Hogg (SD 33)

33 2. IA Sen Liz Mathis (SD 34)

34 3. Jerry Vander Sanden (Linn County Attorney)

35 4. Linn County Supervisors Jim Houser (Dist. 1), Stacey  
36 Walker, Ben Rogers (Dist. 3)

37 5. Former IA Sen Swati Dandikar, Executive Director of the  
38 Asian Development Bank

39 b. Chair Nilles welcomed candidates for elective office in  
40 attendance.

41 1. Eric Gjerde (Cand., HD 67)

42 2. Molly Donahue (Cand. HD 68)

43 3. Scott Foens (Cand., HD 68)

44 4. Monica Vernon (Cand. Cedar Rapids Mayor)

45 5. John Norris, (Cand, IA Governor

46 4 AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT (DR. PETER DAMIANO) (9:40 – 54:00)

47 a. Dr. Peter Damiano, Director of Public Policy Center and Health  
48 Policy Research Program at University of Iowa, spoke about

49 health care law, the proposed American Health Care Act, and  
50 policy implications of altering the heal care policy.

51 5 SECRETARY'S REPORT: MICHAEL MCGREE REPORTING

52 1. Approval of minutes

53 1. A motion to approve the May 24, 2017, Draft  
54 Minutes of the Linn County Democratic Central  
55 Committee were approved as amended was moved,  
56 seconded, and carries on a voice vote.

57 2. Resignations/Nominations

58 1. The following individuals were elected  
59 Committeepersons:

- 60 1. Barb Rhame (CR24)
- 61 2. Breanna Oxley (CR35)
- 62 3. Troy Eden (MR02)

63 2. The following individuals were elected Alternates:

- 64 1. Timothy Williams (MR02)
- 65 2. Matthew Barnhart (CR24 )

66 b. The following Alternate Committeepersons were seated:

- 67 1. Arash Yarpezeshkan (CR09)
- 68 2. Diane Peterson (CR11)
- 69 3. Joe Zahorick (CR14)
- 70 4. Courtney Rowe (CR25)

71 5. Mary Hilgendorf (CR36)

72 6. Norm Sterzenbach (CR37)

73 7. Pamela Agan (TBOU)

74 8. Mary Burke (TFRA)

75 6 TREASURER'S REPORT: DIANE PETERSON REPORTING

76 1. Ms. Peterson reviewed the Treasurer's report. A motion  
77 to approve the May, 2015, Linn County Democrats  
78 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and carried on  
79 a voice vote.

80 7 COMMITTEE UPDATES

81 a. Affirmative Action Committee: No Report

82 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist Reporting

83 1. Ms. Crist reports on current activities of Disability Caucus.

84 1. National Disability Voter Week (July 16 – July 21)

85 2. Fall Forum hosted by Iowa Democratic Party

86 Disability Caucus scheduled to be held on Oct. 21 in  
87 Linn County (location TBD).

88 3. A project to collect video testimonials from those  
89 impacted by Medicaid is underway

90 c. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Harvey Ross reporting

91 1. Mr. Ross discussed CR PrideFest on Saturday, July 8.

92                   2. Stonewall Caucus meets on the second Wednesday of  
93                   each month at 6:30 PM in the Mt. Vernon Road Hy-Vee  
94                   Market Grille.

95       8 NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

96           a. The following items were discussed:

97                   1. Nominees for awards at the Hall of Fame Dinner.

98                   2. A motion to authorize a \$1,000 expenditure as an initial  
99                   payment for room reservations for the 2017 Hall of Fame  
100                   dinner was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice  
101                   vote.

102                   3. Need for volunteers at AsianFest.

103                   4. Linn County Democratic Central Committee presence at  
104                   Freedom Festival.

105                   5. Senator Rob Hogg spoke about the Summer of  
106                   Citizenship Initiative.

107                   6. Members provided updates on various events and topics  
108                   of interest.

109       9 OLD BUSINESS

110           a. No old business was discussed

111       10 ADJOURNMENT

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