

# FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

December 3, 2016 Minutes

Black Hawk County Democrats, 307 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waterloo, IA 50703

## Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Agenda and Minutes Approval

Co-Chair Jerry Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jerry called for approval of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved. The minutes from the July 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Passed by voice vote.

## Introductions

Monica Vernon – First Congressional District candidate for U.S. House of Representatives

## Treasurer's Report

E.J. Gallagher presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is **\$3,744.17**. Monies received since our last meeting; **\$226.62**. Expenses since last meeting **\$5,362.88**. Please see attached report for details on monies received and expenses. Motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded and approved by voice vote.

## Voting on Constitutional Amendments

Please follow the link [http://www.idp1st.info/1D\\_Constitution\\_2012.doc](http://www.idp1st.info/1D_Constitution_2012.doc), to view the First Congressional District constitution. Three motions were approved to amend the First Congressional District constitution. Harvey Ross, Co-Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee, was selected to facilitate the voting.

1. Amend the First Congressional District Central Committee, IDP constitution by adding the language below to Article IV, Section 1:

Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the State Constituency caucuses living in the First District shall also be voting members of the District Central Committee and the District Affirmative Action Committee. The constituency caucuses are Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, College and Young Democrats, Disability, Labor, Progressive, Rural, Senior/Retirees, Stonewall, Veterans and Women's. Each caucus gets one vote. If both the Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair live in the District, the Vice-Chair only gets to vote if the Chair is absent or already holds another District position. In all circumstances, the constitutional position of one person one vote will be followed, meaning a person cannot vote multiple times even if they hold more than one position.

A Motion was approved to table changes to Article IV, Section 1.

2. Remove Article IV, Section 5:

Each member shall be appointed by the chairperson to serve on one of the four Standing Committees: Education, Finance, Program, and Issues.

A motion was approved to remove Article IV, Section 5.

3. Replace the word "minority" with "constituency" in Article V, Section 1:

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the eight (8) First District State Central Committee persons, the vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, the affirmative action chair, and three members-at-large nominated by the chairperson from counties not otherwise represented on the executive board and ratified by the general membership. DNC and **Minority Constituency** Caucus members residing in the District, if any, may attend executive board meetings as non-voting ex-officio members.

A motion was approved to change Minority to Constituency in Article V, Section 1.

[An additional motion was made to change the above "Constituency Caucus Members" to "Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the State Constituency Caucuses" to be voted on at January 28 Meeting.]

### **Report of Subcommittee on IDP Constitution & and Bylaws**

No report at this time

The committee members are:

Mike Robinson  
EJ Gallagher  
Catherine Crist  
Jerry Huffman  
RRS Stewart

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of November election results:

Party building is most successful when built from the bottom up  
Counties must dictate how the party appointed organizers reach out to voters  
Candidates need to campaign in rural communities  
Engage young voters  
Communicate Trump lies to voters through print and social media

Committee for Off-Year Workshop will meet on January 14, 2017, Black Hawk County Democrats, 307 E. 4th Street, Waterloo, IA 50703. Committee members:

Sunny Story, Linn County  
RRS Stewart, Dubuque County  
Ruth Walker, Black Hawk County  
Norm Sterzenbach, Linn County  
Laura Hubka, Howard County  
Karen Black, Linn County  
Terry Stewart, Dubuque County  
Bob Shields, Buchanan County  
Mike Robinson, Linn County  
Holly Brown, Linn County  
David Kunzwiler, Jackson County  
Michael Blackwell, Black Hawk County  
Jerry Lynch, Dubuque County  
Jeff Abbas, Allamakee County  
Joanie Hoffey, Black Hawk County  
Janine Ambrose, Black Hawk County

Disability Caucus – Catherine Crist, Chair announced a Virtual Forum for candidates seeking the position of IDP Chair, Saturday, December 10th, 2016. The Forum is to be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Candidates for IDP Chair are:

Sen. Mike Gronstal of Council Bluffs, 4th District U.S.  
House candidate Kim Weaver of Sheldon  
2012 President Barack Obama state director and political strategist Derek Eadon  
Bernie Sanders' Iowa political director Blair Lawton  
Tri-County Democrats leader Kurt Meyer of Cresco  
Party activist Sandy Dockendorf  
Party activist Julie Stauch

### **County Updates**

Motion approved to dismiss county reports.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:06

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Hockenberry  
Secretary

First District Democrats Treasurer Report Meeting of December 3, 2015

**Balance at last meeting: \$8,880.43**

**MONIES RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT**

<b>Mitchell County Dues</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Paid by Kurt Meyer on July 23, deposited July 25</b>
<b>Worth County Dues</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Paid by Kurt Meyer on July 23, deposited July 25</b>
<b>Winneshiek County</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>August 1- 2016 dues paid by Central Committee</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>	<b>Contribution deposited August 15 David Michaelson, NYC</b>
<b>Marshall County</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>2016 and 2015 dues-from Central Committee-deposited September 19</b>
<b>Iowa County</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>2016 dues-from Central Committee-deposited September 19</b>
<b>Linn County</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>2016 dues-from Central Committee—deposited October 3</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$1.57</b>	<b>Contribution deposited October 6 Paul Catusus-San Francisco</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$3.64</b>	<b>Contribution deposited October 17 Allan Ermann, NYC</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$3.64</b>	<b>Contribution deposited October 27 Yael Bacharach, NYC</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$.96</b>	<b>Contribution deposited October 31 Joel Abrams, Lexington, MA</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$.96</b>	<b>Contribution deposited November 4 Sylvia Miller, NYC</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$1.45</b>	<b>Contribution deposited November 16 Sylvia Miller, NYC</b>
<b>Act Blue</b>	<b>\$9.60</b>	<b>Contribution deposited November 28 David Michaelson, NYC</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$226.62</b>	

**EXPENSES SINCE LAST REPORT**

<b>Catherine Crist</b>	<b>\$268.31</b>	<b>Reimburse convention expenses-copying-July 23</b>
<b>Monica Vernon for Congress</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>General Election Contribution -August 5</b>
<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>\$47.08</b>	<b>Charges (including sales tax) for items from convention Beyond free transactional limit-August 12</b>
<b>Sandra Hockenberry</b>	<b>\$40.13</b>	<b>Reimburse postage and copies-August 16</b>
<b>U.S. Postal Service</b>	<b>\$7.36</b>	<b>Mail and certify Second Qtr. FEC Report -October 12</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES            \$5,362.88**

**Current balance            \$3,744.17**

**All Counties have paid 2016 dues and 2015 dues still owing at time of last report also paid.**

E.J. Gallagher, III Treasurer

