

## Oklahoma County Democratic Party Central Committee Minutes

March 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by acting chair Pam Paul at 6:05 pm

It was requested by the LaDonna Hunt, Outreach Chair that we divert from the proposed agenda and hear from Roger Rensvold and Bill Clifford concerning the proposed political survey they are working on. Roger reported that plans are in the works and progress is being made. They have met with the county officers and their support was given.

Minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed and adopted.

Committee Chair of the Education Committee, Pam Paul reported that the plans for the VAN training were ready for the March 13, 2010 at UCO campus. Permission has been given to use the wireless connection at the campus and 13 people plan to attend and we are just awaiting VAN access from ODP.

She also reported that the April 24, 2010 workshop is in process. Organize America and Change Oklahoma is working with us in this process. This workshop will be held at the Sober Grounds at 2808 NW 31. Tentatively- there will be three 1 hour sessions in the morning, a breakout session lunch, the afternoon will open with an emphasis on "listening" with a purpose of finding solutions, followed by Round Robins. Candidates are invited to speak from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and several have responded. Pam went on to say that she hopes to have repeated training opportunities every 2 months.

Outreach Committee Chair, LaDonna Hunt made additional comments from the committee meeting. The CAIR 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet will be held on March 20, 2010 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Ismat reported that two complementary tickets have been offered to the County Democrats. After discussion there will be eight attending the banquet. Ismat also offered to work with LaDonna to make connections with other organizations in the OK County. The Outreach Committee also agreed to attempt to contact these groups to ask for a liaison from these groups to be a part of the Outreach Committee.

It was also brought to our attention that LULAC will have a fund raising event on March 24 at Chelino's Imperial Ballroom at 427 W Grand. The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. We are looking for representatives to attend. Miguel said he will be attending.

LaDonna went on to request help with making and maintaining contact with the various communities in our county.

The registration of new citizens is being followed with entry of these names into a data base by Ellen Francis, followed with a letter to them from the county chair Al Lindley with a plan to put them in contact with Precinct and House District leaders. It was suggested that it would be very appropriate that where possible the letter be written in their native language. Ismat offered to help with that as well.

It was also reported by Carl Downing, that the 5<sup>th</sup> District Federation of Democratic Women will be holding a reception honoring elected and state appointed Democratic Women on March 23, 2010 at the Oklahoma Democratic Party Headquarters.

Communication Committee Chair Pam Paul reported the committee will be meeting after the County meeting to propose starting a Rapid Response team to develop responses to negative attack ads and news reports. Additionally they will be working to pool media and marketing resources for analysis and strategic proposals.

There was a brief discussion about the Medallion Dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05