

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of December 12, 2017

The Flag Salute was recited.

The Treasurer's Report was shared: **Balance: \$4,399.55**

Minutes were approved.

Valente Ornelas was voted in as a PCP.

Announcements:

Oregon Health care **Measure 101** election is Jan. 23. Get the message out! Anita has flyers. We will table at the Post Offices in the county on December 28. We will Canvass, especially in downtown precincts 1 and 2 on **Saturday, January 6, 13 an 20**. Van will have maps showing Democratic residences. Ballots should go out Jan. 3-9. Teams are also needed in the rest of the county or canvas in your neighborhood.

Women's March in Grants Pass, Saturday, Jan. 20 starts at Riverside Park at 10:30 sponsored by Rogue Indivisible.

We will need delegates to **SEC March Platform Convention** to create platform for Democratic Party of Oregon.

Kevin Marr moved we join Merkley and Wyden to ask Trump to resign. The motion was seconded and approved.

Oregon Democratic Party Chair, Jeanne Atkins spoke. She was Senator Merkley's Chief of Staff and in 2007 finished out Kate Brown's term as Secretary of State when Kate Brown became governor of Oregon. She went to Merkley's town halls and has been visiting all Secretary of State county offices and now County Democratic Parties. She talked about what the Democratic Party stands for. She talked about Trump turning voting rights into a privilege instead of a right and abandoning enforcement of environmental protections. She talked about the need to "Retire" Walden and also to re-elect Kate Brown. She reminded us how important face-to-face conversations are.

Secretary of State Richardson eliminated the voter education position and plans to alter DMV voting and get rid of the rule change that would allow people to circulate initiatives before ballot titles were on them and making sure people observe signatures!

Brad Avakian will not be running for Labor and Industry but Val Hoyle will run. There are only 10 Democratic Secretaries of State in the country.

Dixie announced that there will be a **fund-raiser for Jamie Skinner McLeod on January 12.**

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Pat Bath, Secretary