Zoom Call of 2/26/2025

CD 4 Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm
Pledge of Allegiance Steve Schunk
Invocation Kathey Linn
Welcome & Opening Remarks Rod Schilling
Present: Rod Schilling, Chair CD4; Sheri Brady, Vice Chair CD4; Steven Schmunk, Treasurer CD4, Mary Schilling; Secretary CD4, Kathey Linn, PCP Coordinator Douglas County; Connie Whelchel, ORP Vice Chair, David Russ Yamhill Oregon Republican party and running for Newberg School District; Tracy Sullivan Co-chair Douglas County Save our Schools Committee and PCP Precinct 12; Trent Drake, Chair, Douglas County; Michael Brainard, Chair, Coos County Republican Party, Keith Lembke, Benton County Chair.

Connie Whelchel spoke on Get Out the Vote, encouraging everyone to check their County website to see open races, who is currently in those seats and working with other Republicans so we don't have more than one Republican running for one seat. Candidates cannot spend more than $1499.99 to avoid certain filings with the State of Oregon. The program "Advantage" provides walk maps ($300/mo. for a minimum of 3 months). Mark Knowles has been reappointed to GOP data. (Lisa is still assisting Mark). Go to local fairs, community events, and attending school board meetings now. ORP resources pages has strategies for running. Nicole _____, reappointed Candidate systems chair for the ORP, keeps track of Republican candidates in the State of Oregon. Connie's email is: Connie.whelchel@oregon.gop .

Michael Brainard stated SEL 190 is the form to fill out and file to run for local offices in the May 2025 election. The SEL 150 form is to withdraw or jockey. Go to oregonvotes.gov to get the forms/manuals or go to your local elections office. Be sure to keep a record of all funds you receive or spend. He will contact the Post Office regarding the options for mailings, direct mail services, etc. Once Sheri receives this information from Michael, she will share it with all of us. Michael stated that the Oregon Family Council info@oregonfamilycouncil.org and Oregon Right to Life sharolyn@ortl.org may be able to support our candidates.

Kathey Linn spoke on how she recruits pcp's all year. She and Larry Reeves are now calling non-affiliated voters and invites folks to small groups to hear about their values. Dan Loomis will speak sometime next week will speak to the pcp's. She plans on having it on Microsoft teams. He will speak about GIS maps to look up districts and requirements about running for office. They have 83 special districts, 16 districts with shared counties, and 234 positions available. After March 20 she will reach out to all Republicans that are running for office. Kathey would like to have Michael's spreadsheets.

Tracy Sullivan spoke on Save Our Schools. They created a brochure to help candidates and supports them with signage, etc. They covered many different school districts, 19 candidates. Dick and Dallas Heard were helpful in this committee. House Rep Boomer Wright taught in Reedsport and lives there. He may have contacts for Tracy. SOS has school board training, Hillsdale. We need information on Ken Brookhart in Reedsport, a new pcp, who is getting candidates for Reedsport. For more information contact Tracy at saveourschools@gmail.com .

Minutes.
A motion was made by Sheri Brady and seconded by Steven Schmunk to approve the minutes of January 25, 2025; all ayes; passed unanimously. Mary will send a copy of the CD4 bylaws (approved May 25, 2024) to Sheri who will insert the approved date and send a copy to all CD4 Chairs.

Reports
Treasurers Report. Cal Linn is working with Steven Schmunk to change the bank account to eliminate Cal and include Steve on the new bank account. The address will be changed to Steven's address. It was recommended that we have one signature. We have a little over $1,600 in the bank account. We will have our account in a credit union, probably Northwest Community Credit Union.
Finance Committee Report. Sheri gave Rob Price's report. We will have a raffle for a 9mm Luger pistol and ammunition. The cost to us is about $600. The plan is to have a fundraising letter, sponsoring us, with maybe a discount. We are waiting to purchase the firearm until we have our bank account in order. We hope to have each county sell 250 tickets at $5 each or 5 for $20, netting around $9,000. We hope to have the drawing on Constitution Day, September 17. Details to follow. If anyone wants to help out with fundraising, please contact Rob Price. He hopes to have a meeting the week of March 2, 2025.

County Organization Support – Michael Brainard. No report at this time.

Rod mentioned that voter registration is our number one calling and funding voter registration specifically in Lane County.

Old Business

May 20, 2025 Special District Elections

Feb 22, 2025 ORP Biennial Organizational Meeting & ORP Officer Election

CD4 Committee Assignments

Feb 12 2025 Virtual Candidate Forum

New Business

Sheri. We would like a Central Committee meeting sometime soon. Garden Valley Church can host meetings for CD4. All equipment is included. No cost to use the venue. The room can seat about 500. Dates available are: April 12 and May 17. We need a good purpose for a meeting, so we may not have a need for a meeting quite yet.

Rod mentioned we could have a fundraiser with the ORP and we could have that in conjunction with our Central Committee meeting. We could have training, have a speaker, etc. and work in the voter registration aspect and get out the vote. We could also possibly have a fundraiser at Melrose Vineyard with raffle prizes. If anyone has any other ideas for fundraising, please send Rod an email.

Announcements

Trent Drake announced Douglas County is having a fundraiser, a Luau on June 28. Tickets are $150 each. He is working on getting a speaker. As a committee they are focused on getting new voters with the help of Rep. Osborn, Court Boyce, Alex Scarlotos and Senator David Brock Smith. We will have a local town hall every couple months and have conversations to learn about what Republicans stand for. Trent is also Rep. Osborn's campaign manager.

Keith Lembke spoke about social media campaigns, focusing on fundraising. They will have a concert with county singer on the 1st Friday in September. In his county, 45% federal grants provide funding for the county.

Michael Brainard. Coos County has mobile sound equipment and can travel to other counties for forums or debates. He has reached out to Right Now Oregon and they are willing to do articles on candidates for district races. North Bend School Board candidates should receive an email from them.

Sheri. If anyone has events planned, let Sheri know so we can support you. Also add your information to the Oregon GOP website. Daniel Crow may be able to help with hosting a debate.

Next Meeting Details March 26, 2025 if we have any information to discuss.

Adjourn 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schilling
CD4 Secretary