

Business Meeting Minutes **March 4, 2025**At Clarkston United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order 7:06 PM by Becky Eklund, President

Welcome / Introductions:

- 18 attendees present
- Several first time attendees were welcomed
- Approximately 50% of the attendees shared they had attended the rally in Clarkston.
- The rally, the second which ACD has had an organized presence at, had approximately 80 people participating
- The ACD follows the 50501 rally dates.

Approval of February 4, 2025 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve: Clyde Nicely / Second Roger Jones
- With no objections, the meeting minutes were approved

Financial Update

- Treasurer Roger Jones reported the ACD has transitioned from the 2024 campaign to 2025 campaign, with approximately \$1886.91 cash on hand.
- Ongoing expenditures include church rental fees, Lewiston Morning Tribune Advertisements, and other incidentals.
- Donations and contributions to date are: \$295.52
- Current outstanding expenses are: \$24.50

Precinct Committee Officer / Appointments

- Helen Lebouf tendered a resignation as elected PCO for Precinct 503 due to duplicate people residing in the precinct.
- Carrie Kenyon will take over as PCO for 503.
- Codi Gaston, Precinct 302 and Mary Nell Holden, Precinct 501
- The role of the PCO is to communicate with the neighbors and residents in your precinct and get them involved in elections.
 - There are 25 precincts with only six to seven PCO positions filled.

State Democratic Committee Member, Position 2.

- There are two people from Asotin County who are elected to participate in the state meetings. They provide feedback to the State Party and report back to the ACD. Helen Lebeouf is the state committee representative from ACD in position 1.
 - Roger Jones nominated Linn Wheeling to State Democratic Party Representative, Position 2
 - Linn Wheeling accepted.
 - With no objection, Linn Wheeling was appointed to Position 2

Volunteer Calls

- ACD volunteers are encouraged to download the minivan app to their phones
 - o Note, the app does use the individual's phone number.
 - During the phone banking on March 29, training will be provided

Asotin County Fair

- Linn Wheeling will not be able to lead organizing ACD participation in the parade.
- Tina Taylor, will lead the efforts for the parade

ACTION ITEM: Linn Wheeling to send Tina Taylor the <u>Asotin County Parade application</u> form. **Completed February 4**, 2025.

• Linn Wheeling proposed the ACD Membership Committee coordinate hosting a telephone banking session on a Saturday morning from 9-12.

ACTION ITEM: Linn Wheeling to explore reserving the picnic tables and cabana at Swallows Nest Park. Completed March 4, 2024. Picnic Shelter Reserved for March 29, 2025 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon.

Clarkston City Council Meeting Update

 The Clarkston City Council met March 24, 2025. The discussion items included free speech forms and time limits on testimony / public.

Clarkston School Board

- The Clarkston School Board continues to monitor multiple bills moving through the Washington State Legislature.
- Senate Bill 1592
 - Under current law, the state only provides additional funding for up to 16% of a district's student population. In other words, if 20% of a district's population requires special education services, the district cannot get additional money for the remaining 4%.
 - SB2592 would remove the enrollment cap and increase the multiplier in order to drive more dollars to districts.
- The CSB Facilities Advisory Committee will be meeting March 17 at the CHS library. (CHECK DATE)

- All ACD members are encouraged to attend.
- Material Supplies and Operating Costs House Bill
- Carmela Conroy is considering running against Michael Baumgartner WA 5th Congressional District Representative in the US House of Representatives. She ran against Baumgartner in the 2024 election. ACD endorsed her.
- Special Elections are coming up February 11, 2025

General Discussion:

How do people find out and connect and engage with like minded people? The group listened to several members of the community who had recently relocated or were feeling threatened and ostracized by the new administration.

- ACD can help change the tide.
- We start from a position of strength.
- We stand on the right side of history.
- We continue to show up and demonstrate our core values and beliefs

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Linn J. Wheeling, MBA, CAE, ACD Secretary