

**Minutes of the October 23, 2016 Saunders County Democrats Executive Committee
at the Meyer's home at 2043 Co. Rd Y, Cedar Bluffs, NE 68015**

Vice Chair Mikel-Jon Divis called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Committee members present were Vice Chair Divis, Secretary Maria M. Cadwallader, Treasurer Ed Zeleny, and PR/Media Specialist Emily Koehler. Also present were Saunders County Democrats Alan Meyer, Nancy Meyer, Vern Barrett, Merrion Brooks, Jim Hunter, Martha Hunter, Jennifer Norris, Shawn Otte, Desiree Hunt, and Jack Eager. Mina Davis from Omaha and Aaron Ratigan from Lincoln also attended. Chair of Chairs Bud Pettigrew attended the first part of the meeting by telephone.

Emergency Issues

Maria Cadwallader offered a motion to accept and confirm the Oct. 17, 2016 decision of Bud Pettigrew, Chair of Chairs of the Nebraska Democratic Party, to remove Phillip D. Richmond from the Office of Chair of the Saunders County Democratic Party, and Emily Koehler seconded the motion. However, Vern Barrett then delivered to the Chair a letter of resignation from Phil Richmond. Maria withdrew the first motion and moved that the Executive Committee accept Phil's resignation, and Emily seconded that motion, which passed unanimously.

Emily moved and Maria seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, to install Vice Chair Mikel-Jon Divis as Chair, as the Bylaws require, and the motion passed unanimously. Emily moved and Maria seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, to advertise for a new Vice Chair on the county party website and facebook page.

Secretary's Report

Maria read the Secretary's report of the 10/9/16 Executive Committee Meeting. Emily moved to accept the minutes as read, Ed seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ed reported that the previous balance was 1072.91 as reported 9/18/16. He also reported some information from the banquet receipts, but Alan and others noted that the amount did not account for total ticket sales. Ed will submit an amended more detailed report at the next meeting. Expenses already paid include \$1250 to the Banquet Caterer, South Street Grill, and \$50 to the Hilltop Country Club for the venue rent.

Pending expenses include the maximum \$200 previously approved for Banquet Decorations, payable when Desi submits expense receipts. Maria reported that the VistaPrint prices have increased and that she will provide business card printing stock for Emily to use to print temporary business cards for the Executive Committee members to use, so there is no reason to authorize purchasing business cards now. Nancy Meyer reminded the Committee that it was important to decide amounts Saunders Democrats would contribute to local candidates Stan Keiser and Dan Wik. Jennifer Norris said she hoped we would contribute some amount, however small, to the Hillary Nebraska campaign, to show our support. The consensus was to check with candidates Dan Wik and Stan Keiser about the amounts they needed and to authorize a maximum of \$500 each for them and to authorize \$100 for Hillary. Jack Eager agreed to contact Stan Keiser; _____ agreed to contact Dan Wik; both agreed to contact Ed about the amounts to pay.

Maria moved, M-J seconded, and the committee agreed unanimously to support the Hillary Nebraska campaign immediately with a check for \$100, and to support Stan Keiser and Dan Wik with the amounts each requests, up to a maximum of \$500 each.

Maria moved, Emily seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to contribute a matching \$50 for a "Vote for Hillary/Kane" ad to cover all of Saunders County on the latest date possible before Nov. 8. An anonymous donor from Ashland contributed the other \$50. Contributions designated for this purpose came from Jennifer Norris (\$20), Maria Cadwallader (\$20), Alan Meyer (\$5), and Shawn Otte (\$5). Merrion Brooks is handling the ad for the donor.

Committee Reports and Unfinished Business

Committee Reports and Unfinished Business were postponed to be taken up by the County Meeting, since so much input was needed from attenders other than the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria M. Cadwallader".

Maria M. Cadwallader, Secretary