

## **Oklahoma County Democratic Party Central Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes January 12, 2010**

- OCDP Chair Al Lindley called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He introduced Wilfredo Rivera, member of the OKC School Board, who briefly addressed the group.
- 29 were in attendance. OCDP Secretary Tom Guild urged each attendee to help recruit precinct officers to fill vacancies and introduced two new attendees at the meeting—Kurt Dawson and Clarissa Hollander. Both Kurt and Clarissa recently contacted the county website and offered their services as volunteers in the party. Both were invited to attend the monthly meeting.
- Roger Rensvold urged that the ODP state bylaws be changed to allow elected precinct officers to temporarily assume leadership responsibilities in adjacent precincts where no leadership exists. Under his proposal, a person assuming responsibility for multiple precincts (no more than two) would have double voting privileges at the county convention. This would require a bylaws change at the state party convention.
- OCDP Education Committee Chair Pam Paul presented the report of the committee including a new proposed logo, a proposed motto and the results of several message boxes that were prepared to address various issues that are prominent in contemporary Oklahoma County politics. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. January 12 after the monthly county meeting.
- OCDP Outreach Chair LaDonna Hunt presented the report of the committee. She reviewed the successful reception for new U.S. citizens and the event at Will Rogers Airport for military personnel passing through Oklahoma City, where food for 500 was served by the OCDP. A new survey is being prepared for those who are registered Democrats who have recently not participated in the election process. A group of volunteers will be put together to send out handwritten letters to newly registered voters who recently have become citizens.
- OCDP Vice Chair Marguerite Leon presented the report of the Finance Committee. The Fiesta Fundraiser raised several thousand dollars. \$9,806.18 cash was on hand January 12, 2010. Groups were set up for three committees to plan and execute the Medallion Dinner scheduled for February 20, 2010.

### **New Business**

Bill Clifford suggested that a membership based stream of revenue be developed to hire professional staff to assist the OCDP with its administrative tasks. This would require a change in the state bylaws, which could be changed at the earliest at the 2011 ODP State Convention. It was moved and seconded that such a proposal be studied and investigated between now and the delegate selection process in 2011. The motion passed. Those who want to work on this issue were invited to work on the project with Bill Clifford.

Pam Paul announced the formation of a Communications Team and asked people to volunteer. She suggested that OCDP committees hold leadership elections every two years.

OCDP Vice Chair Marguerite Leon announced that a forum will be held on January 20, 2010 for the various party caucuses in Oklahoma County. Candidates will also be invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. and working groups to plan and execute the Medallion Dinner immediately convened.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Tom Guild, OCDP Secretary