

**Klamath County Democratic Party**  
Monthly meeting minutes, December 6, 2011  
Community meeting room, 133 North 4th Street, Klamath Falls

Meeting called to order at 6:36 by Vice Chair Ken Janson. The following people attended:

**Officers (2):** Ken Janson (3), Patrick Vroman (41).

- **Members (8):** Chuck Wells (3), Anita Ward (10), Beverly Sigo (21), Dennis Sigo (21), Sandy Couch (26), Julie Morrill (36), Richard Pastega (39), Kirk Oakes.
- **Guests (2):** Darlene Edelman, Lea Anne Giroux.

**Minutes:** The December minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report:** There have been no changes since the last treasurer's report.

**Precinct report:** There have been no changes since the last precinct report.

**Correspondence:** Ken shared the highlights of the meeting minutes of the county Democratic party chairs and vice chairs.

**Old business:** The Candidate Cmte. is seeking input on a proposed list of information we would like Democratic candidates for public office to provide us so we can vet them before deciding to provide them support in the general election. There were no reports from the Humanitarian or Fundraising Cmtes.

Chuck and Sally Wells are still searching for storefronts for our permanent headquarters.

Patrick shared the highlights of the Occupy Klamath march downtown on November 17. About 100 people marched down Main Street, from the intersection of Wall Street and Esplanade Avenue to the county courthouse. That same day, Darlene and Lea Anne handed out 68 "Move Your Money" flyers at Wells Fargo.

Patrick also gave an update about the marriage equality town hall on November 6. With input from this and other town halls across Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon decided to recommit to a community education effort about why it is important to enact marriage equality in Oregon. In the meantime, they will not pursue a ballot measure in 2012 to repeal Measure 36, Oregon's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

**New business:** We do not have the community meeting room reserved for September 4, 2012. We may organize a Labor Day picnic in lieu of that monthly meeting.

Anita updated the Committee on recent events concerning the LNG pipelines.

Julie brought resource guides for Klamath and Lake Counties printed by Klamath & Lake Community Action Services <[www.kl.cas.org](http://www.kl.cas.org)>. On January 26, they are hosting a statewide drive for clothing and supplies for homeless people.

Anita reported that Save Our Rural Oregon is seeking donations to support their legal team in opposing the Klamath Falls bioenergy biomass facility. Anyone who would like to donate may visit <[www.stopklamathbiomass.wordpress.com](http://www.stopklamathbiomass.wordpress.com)> or send a check payable to Save Our Rural Oregon to PO Box 774, Keno, OR 97627.

Mavis McCormic, a former chair of the Central Committee in the 1980s, passed away on November 27. She last attended a Democratic meeting last February. She ran unsuccessfully for the state legislature in 1990 and was a Jerry Brown delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1992. She was a founder of the Klamath Solar Association and a founding board member of the Northwest Energy Coalition and the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board. She was the co-president of the League of Women Voters of Klamath County from 1994 to 1995 and president from 1996 to 1997. Donations in her memory may be made to Friends of Pets (4809 Altamont Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97603) or Klamath Lake Counties Food Bank (3231 Maywood Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97603).

Meeting adjourned at 7:57. The next meeting will be January 3.

Patrick Vroman, Secretary