



25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC FOCUS

The next meeting of the 25th Legislative District Democrats will be held at an alternate location because the library is unavailable.

Our meeting will be at 7 pm in the meeting room at Fire Station #71 located at 902 7th Street NW in Puyallup (one block off River Road.)

For our program we will have a presentation and discussion on the Precinct Caucuses and Legislative District Caucuses in early 2016 that the 25th LD Democrats are required to plan and carry out to help select Washington State's Democratic Presidential Nominee.

PREAMBLE TO THE PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

As Democrats we place the well-being of the people as our highest priority. We believe in the values of community, empathy, equality, tolerance, opportunity and the common good of the interdependent world we share. These values provide the basis for our ideals and are supported by our state and federal Constitutions.

Our actions define our society, our freedoms, and our responsibilities. To fulfill the potential of our values and ideals, we encourage every citizen to participate in civic activities, including continuously raising awareness of the issues contained within this Platform. The people have a right to expect their elected representatives to govern in a manner that will protect and promote their civil liberties, human rights and quality of life.

We invite everyone to join with us in advocating for legislation that ensures peace, prosperity, liberty and justice for all.

We expect elected Democrats to publicly, actively work to bring the principles of the 2014 Platform to fruition using all available legal and parliamentary procedures.

To see the complete platform of the Washington State Democrats go to:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/documents/Washington%20State%20Democrats%20-%202014%20Platform.pdf>

The Purpose of the 25th Legislative District Democrats as stated in its By-Laws

The purpose of the 25th LDD is to support the election of Democratic Candidates and to further the policies and principles of the Democratic Party.

To see the complete By-Laws of the 25th Legislative District Democrats go to <http://25dems.org/> and look for the By-Laws in the left hand column.

25th Legislative District Democratic Organization
Member Meeting, September 14th, 2015
Held at the Puyallup Library

Called to order at 7:00

Officers present: Chair Ed Herde, Membership Chair Blaine Pearman,
PCO Chair Eric Herde, Focus Editor Joan Cronk, State Committee Woman
Ellen Zulauf, and Pierce County E-Board Rep Laura Groves
Excused: Treasurer Luanne Green, Assistant Treasurer Bill Havens, and
Parliamentarian & Webmaster Cliff Allo

Approximate total attendance: 20

The agenda was approved as presented

Reports from candidates: Robin Ordoñez, Dean Johnson, Eric Herde, and
Bill Hilton on behalf of Robin Farris

Speaker: Amanda DeShazo, Labor Community Services Agency

Report on Fair Booth: Blaine Pearman

Good of the Order: Bill Hilton, Jerry Beckendorf, Laura Groves, Ellen
Zulauf, Eric Herde, Ed Herde, & Jerry Beckendorf

Adjourned at 8:05

Chair's Message

Ed Herde

We just wrapped up the Washington State Fair for this year and the Pierce County Democrats' booth was a success. The number of visitors who stopped at the booth was up quite a lot over last year. Many people stopped by to visit, register to vote, sign an Initiative 735 petition to get big money out of elections, vote in the Democratic Presidential straw poll, or get a button from a selection of over 50 button designs. We all need to thank Blaine Pearman for rounding up volunteers and coordinating the staffing of the booth for the 102 volunteer shifts. Blaine also coordinated the 17 daily openings and 17 nightly closings of the booth by Blaine, Bill Hilton, and Mark Goodwin of the 25th LD, and Robert Brown of Fircrest.

The fair booth had a new look this year. A video screen ran photos of Democrats out and about (elected and non-elected) from Pierce County and other nearby areas, and it showed some informational/teaching videos narrated by Robert Reich on issues that affect every day Americans. There was a straw poll for the 5 declared Democratic presidential candidates as well as Joe Biden. We had cardboard stand up cut outs of President Obama, Bernie Sanders, and Hillary Clinton. Lots of people got their picture taken next to their favorite stand up. The back wall of the booth had photos of our Big Four Dems – President Obama, Governor Inslee, and Senators Murray and Cantwell; and a very colorful Washington State map showing all the legislative districts. For a Democrat it was worth the price of admission to the fair to visit the booth.

We signed up 245 new voters and got over 300 signatures on I-735. The straw poll vote was as follows: Senator Bernie Sanders 799, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 400, Vice President Joe Biden 64, Senator Jim Webb 15, Governor Martin O'Malley 13, and Senator Lincoln Chaffee 3.

For the next month we need to focus on the campaigns for the local elections. If you don't have a candidate you are helping at the present time go to <http://25dems.org> to see the list of candidates endorsed by the 25th LD Democrats and do what you can to help. As is always said when it comes to charitable giving "give until it feels good." In the case of Democratic campaigns "help until it feels good" no matter in what form your help is given. You don't want to feel like you could have done more if your candidate loses by a handful of votes.

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**Dues: Evergreen (Includes Senior, outside district, etc.) \$10 per member
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In installments.)**

**Please send dues to: 25th LDD, P. O. Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98374 or pay by credit card on
<http://25dems.org/Anedot/Dues.php>**

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