



**25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
DEMOCRATIC FOCUS**



**The 25th LLD wanted to make sure our member Eric Renz was memorialized in a dignified fashion and one that the citizens of Puyallup would remember every time they entered the Puyallup Public Library. The memorial to Eric was recently put in place in a prominent position at the Library. Eric was a long time, loyal Democrat and member of the 25th LLD. He is missed.**

## **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.



Anthony Dulin spoke on behalf of Bernie Sanders at the 25th LDD Caucus held at Fife High School on Saturday, March 26.



Caucus Chair Bryan Yambe opened the Caucus on Saturday with the Pledge of Allegiance.



Precinct 25-202 posed for a photo after the Caucus on Saturday at Fife High School gym.

Minutes of the 25th Legislative District Democratic Organization  
Member Meeting, March 7, 2016  
Held at Puyallup Public Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Ed Herde who led the flag salute.  
Roll was called.

Officers Present: Ed Herde, Chair; Bill Havens Treas; Kareen Shanks, Sec.;  
Parliamentarian Cliff Allo; Bryan Yambe, Sgt. At Arms; Blaine Pearman,  
Membership Chair; Eric Herde, PCO Chair; Joan Cronk, FOCUS Editor; Ellen  
Zulauf, State Committeewoman; Laura Groves, Pos.2 PC Rep.; Merv Swanson,  
Pos.3 PC Rep.

Approximate total attendance: 45

Introduction of Elected Officials- Fife City Councilman Brian Yambe gave a report  
on the City of Fife and The Pierce County Young Democrats.

Candidates for upcoming elections were introduced and gave a short statement:  
Dakoda Foxx, candidate for Pos. 2, 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative Dist  
Jim Moeller, candidate for Lt. Governor.  
Cyrus Habib, Candidate for Lt. Governor

Action Items:

Ratification of vote on PCO's nominated at meeting on Feb. 1, 2016:

- 25-240 Dean McGrath
- 25-257 Chris Oliver
- 25-259 Mike Parker

Nomination of PCO's for approval at next meeting:

- 25-217 Denise Babineux
- 25-222 Raechelle Baghirov
- 25-242 Robert Koreis
- 25-267 Joseph Colombo
- 25-251 Jeremy Kamel

Motion to approve made by Cliff Allo and seconded by Eric Herde. The  
motion passed.

Election of State Convention Standing Committee Members:

- Credentials- Karl Mecklenburg
- Platform- Merv Swanson
- Rules- Gina Bua

Motion was made to approve by Eric Herde and seconded by Laura Groves. The motion passed.

Speakers:

Clifford Cawthon, WSD Coordinated Campaign Regional Field Director for Pierce County spoke about gathering candidates from Pierce County and working with the state party in their campaigns. He will be at the IBEW Hall in Tacoma and gave his phone # 206-747-7694 for any questions.

Linda Isenson Chair of the Pierce County Democrats also spoke about GOTV for the caucuses and invited anyone who wants to attend the monthly PC Dems meetings held at the IBEW Hall. She left some business cards for her contact information.

Precinct Caucuses will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

There will be a Caucus volunteer and PCO Training meeting Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Parkland Fire Station #61, at 100 114<sup>th</sup> St. S, in Parkland, WA 98444

Good of the Order:

Puyallup4Bernie is having tables at Pioneer Park and outside the Puyallup WalMart on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Beckendorf reported on the Union Scholarships and the need to get the applications in.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

## Message

Ed Herde

The Washington State Democratic Presidential Precinct Caucuses were held Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> and I hope this is not news to anyone reading this. There was a good turnout at the seven locations where the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats held caucuses. The caucus turnout for the 25<sup>th</sup> LD (as it is presently comprised after the 2010 census and redistricting) was over 150% of the turnout in 2008, the last year in which there was not an incumbent president running for re-election. I think anyone who went to the caucuses would say they ran pretty smooth with no major problems. Caucus attendees made enough contributions to cover about two-thirds of the precinct and Legislative District Caucus expenses that will be incurred by the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats. The 25<sup>th</sup> LD Caucus Committee will appreciate any additional donations to help cover the rest of our caucus costs.

I wanted to acknowledge the Fife, Franklin Pierce, and Puyallup school districts for allowing the Democrats and earlier this year the Republicans to hold their caucuses in school buildings free of room rental fees. We paid only for custodial wages for the overtime to have staff at these Saturday events.

The caucus results were very similar at all seven locations in which the 25<sup>th</sup> LD held the precinct caucuses. Senator Sanders received between 68.9% (Emerald Ridge High School location) and 82.4% (Midland Elementary School location) of elected delegates. Overall throughout the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Bernie Sanders received 74.8% of the delegates and Hillary Clinton received 25.2% of the delegates.

The delegates that were elected at the precinct caucuses will go to the Democratic Legislative District Caucuses at Franklin Pierce High School on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. The caucuses start at 1:00pm. Separate caucuses are held for delegates from the two Congressional Districts that lay within the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts. It is important that Delegate Alternates also show up. With the 441 delegates that were elected from the precinct caucuses there will be some delegates that can't make it on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If there are not alternates to step in to cast votes the presidential candidates will lose votes and it could change the distribution of delegates eventually awarded to the candidates. The precinct caucuses are not the final step in the delegate allocation process. If you are a precinct caucus delegate make sure you come to the LD Caucus to support your candidate.

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Dues: Evergreen (Includes Senior, outside district, etc.) \$10 per member  
Rainier \$25. Chair's Voice \$50. Senator's Club \$100. (Can be paid  
In installments.)

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