



25th LDD Member Babs Kunkle was just one of the many people waving signs on Friday night in support of endorsed candidate for Puyallup City Council, Julie Door.

Our September 11th meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Puyallup Library. We will be having a special election to select a new State Committeeman, have a presentation on proposed changes to the 25th LD Democrats ByLaws, hear from candidates and consider a resolution.

Minutes of the 25th Legislative District Democratic Organization Member Meeting, August 7, 2017 Held at Puyallup Public Library

Call to Order – 7:10 pm

Roll Call of Officers – Total Attendees 39

Officers in attendance: Chair-Ed Herde, State Committeewoman-Gina Bua, Treasurer-Bill Havens, Secretary-Denise Babineaux, Parliamentarian and Webster-Cliff Allo, Assist. Treasurer-Bob Koreis, Newsletter Editor-Joan Cronk

Items

- Pierce County Democrats' Washington State Fair Booth, volunteer sign up by Blaine Pearman

Elected Officials / Candidate updates

- Robin Farris, Puyallup City Council Dist. 1, spoke in regards to her 'One Woman Clean-up Crew' effort to clean up Puyallup
- Rebecca Gallogly, candidate (running unopposed) for Franklin Pierce School Board Dist. 2, thanked us (25th Dems) for endorsing her at last month's meeting and gave us her education background
- Julie Door, candidate for Puyallup City Council Dist. 3 Pos. 2, addressed concerns of the 25th Dems and announced August 19 she will have her doorbelling kick-off
- Mayor John Hopkins, candidate for Puyallup City Council Dist. 1 Pos. 2, provided update of council that Puyallup has been paying down debt. He also advised he has a moderate position on the homeless issue in Puyallup.
- Henry Polluck spoke for Michelle Rylands, candidate running for state senate in the 31st LD, it is a close race and could use volunteers
- Sophie Marts spoke for Tola Marts, candidate running for Congress in the 8th CD, running against Dave Reichert. Tola Marts is a current Issaquah Council Member and could use our support in this race, urges anyone that has the time to volunteer to help

Actions

- Time 7:35 pm – Resolution to give check writing authorization to only the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – Mover, Ed Herde – Second, Cliff Allo
 - Passed, unanimously
- Time 7:38 pm – Motion to endorse Julie Door for Puyallup City Council Dist. 3 Pos. 2 – Mover, Kathy Turner – Second, Jerry Beckendorf
 - Passed, unanimously

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Speaker

- Tim Warden-Hertz, Tacoma Directing Attorney for Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
 - Mainly spoke in regards to the Detention Center in Tacoma, the general immigration framework and myths surrounding immigration laws
 - For more information, members and others should go to NWIRP.org

Announcements

- Jeremy Kamel will step down as State Committeeman, so at the next membership meeting on September 11, 2017 we will hold a special election to fill this position
- Reminder membership dues for the 25th run from Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 of each year

Good of the Order

- Reminder by Jerry Beckendorf to submit letters to the Editor, TNT, he recently had a letter published titled 'Less Tweets, More Politics'
- Eric Herde announced that at the next Pierce Co. Dems meeting, this Thursday August 10th, they will be electing a new Chair and Vice Chair.
- Eric also spoke in regards to the Summer of Canvas, which was created by the state party to address 2 key issues, 1 – that we don't talk to enough people 2 – too much talking and not enough time listening; if you would like to help Eric with volunteer efforts for more people to participate in the Summer of Canvas please reach out to him.
- Eric spoke in regards to Healthcare Campaigning effort to cover all people with no out-of-pocket costs; if you would like to help with this campaign effort please reach out to him.
- Gina Bua announced tomorrow there will be a NoLNG women's silent march (men and children welcome to stand in silence also) at 6pm in Tacoma.
- Bob Kories announced this Thursday (August 10) Denny Heck will be having a public meeting at Ford Middle School. He hopes anyone not attending the PC Dems meeting will be there.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:43 pm

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Best Labor Unions History Movies to Watch for Labor Day

[Marilysa Sachteleben, Yahoo! Contributor Network](#)

Matewan: (1987-James Earl Jones, Chris Cooper, Mary McDonnell, Kevin Tighe) Beautifully portrayed story of a group of coal miners in rural 1930s Matewan West Virginia and their strike against coal company's unfair, unsafe, unhealthy and discriminatory labor practices. The music is haunting and lovely. Chris Cooper's character of Joe Kenehan is loosely based on Joe Hill.

Reds (1981-Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson) Chronicles an American journalist's involvement in the Communist Revolution in Russia. Explores the progressive movement in literature, politics, art and education. Nice expose on the fight for equal rights for women.

F.I.S.T. (1978-Sylvester Stallone, Kevin Conway, Rod Steiger, Peter Boyle) Loosely based on the Teamster Union and Jimmy Hoffa.

Norma Rae (1979, Sally Field, Beau Bridges) Story of one woman's fight to bring better working conditions to the factory where she is employed. Important look at women's rights issues, also.

North Country (2005-Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand, Sissy Spacek) Retells the story of the first successful court case against sexual harassment against women miners.

Newsies (1992-Christian Bale, Bill Pullman, Robert Duvall) While this is a musical for kids, it's an interesting look at the newsboys strike against media barons Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst.

Hoffa: (1992-Jack Nicholson, Danny DeVito) Story of James R. 'Jimmy' Hoffa, legendary founder and leader of the Teamsters labor union. Covers the radical leader's rise to power and disappearance in 1975.

The Molly Maguires (1970-Sean Connery, Richard Harris) The 'Molly Maguires' were a group of Irish miners who rebelled against injustices in the mines of Pennsylvania in 1876.

The Grapes of Wrath (1940-Henry Fonda, John Carradine) An ex-convict returns to find his family turned out the home in the depression era dust bowl Oklahoma. He befriends a former preacher turned communist and heads the family to California, following crop pickers. Based on progressive author John Steinbeck's epic novel

Profitable Is Not the Same as More Productive

Center for Economic and Policy Research

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This is an important point that Neil Irwin slips up on in an otherwise excellent piece on the growing practice of outsourcing among major corporations. The piece contrasts the experience of Gail Evans, a black woman working as a custodian for Eastman Kodak in the 1980s, with the experience of Marta Ramos, a Hispanic woman who is currently employed doing custodial work at Apple's headquarters. While the woman working at Kodak was actually an employee of Kodak, the woman working at Apple is employed by a company that contracts with Apple.

Irwin notes the growing practice of outsourcing many tasks and in the third paragraph writes:

"The approach has made companies more nimble and more productive, and delivered huge profits for shareholders."

As the piece subsequently explains, it is not at all clear that this outsourcing of jobs had made companies more productive. It has almost certainly made them more profitable since there is considerable evidence that workers employed by contractors are paid less than they would be if employed by the parent organization. But this is just shifting the location of a relatively low productivity job from the company to the contractor, it does nothing to increase economy wide productivity.

In fact, from an economy wide perspective, it may well do the opposite. As the piece points out, Kodak employees enjoyed considerable job security. If there was no need for their work in one part of the company, it would look to transfer them to another part where they could be used. This meant that the company was effectively preventing workers from suffering unemployment and turning to government services during a downturn or shift in demand.

The piece also describes how Kodak created an internal job ladder through which Ms. Evans was able to rise into managerial and eventually executive positions. There are no comparable job ladders for Ms. Ramos. This also shifts a responsibility from the company to the government. While Kodak was prepared to devote resources towards training and developing the skills of its lower level employees, Apple is leaving this to the government. This may improve Apple's profitability, but there is no reason to believe that this shift in responsibility leads to any productivity gains for the economy as a whole.

Essentially Apple and other leading tech companies have profited in part from being able to shift to the government responsibilities to workers that major companies had carried themselves in prior decades. This is to a large extent the point of Irwin's piece, but it is important to be careful about wording. There is no evidence that this shift has led to any gains in productivity, even if it has increased profits at a small number of giant firms.

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Amazon buys out Whole Foods: What's it to us?

Hightower Lowdown

July 13, 2017

Wall Street analysts tell us that Amazon's \$14 billion buy-out of Whole Foods Market is not only a win-win for both of them – but also for consumers, for Amazon intends to lower the organic grocer's prices.

Really? Yes, say the analysts, because Amazon will use its amazing computer-driven tactics to cut Whole Foods' cost of selling groceries. But Amazon's robotic "efficiency" is achieved by cutting people. It ruthlessly squeezes suppliers for example, demanding that they give bankrupt-level wholesale prices to the retail colossus. That means that small organic farmers and food artisans are destined to be squeezed out of Whole Foods, displaced by deep-pocket, global food makers who're willing to cut corners on quality and the environment in order to get on Amazon's new grocery shelves.

Next comes Whole Foods' helpful and friendly work force. Jeff Bezos, Amazon's CEO, doesn't views workers as assets, but as costs, so to jack-up the grocery chain's profit he'll cut those "costs" – aka, people. He's already testing a store concept that has no cashiers to interfere with your shopping "experience," using computer sensors to take your money electronically, instead of paying bothersome humans to do the job of checking you out and – God forbid – conversing with you.

Oh, another plus of connecting us to the corporate computers is that they will track and record our every move and every purchase, building a detailed personal profile on each of us in order to... well, to do what? And why?

According to the calendar, we're living in 2017, but the Brave New Future of Amazon's electronic, robotic Whole Foods Market tells us we're living in the corporatized version of 1984, where the human need for jobs and personal relationships are subverted to the corporate love of automation and avaricious profits.

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The Annual Dues period runs from January 1st to December 31st. Use this form to pay by check, or go to <http://25dems.org/Anedot/Dues.php> to pay by credit card.

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