

MINUTES
25TH Legislative District Democrats
03/02/2006

Call To Order 7:05 PM by Audrey Chase, Chair. Meeting location: Puyallup Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers Audrey Chase, Chair (P); Jim Morrell, Vice-Chair (P); Jon Bristol, Treasurer (P); Charley Stokes, 25-108 & Secretary (P); Carolyn Merrival, Membership (E); John Thompson, 25-132 & State Committeeman (P); Ellen Zulauf, State Committeewoman (P); Ryan Agnew, Sgt-at-Arms (P); Luanne Green, Parliamentarian (P); Pierce Co E-Board Members: Frank Blair (P), Ron Morris (E), Kevin Wimsett (E); Past Chair, Matt Hanbey (P).

Approval of Minutes Moved and seconded to accept as submitted.

Approval of Treasures Report Moved and seconded to accept as submitted.

Elected Officials & Committee Chairs

Ken Blair of the Bethel School Board reported on the failure of the district levy. Ken described the effects that the resulting lack of funds would have on the district.

Dawn Morrell Jim Morrell passed out information collected during Dawn's Town Meeting. Jim also noted the monthly Democrat Luncheon at Allenmoore Golf Club (off Cedar street in Tacoma) at 11:30 AM on Monday.

Jerry Beckendorf our Legislative Chair, described current bills in process in Olympia. Jim Morrell also added information.

Speaker Jerry Beckendorf presented a movie about Wal-Mart. Jerry also spoke on the Fair Share Bill currently in work in Olympia which would address certain practices by Wal-Mart to encourage its employees to utilize social services (well fare and medi-care) to off-set low pay and lack of employer provided health care.

Betsy Stubbs of the South Hill Community Council spoke to the group about efforts by "pro-growth" supporters to elect new members to the board in an effort to force a change of direction by the Council, which has been very active in opposing any more unsupported growth on South Hill. Betsy issued a call to all South Hill residents to come to the meeting to support the existing Council.

Chairs Report Audrey spoke on the upcoming Precinct Caucuses, giving descriptions of locations and what to expect. She also called on members to come out to the March Rally, and described efforts on going with the Charter Review Commission.

Old Business Resumed discussion on the revised organization By-Laws. The question was called. The revised By-Laws were adopted with a show of hands vote: 24 AYE, 1 NAY and 0 ABS. (Eleven PCO's voted AYE)

New Business Schedule of upcoming events; Volunteer Dinner (w/Mary Bryan Award) on April 21. Memorial Day clean up at the Soldiers home in Orting. Meeker Day events; Chili Cook-Off on September 30.

Good of the Order Ken Peach called for support for the food bank, suggesting each member bring items to the meeting for collection. This was put into a motion by Ray Green, seconded and passed without objection. Call for Letters to the Editor on the third anniversary of the war in Iraq.

It was moved, seconded and passed without objection to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.