

Meeting Minutes

25TH Legislative District Democrats

04-05-2007

Meeting location: Puyallup Public Library, 324 S. Meridian

Call To Order 7:07 PM by John Thompson, Chair. Chair then lead the Flag Salute.

Roll Call of Officers *John Thompson*, Chair & PCO 25-132 (P); *Lauren Adler*, Vice-Chair (E); *Cliff Allo*, Parliamentarian & PCO 25-168 (P); *Jon Bristol*, Treasurer & PCO 25-170 (P); *Charley Stokes*, Secretary & PCO 25-108 (P); *Jon Berry III*, Sgt-At-Arms (A); *Carolyn Merrival*, Membership & PCO 25-145 (P); *Jerry Beckendorf*, State Committeeman & PCO 25-172 (P); *Ellen Zulauf*, State Committeewoman & PCO 25-112 (P); Pierce Co. Executive Board Members: *Frank Blair*, PCO 25-141 (P); *Matt Hanbey*, PCO 25-105 (A); Past Chair & Pierce Co E-Board Member *Audrey Chase* (P).

Adoption of Agenda Adoption was moved and seconded & passed without objection (PWO).

Adoption of Minutes (for March 1, 2007) Adoption was moved and seconded. PWO.

Chairs Report John gave a very brief mention of his attendance at the Chairs meeting in Ellensburg, deferring to guest speaker Dwight Pelz for details during his presentation. John also noted the requirement for representation from the 25th for participation with the County on the Elections Committee chaired by Carolyn Merrival; Betty Ogden volunteered and was appointed by the chair. John also announced a need for a participant on the IRV sub-committee; Jim Morrell volunteered and was appointed by the chair. There is also a need for participation with the County Tech committee; no volunteers were identified and the position remains open. John relayed, from E-board discussions, a requirement for a "By-Laws & Procedures Committee to streamline and rewrite our endorsement procedure to reflect the time line changes caused by the revised preliminary dates and IRV for county candidates. The following members were appointed to the Committee: Ken Blair, Luanne Green, Cliff Allo and Betty Ogden. John Thompson will chair the committee.

Vice-Chairs Report None tonight.

Treasures Report Jon submitted the financial report noting the outstanding balance with Midland Community Center has been paid. The Victory Fund has a balance of \$6346.24. The Club Fund has a balance of \$910.96. All PDC documents are filled and up to date. The books can be reviewed at Jon's home by contacting him at 253-770-1246. Adoption was moved and seconded. PWO.

Elected-Official Reports *Calvin Goings* again offered his apologies for a conflict of schedule with three other LD's meetings that keep him from attending the 25th's meeting. Calvin gave a brief campaign report noting sizable campaign funds accumulated from over 600 contributors with endorsements continuing to come in. Calvin reminded the members of his second annual BBQ scheduled for Saturday, July 21st beginning at 5:30 PM.

Ken Blair talked briefly about the ongoing difficulties of establishing a Skills Center in the county. He also described an up-coming joint venture with the Tacoma Orchestra and the Sr. and Jr. high school music students in the Bethel SD.

Dawn Morrell gave an amusing and energetic description of life in Olympia during session with a detailed description of a shouting match that erupted on the chamber floor between legislators, as well as giving an update on a selection of bills.

State Committee Reports None. (Quarterly meeting in Bellingham at the end of April.)

Committee Reports Legislative Action Committee (LAC) chair Jerry Beckendorf reviewed a list of bills that have made it out of committee by the latest cut off date and a review of President Bushes actions over the Congressional break.

Old Business Second reading of Resolution 'B' for the addition of an Assistant Treasurer to the 25th LD organization and By-Laws. Final vote on the resolution will be at the May meeting.

New Business John relayed a recommendation from the E-board to authorize payment of registration fees up to (3) Young Democrats to the State Convention in Ellensburg. E-board also authorized payment of up to \$.25/mile for one vehicle for transportation. Motion was moved and seconded and PWO.

Community Announcements, Candidates and Member Comments Dave Lovell, candidate for Port Commissioner addressed the membership following an introduction by Joan Cronk.

Program-Guest Speaker Dwight Pelz, Chair of Washington State Democrats presented 'Goal/Strategy/Task', a plan for the 2008 caucus meetings.

Good-Of-The-Order (None, due to lack of time.)

Adjournment M/S and PWO at 8:56 PM.