

July 2, 2007 Executive Board Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Acting Chair Lauren Adler.
Roll call of officers.

Jerry Beckendorf reported on the State Committee meeting held in Pasco. Fri night there was a presentation on caucuses and Sat a communications meeting. 15,000 brochures are ready and Jerry says we need 5,000 of them for the Puyallup Fair booth. Ellen Zulauf also attended the meeting and reported the Resolutions Committee met on Sat. There was a resolution against torture and another about restoring the constitution. Regarding Referendum 67, which is designed make sure that insurance companies do what they should do, Ellen recommended that members not sign a petition for Resolution 67 and if it makes it to the ballot, vote "yes".

Treasurer Jon Bristol did not arrive until late in the meeting, so Lauren read his report. Fisher House did cash the new check and the old check can't be cashed, as per Jon's message to Lauren. Everything is up to date. Jon is moving to Renton and Luann Green is willing to take over until a vacancy is declared and a new election is held. We will wait for Jon to decide and submit his letter of resignation.

Ken Peach will continue as publisher of the newsletter and everyone was encouraged to meet the deadlines.

Chair vacancy was opened for discussion. Cliff Allo, Parliamentarian, said the Vice Chair shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair serves as chair and at the "appropriate time" the Vice Chair can declare a vacancy and a special election will be held. Lauren said she is willing to act as chair through the summer and she recommends that we hold an election at the September meeting. Discussion followed and Lauren stated her plans for building our organization. Carolyn Merrival moved that we hold a special election in December. Discussion followed.

Cliff Allo reported that the Vice Chair and Chair cannot be the same gender.

Audrey Chase announced she is going to run for Chair also.

MSP to cease discussion. Motion to hold election in December failed. Charley Stokes moved the election be held in September. Discussion was held. MSP to hold special election in September at our regular meeting.

Carolyn Merrival talked a out endorsement procedure. Current endorsement procedure stated candidates must contact us by letter. Current process is not working. Several scenarios have been worked out. (A) is a candidate's night. Format of question and answer and membership gets to evaluate and vote at the next meeting. (B) Is to send a questionnaire and an endorsement panel interviews and makes recommendations to the body. (C) is a candidate's night with questionnaire and a Q and A at candidate night. Discussion followed as to what the Board wanted to recommend to membership.

Frank Blair said that B isn't effective. Candidate night is a good idea. Charley Stokes thinks we should put a notice in the Herald about our regular meetings. Jerry Beckendorf moved that we endorse the 3rd scenario, scenario, (C) as our endorsement policy. Discussion followed. Jerry Beckendorf then withdrew his motion so Board and membership could read and discuss the different scenarios.

Endorsements for this year? Lauren recommended that we advise candidates to submit a letter asking for our endorsement. Charley Stokes said we should contact all candidates and send them a questionnaire. Lauren and Carolyn will start that process.

Jerry Beckendorf talked about Dave Minikel's death. There will be a service on July 8 at Wells Hall at Christ Episcopal Church at 1 p.m. It is located at 310 No. K

Charley Stokes moved that the 25th LDD donate \$50 to the Prison Fellowship in memory of Norm Hayes, a long time 25th LDD member. Motion passed. This will be voted on at the 7/5 general meeting.

Lauren reported on the Blue Wave Community project. It is focused toward PCOs to get involved. 25th LDD won't be participating on that day but PCOs are encouraged to take part.

Lauren will have tentative agenda to Board by tomorrow for the meeting on 7/5.

Ray Green recommended that the Board send a card to Mary Meyer as her husband is ill. MSP to do so.

Ray continued that voters are not identified as Democrats or Republicans on the Pierce County website. Ray said we need a voter committee to call unidentified people and get people registered to vote if they are Democrats. Ray said we need to get the voter files for the County and make a precinct list and try to register Democrats. Ask specific questions to see how they stand. Frank Blair said we need an outreach committee to get out to high schools and colleges.

Frank Blair reported there will be a new voter file training in July.

Ray Green said that 330 people who get our newsletter have not paid their dues. Ray and Lauren met and talked about sending a letter and Lauren decided that we need to wait for the election of a new chair. Charley Stokes said it should be done now. MSP to send solicitation letter to those not paying dues.

Jon Bristol arrived and reported that 25th LDD has two bank accounts and we don't need two accounts. He is working on getting monies consolidated into one account.

Carolyn Merrival said we need to decide where our caucuses will be held.

Jerry Beckendorf reported there will be a Darcy Burner meeting on 7/9 at 6:30 at the Puyallup Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by Joan Cronk for Charley Stokes