

Meeting Minutes
25TH Legislative District Democrats
07-05-2007

Meeting location: Puyallup Public Library, 324 S. Meridian

Call To Order 7:07 PM by Lauren Adler, Acting-Chair.

Roll Call of Officers *****; Chair (Position Open); *Lauren Adler*, Vice-Chair (P); *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 (P); *Carolyn Merrival*, Membership & PCO 25-145 (E); *Jerry Beckendorf*, State Committeeman & PCO 25-172 (E); *Ellen Zulauf*, State Committeewoman & PCO 25-112 (P); Pierce Co. Executive Board Members: *Frank Blair*, PCO 25-141 (P); *Matt Hanbey*, PCO 25-105 (P); 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 June 7, 2007) Adoption was moved and seconded & PWO.

(Acting) Chairs Report Lauren gave the membership a quick update of events since the resignation of John Thompson and her position on continued service for the 25th LDD. Lauren will continue as Acting Chair until a *Special Election* in September (see Old Business). Lauren also issued a call for volunteers to support the 31st LDD at the Aug 4th Edgewood Picnic.

Vice-Chairs Report None

Treasures Report Jon submitted the financial report. Jon related a rule interpretation from the PDC on the use of two checking accounts. This is a practice, not a regulatory requirement and he announced his intent to move to a single account. To that end, the club fund will be drawn down to zero balance and closed. The Victory Fund has a balance of \$7597.52. The Club Fund has a balance of \$412.12. 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 Senator Kastama took the floor and spoke at length on a diverse range of topics beginning with how many candidates the state party should allow on the November ballot, to highlights of the past legislative session. Details can be found by accessing his web site at: <http://www.senatedemocrats.wa.gov/kastama.htm>

State Committee Reports Ellen Zulauf gave a brief update noting the start of a recent campaign by the insurance companies trying to retake the initiative by launching Initiative 67. State caucuses are scheduled for Feb 9th 08. The WA presidential primary will take place on Feb 19th 08.

Committee Reports There was a review of discussions being held concerning the 25th LDD endorsement process and candidate requirements for consideration.

Old Business There was a review of discussions concerning the Chair vacancy that took place at the July Eboard meeting that resulted in a call for a Special Election to be held at the September meeting. All PCO's and (dues-paid) general members may serve and candidates are urged to make themselves known ASAP. Ballots for Chair will be cast by PCO's (only) as determined by our By-Laws. Also, as determined by the By-Laws, the Vice-Chair must be of the opposite sex as the Chair, so if a female candidate wins the Chair, Lauren will be removed-for-cause and a new Vice-Chair will also be elected (general members may vote for Vice-Chair). If a male is elected, Lauren will continue as Vice-Chair.

New Business The Eboard recommends the donation of \$50.00 to the Prison Fellowship in the memory of Norm Hayes. Moved, seconded & PWO.

Community Announcements, Candidates and Member Comments Dave Lovell, candidate for Port Commissioner addressed the membership. Cindy Poysnick, candidate for Puyallup School Board, Pos 2 addressed the membership and thanked those who have already contributed. Kathy Turner, current Puyallup Councilmember from District II addressed the membership on her candidacy for the At-Large Council seat.

County Chair, Nathe Lawver reminded the membership of a memorial service for Dave Minikel. Nathe also issued a general call for all PCO's involvement at the endorsement meeting at the IBEW hall at 7 PM, July 12th. Nathe also echoed the call for volunteers to man the booth at the Edgewood Picnic as well as the County Picnic on August 12 from 3-7 PM; contact Audrey Chase for details on the County Picnic. Nathe also issued a call for volunteers to man the booth at the Western Washington Fair in September.

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

Good-Of-The-Order Here's a reminder of the Goings BBQ, 5421 Vickery Avenue East, starting at 5:30 PM on July 21. Please RSVP to Calvin at 253-926-8900. Melissa Thompson announced there will be three Young Democrats attending the National YD Convention in Dallas TX your support is appreciated.

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Adjournment M/S and PWO at 8:39 PM.