

Meeting Minutes

25TH Legislative District Democrats

03/01/2007

Meeting location: Puyallup Public Library, 324 S. Meridian

Call To Order 7:04 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 (P); *Cliff Allo*, Parliamentarian & PCO 25-168 (P); *Jon Bristol*, Treasurer & PCO 25-169 (P); *Charley Stokes*, Secretary & PCO 25-108 (P); *Jon Berry III*, Sgt-At-Arms (P); *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 (A); *Matt Hanbey*, PCO 25-105 (A); Past Chair & Pierce Co E-Board Member *Audrey Chase* (A).

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

Adoption of Minutes (for February 1, 2007) Adoption was moved and seconded. In response to a question from the floor, the Chair explained that due to space limitations in the newsletter, there will often be a difference between the minutes 'summary' published and the full official minutes presented to the membership at meetings. PWO.

Chairs Report John gave a brief description of events during his attendance at the yearly Democratic Crab-Feed at the St. Martins University Pavillion attended by Gov. Gregoire and the main speaker, Montana Gov. Bryan Schweitzer. Also speaking were Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown of Spokane, Rep. Brendan Williams of Olympia and State Democratic Party Chairman Dwight Pelz. Additional information can be found at www.theolympian.com/112/story/66462.html.

Vice-Chairs Report Lauren reminded the membership of the upcoming Pierce County Democrats dinner on Tuesday, March 3 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, at 1965 S. Union Ave., Tacoma. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. Buffet dinner begins at approximately 7:15 p.m., following the Governor's speech. There will be a Silent Auction, social hour and no-host bar before dinner.

For more information, go to www.piercecountydems.org or contact Jeannie Mitchell at djmitchells@net-venture.com.

Treasures Report Jon submitted the financial report, noting we still have not received a bill from the Community Center for rent for the Kick-Off dinner. The Victory Fund has a balance of \$5,971.24. The Club Fund has a balance of \$991.23. 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.

Elected-Official Reports Jim Morrell spoke briefly for Dawn. Christine Wilson spoke briefly for Calvin Goings. It was announced that Senator Kastama would hold a Senators Club meeting Monday, March 5 at 7:00 AM at Mrs. Turners.

State Committee Reports Jerry Beckendorf noted his participation with the state caucus Communications Committee and presented a copy of a brochure prepared by the state office in August of 2005 in response to request for an informational handout for use at local events. Jerry asked for member's comments that could be used to revise or modify the brochure (see separate attachment).

Committee Reports Legislative Action Committee (LAC) chair Jerry Beckendorf discussed progress of US House HR 800, Employees Free Choice Act to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes. The US House passed the bill on March 1. Jerry answered questions from the floor on specific State Legislative bills.

Old Business (None)

New Business The Chair read two Resolutions as recommended by the EBoard.

Resolution 'A' to support changing bank signers, removing Audrey Chase and Jim Morrell (outgoing Chair and V-Chair) and adding John Thompson (incoming Chair) and keeping Jon Bristol who continues as Treasurer. Moved and seconded and PWO. A signed copy of the Resolution will be made available to the Treasurer as authorization to the bank for these changes.

Resolution 'B' to support the addition of an Assistant Treasurer to the organization By-Laws, being necessary for the continuation of organization banking if the Treasurer is unavailable. This Resolution to follow the process as described in the By-Laws and be read and published in the newsletter and voted on at the May meeting.

Program-Guest Speaker Paul Haak of 'Washington Public Campaigns' presented a PBS video detailing the success of publicly funded campaigns (PFC). Additional information can be found online at www.washclean.org. An interesting result of PFC in Maine has been that it has almost completely eliminated uncontested elections! Several PFC bills have been introduced in the 2007 Legislative session. You can track the progress of these bills on-line at www.leg.wa.gov. HB 1551/SB5278 seek to remove the ban on PFC in local jurisdictions. HB1589/SSB5226 seek to provide PFC for judicial elections. HB1186 also seeks to provide PFC for judicial elections. Finally, HB1360/SB5510 seeks to establish PFC for state executive and legislative campaigns.

Good-Of-The-Order Christine Wilson, Co-Chair and Membership Coordinator for the South Hill Community Council extended an invitation to the 25th LDD membership to join (SHCC). There followed a spirited discussion of recent County Council actions in the appointment of individuals to the South Hills Advisory Board in a heavy handed and clearly political manner that promises to extend support to developers and further impact the quality of living on a South Hill community already impacted by an infrastructure overtaxed by overdevelopment. Christine urged all to attend the (SHCC) annual meeting and election of officers on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM at the Central Pierce Fire and Rescue Station #6-9, 17210 110th Ave E. For more information on (SHCC) activities contact Christine at 253-841-3504.

Cindy Posnick announced her campaign for Position #2 of the Puyallup School Board and invited the 25th LDD to support her efforts. Cindy came within 65 votes of her campaign against incumbent Greg Heath in 2005 and feels she an excellent shot in 2007. Darcy Burner was not in attendance.

Adjournment M/S, PWO at 8:45 PM.