

# MINUTES

## 25<sup>TH</sup> Legislative District Democrats Meeting

### March 6, 2008

Meeting location Summit Library

Call To Order 7:10 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call of Officers & Attendees

<i>Lauren Adler</i> , Chair (E)	<i>Carolyn Merrival</i> , Membership (P)
<i>Louis Tibbs</i> , Vice Chair (P)	<i>Jerry Beckendorf</i> , State Committeeman (P)
<i>Cliff Allo</i> , Parliamentarian (P)	<i>Ellen Zulauf</i> , State Committeewoman (P)
<i>Luanne Green</i> , Treasurer (P)	<i>John Berry</i> , Sgt-at-Arms (P)
<i>Charley Stokes</i> , Secretary (P)	Ray Green, PCO/Caucus (P)
Pierce Co. Central Committee Exec-Brd Members:	John Thompson, Past Chair (A)
<i>Frank Blair</i> (P); <i>Matt Hanbey</i> (A); <i>Audrey Chase</i> (P)	

Adoption of Agenda It was moved and seconded (M&S) to adopt an amended agenda, allowing Councilman Goings to address during New Business and adding an actionable item of expensing for Young Democrats attending the YD Convention in March. Vote passed without objection (PWO).

New Business

- Pierce County Councilman Calvin Goings addressed the membership. First he thanked the Chair for amending the agenda to allow him to speak ahead of the normal Elected Officials Report, noting he had another meeting to attend. The Councilman gave a brief update of his campaign for County Executive and held a brief question and answer session.
- Carolyn Merrival, Committee Chair, conducted the second and final reading of the new endorsement procedure. Carolyn gave members background on issues prompting the need for a new procedure and held a brief question and answer session.
- Ray Green gave a brief review of the Precinct Caucuses that prompted a general discussion on the size of crowds with various members sharing their experiences. Ray announced he has copies of the caucus sign-in sheets for all PCO's. He has copies for all precincts. Discussion followed on the best way to use this resource for party building, event staffing, recruitment, etc.
- Jerry Beckendorf announced he has agreed to chair the Meeker Days activities this year. He requested authorization for \$90.00 to cover the registration fee. It was M&S and PWO. Jerry passed a volunteer sign up sheet; any members wishing to participate can contact Jerry at: 253-845-7702.
- Charley Stokes read a letter from Melissa Thompson requesting financial support to cover \$40.00 registration fee and travel expense to attend the Young Democrats Convention in Vancouver WA from March 28-30. Following discussion it was M&S to authorize up to (3) registration fees and gas expense for one vehicle; the motion PWO.

Officers Reports

- Chair (excused)
- Vice-Chair Louis gave a brief description of planning efforts on-going for the upcoming Legislative District Caucus to be held April 5 at Puyallup High School.
- Secretary Charley read from the ExBoard minutes: "Lauren discussed the creation of a web site for the 25<sup>th</sup>. She has been in communication with Chad Lupkes who is Webmaster for the Dem's Chairs website. He has pledged his services to the 25<sup>th</sup> for no charge, if we pay the \$33.00 per year web domain fee. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to authorize an initial expenditure of \$33.00. Motion passed 8-0-0."
- Treasurer Luanne presented the financial statement. Beginning balance for Feb '08: \$10,996.89. Income (dues \$415.00; Caucus donations \$1660.00) total: \$2075.00. Expenses (Caucus \$500.05; Mail permit \$175.00; Mailing \$53.70; Stamps \$41.00; Refreshments \$36.46) total: (\$806.21). Ending balance for Feb '08: \$12,265.68.
- State Committee Persons (deferred)
- Legislative Session Jerry gave a brief review of pending legislation, also an upcoming volunteer opportunity to assist flood victims in Centralia/Chehalis and status on the Burner campaign. Look for details in the April newsletter.
- Elected Officials Ken Blair, member Bethel School Board, shared information on an imminent domain claim being made by the Bethel School District on property proposed for use for a high school equivalency industrial 'skills center' and possible financial liability issues resulting from the action.

Good of the Order

Ivan Weiss, Chair of the 34<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats and good friend of the 25<sup>th</sup> LD was introduced to new members. (Look for Ivan's contact info in the April newsletter.) The 25<sup>th</sup> LD Dem's April meeting will be held at the Puyallup Elks, off E. Main in Puyallup. (Look for directions in the April newsletter.) Joan Cronk announced that Frank Blair and KLAY/1180 AM radio will be honored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America for continuing efforts to raise awareness of the plight of our veteran community. John Berry III announced a symposium on traumatic brain injury at the TCC Tacid Center, March 27, from 6-9 PM. Betty Ogden announced

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the passage of public campaign funding legislation. Frank Blair came forward with campaign material supporting Pat McCarthy's campaign for County Executive.  
It was M&S to adjourn @ 8:45PM & (PWO).