

**MINUTES**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> Legislative District Democrats Meeting**  
**May 1, 2008**



Meeting location Puyallup Public Library

Call To Order 7:11 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call of Officers & Attendees

<i>Lauren Adler</i> , Chair (P)	<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 (A)
<i>Charley Stokes</i> , Secretary (P)	<i>Ray Green</i> , PCO/Caucus (P)
Pierce Co. Central Committee Exec-Brd Members:	<i>John Thompson</i> , Past Chair (A)
<i>Frank Blair</i> (A); <i>Matt Hanbey</i> (A); <i>Audrey Chase</i> (A)	

Adoption of Agenda It was moved and seconded (M&S) to adopt the agenda as revised. Vote passed without objection (PWO).

Elected Officials & New Candidates Pierce County Auditor Pat McCarthy addressed the members on Rank Choice Voting and how to access information on-line at [www.piercecounty.wa.org/rcv](http://www.piercecounty.wa.org/rcv). She related that there would be an informational media campaign starting in September. Pat then shifted gears and addressed the members as a candidate, running for Pierce County Executive and expressed her intent to focus on county government infrastructure to insure residents always have access to local government.

Carolyn Merrival addressed the membership as candidate for Pierce County Council, Dist 2, which is currently held by Calvin Goings. Joan Cronk spoke on behalf of candidate for Pierce County Executive, Calvin Goings, and expressed his apologies at being absent due to a conflict in schedule. Jerry Beckendorf spoke on behalf of candidate for US Congress from the 8<sup>th</sup> CD, Darcy Burner, introducing her field coordinator Matt Arnold ([matt@darcyburner.com](mailto:matt@darcyburner.com)). Rob Cerqui, Fife Councilman ([http://www.cityoffife.org/?p=city\\_government&a=city\\_council&b=rob\\_cerqui](http://www.cityoffife.org/?p=city_government&a=city_council&b=rob_cerqui)) local farmer and candidate for 25<sup>th</sup> LD Pos 1 (Joyce McDonald's open seat) introduced him-self and gave the members a quick bio. Jim McIntyer, (<http://www.jimmcintire.com/>) current State Representative for the 46<sup>th</sup> LD and candidate for State Treasurer, introduced him-self and gave members a quick bio.

Old Business Chair Adler noted the upcoming Congressional District caucuses on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Charley Stokes advised members on the new 25<sup>th</sup> LD website, now on-line ([www.25dems.org](http://www.25dems.org)). Members can access minutes, photographs, policies and procedures and common links at this new site which now also carries a PayPal link for use in paying membership dues. Jerry Beckendorf gave a quick update on plans for Meeker Days, June 20 – 22.

New Business Charley Stokes gave a brief presentation on a recommendation by the Ex-Board and moved authorization for approximately \$900 for an invitational post card addressed to all precinct caucus (households) attendees, as a party building exercise. M/S/Carried, without objection. Ray Green noted that the filing window for candidates and PCO's was June 2-6 and that there are 33 precincts without PCO's and urges members to file. The Endorsements Committee is seeking volunteers to interview candidates seeking 25thLD endorsement; contact Ken Blair (253-537-1486 or [ktblair@comcast.net](mailto:ktblair@comcast.net)) or Charley Stokes (253-848-8431 or [cwstokes@earthlink.net](mailto:cwstokes@earthlink.net)).

Officers Reports

- Chair: Deferred
- Secretary: Deferred
- Treasurer: Luanne Green presented the treasures report which was M/S/C woo.
- State Committee Persons: Nothing to report until the State Convention.

Program Senator Jim Kastama and Rep Dawn Morrell gave the members a review of the just-completed Legislative session. Details can be found at their official web sites; <http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/kastama/> and <http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/morrell/>. It was M/S/C to adjourn @ 8:55 PM.