

MINUTES OF 25TH LDD

AUGUST 6, 2009

By Acting Secretary, Joan Cronk

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Acting Chair Louis Tibbs.

Flag salute.

Roll call of officers: Present were Louis Tibbs, Acting Chair and Vice Chair; Michelle Donaldson, Membership; Ellen Zulauf, State Committeewoman; Jerry Beckendorf, State Committeeman; Eric Renz, Sergeant at Arms; Melissa Thompson and Carolyn Merrival, Pierce County Representatives and Cliff Allo, Parliamentarian. Excused: Luanne Green, Treasurer and Charley Stokes, Pierce County Representative.

MSC to adopt agenda.

U. S. Congressman Adam Smith addressed the group about issues in the last session and took questions from the audience. Smith spoke about the difficulties due to the biggest economic downturn in his lifetime with the stock market plummeting and the layoffs and consumer confidence at an all time low. He said that college costs, health care, gas and housing have all gone up and wages have gone down. We can't go back to the 50s and 60s, but we can get energy costs under control. He talked about alternatives and had a long discussion about health care issues.

Acting Chair Louis Tibbs explained the endorsement process and the candidates were introduced.

Candidates that had submitted their paperwork and attended were:

Julie Anderson, Candidate for Pierce County Auditor; Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma Comissioner, Position #2 and Don Meyer, Port of Tacoma Commissioner, Position #4. Ken Blair, Bethel School District #1 candidate, submitted paperwork but did not attend the meeting.

25t LDD members voted on endorsements. Moved by Jerry Beckendorf and seconded and carried to endorse Julie Anderson. Moved by Carolyn Merrival and seconded and carried to endorse Ken Blair. Moved by Jerry Beckendorf and seconded and carried to endorse Dick Marzano and Calvin Goings moved to endorse Don Meyer and that motion was seconded and carried.. Discussion took place on the pros and cons of several of the candidates and Ellen Zulauf said it was not necessary to endorse anyone if we choose not to. All four candidates were endorsed. Thirty four members were present and involved in the voting process.

Acting Chair Tibbs then passed the gavel to Cliff Allo to run the election for Chair. Louis Tibbs was nominated by Jerry Beckendorf and seconded by Carolyn Merrival for the office of Chair. There were no other nomination and it was moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Louis Tibbs. Cliff Allo requested that all PCOs sign their ballots and turn them in and Michelle Donaldson and Ellen Zaulauf checked all ballots for accuracy. Sixteen PCOs voted for Louis Tibbs.

Cliff Allo then opened nominations for Secretary. Melissa Thompson was nominated by Betty Ogden and motion was seconded. A vote was taken from the members, who raised their cards, and Melissa Thompson was elected as Secretary.

Motion made by Carolyn Merrival to donate \$800 to the campaign of Julie Anderson. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion made by Carolyn Merrival, seconded and carried, to donate \$100 to Ken Blair's campaign and \$200 to Dick Marzano and \$200 to Don Meyer's campaigns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.