

25th LD Democrats
July 2, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Flag salute.

Roll call of officers: Louis Tibbs, Acting Chair and Vice Chair. Michelle Donaldson, Membership. LuAnne Green, Treasurer. Charlie Stokes, Pierce County Representative. Ellen Zulouf, State Committeewoman. Jerry Beckendorf, State Committeeman. Eric Renz, Sergeant at Arms. Excused: Melissa Thompson, Carolyn Merrival, Cliff Allo.

MSC to adopt agenda.

MSC to adopt By Law changes.

MSC resolution of Fair Elections.

Eric Renz reported on Meeker Days, June 19-21, 2009 – The 25th LD booth was open for a total of 28 hours. We had 18 volunteers and registered 3 voters. 47 buttons were sold which netted \$47 to the Organization.

Acting Chair Tibbs reviewed the Endorsement Committee work and explained the endorsement procedure.

Tony Aho (Puyallup City Council, District 1, Position 2) spoke of his background in Puyallup and why he is running for City Council. He supports the Daffodil Festival, Farmer's Markets, walkable communities, economic development and various other financial and economic issues in Puyallup. He does not support spending the rainy day fund for roads.

Rick Hanson and Chris Taylor (both City Council candidates) were not present.

Nicolla Tebao (Puyallup City Council, District 3, Position 2) spoke on why she is running for City Council. She is running to exercise what democracy should entail; timely and effective communication, uphold democratic principles, participate in the process of economic development, speaking on behalf of constituents and voters.

Connie Bacon (Port of Tacoma, Commissioner 1) is seeking her 4th term as Commissioner. She gave information on what Port Commissioners do; make sure port is sustainable, retain and increase profits and prudent fiscal policy.

Bill Casper (Port Commissioner candidate) was not present.

Candidates all left the room while endorsement vote took place. Charlie Stokes pointed out that candidates not present can still be endorsed as long as they turned in their paperwork to the Endorsement Committee. Betty Ogden, Chair of the Endorsement Committee, spoke of behalf of the committee. The committee does not recommend endorsing any City Council candidate until after the primary. The committee does recommend the endorsement of Connie Bacon for Port Commissioner.

Jerry Beckendorf moved to endorse Connie Bacon, Ellen Zulouf seconded the motion. 22 voted in favor of endorsement, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion carried. Connie Bacon is endorsed by the 25th LD.

Dixie Gatcho moved to endorse Tony Aho, Betty Ogden seconded the motion. 16 voted in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. Motion carried. Tony Aho is endorsed by the 25th LD.

Charlie Stokes moved to close the endorsement process. Question posed: can candidates who weren't endorsed ask to be endorsed again? Answer by Acting Chair Tibbs; yes, as long as they get through the primary and resubmit a candidate questionnaire. Motion was seconded and carried.

Guest Speaker Craig Salins, Executive Director of Washington Public Campaigns, spoke on working on several levels with federal and local public financing. Health care reform has become a public funding issue. Clean Elections brought about by citizens in 7 states. Washington State will probably require a state initiative to pass it. It would be funded through state appropriations. The concept needs to get through to the public before funding options are presented. Public funding is optional for each candidate. In Washington State public funding was introduced for the Supreme Court races. It did not pass. Next time legislation is attempted it will include all legislative campaigns and major state offices. It is not expected to pass but to be used to vet the bill.

Good of the order:

Pierce County Representative Charlie Stokes called on PCOs to participate at the July 9, 2009 meeting to select 3 candidates for Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

State Committeeman Jerry Beckendorf reminded that Julie Anderson is running for Pierce County Auditor. Senator's Club breakfast is upcoming. Visited both US Senators and Adam Smith, Murray behind us on public option, Cantwell and Smith seem to be leaning. Adam Smith moved offices. Call him at (253) 593-6604 to ask him to get behind public option for health care reform. HR 2454 was voted on last week. Reichert supported it. Call him at 1-877-920-9208 to thank. July 26, 2009 is the Labor Council's Solidarity game at Cheney Stadium. September 20, 2009 is the Jerry Beckendorf Scholarship bowling tournament.

Louis Tibbs announced that the 27th LD needs volunteers for the Freedom Fair Booth. Call Rueben at (206) 396-0808 if you can help.

Ray Green reminded PCOs to vote at Pierce County meeting. County will endorse only one person in RCV.

On August 6, 2009 general election candidates will speak and a special election for Chair and Secretary will be held.

Adjourned at 8:35pm.