

June 6th 25th LD Minutes

By Melissa Thompson

Announcement that next month's meeting will be Primary Endorsement night on Monday July 11th because the library is closed July 4th.

Cliff Allo and Luanne & Ray Green were all excused.

Our guest speaker was Appointed Superior Court Judge Gary Johnson. He was appointed Superior Court Judge last April by Governor Christine Gregoire. He filed for the position today to run as Judge. He has been already endorsed by the 28th Legislative District Democrats. He was raised on Vashon Island and attended Pierce College before it became known that. He went to UPS Law School and started practicing in the 1980s. He has spent time in Port Orchard, was Prosecutor for Gig Harbor, a defense Attorney, and a pro-tem judge. He took the bench April 18th as a Superior Court Judge. He talked about how many judges there are in the court and how many cases go through the Superior Court. The judges do the best they can with how many cases are going on and with their schedules. He said it's painful to hear these cases, especially family court, but he likes the law and wants to serve. He had and Question & Answer time and he gave a few examples of what types of cases he's participated in as a judge. He definitely enjoys his job and it is not about the pay.

We had a resolution made by Eric Renz and seconded by Jerry Beckendorf to support the Resolution from the Resolutions Committee to Support the Recall Campaign of Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer Dale Washam. We had some discussion and Robin Farris who is the head of the Recall Campaign spoke about that there were 3 investigations that Dale Washam did retaliate against the office staff. If the recall does go through than the office staff will forgo the punitive damages. The recall petitions will be turned into the County Auditor by August 31st. The motion to support the resolution passed and there were 2 no votes and 2 abstained.

Campaign 2012 letter from the 25th LD Dems asking for money is still in progress but it is on hold for right now because the cost projections on using Blue Utopia were not correct.

Meeker Days is happening June 17th, 18th, and 19th. We will have voter registration and recall petitions at the booth.

A LaRushe representative spoke and handed out a flyer. Eric Renz talked about the financial system and how Banks and Wall Street has changed the way investments are funded by using super-computers to trade stocks instead of actual people. He thinks we should have a Federal Funding Resolution. We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.