

## 25<sup>th</sup> LD May 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes

By Melissa Thompson

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. with Flag Salute following. Then we had Roll Call of Officers which Eric Renz was the only officer absent. We adopted the consent Agenda.

Special Guest Zack Smith the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Chair talked about recruiting candidates now for 2011 & 2012 elections. He mentioned Save Medicare, Tax the Rich signs that he got at the State Committee Meeting that happened in Wenatchee at the end of April. He handed out the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan for the 2012 Democratic National Convention: What everyone needs to know. We will be using current Congressional Districts for our Caucuses. LD State committee members will pick the remaining Delegates to the National Convention at State Convention.

**Caucus Dates:** Precinct Caucuses will be Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 1 p.m. LD Caucuses will be Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 10 am. County Convention will be Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 10 a.m. CD Caucus will be Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2012. State Convention will be Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Seattle.

**Delegate Info:** The 1<sup>st</sup> CD will elect 8 delegates to the National Convention in North Carolina. The 2<sup>nd</sup> CD will elect 7 delegates. The 3<sup>rd</sup> CD will elect 7 delegates. The 4<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 4 delegates. The 5<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 6 delegates. The 6<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 7 delegates. The 7<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 11 delegates. The 8<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 7 delegates. Finally the 9<sup>th</sup> CD will elect 6 Delegates. There will be 13 Party Leaders and Elected Officials and 21 at-large delegates elected at the State Convention. There will be 8 alternates elected. 1,400 delegates will be elected to the State Convention by the LD Caucuses. We will not know how many delegates each LD will receive until January 2012. Each precinct will get one delegate and one alternate for each 75 votes cast for Barack Obama during the 2008 general election. Precincts that have changed since 2008 will get one delegate and one alternate for each 225 registered voters (as of November 11, 2011).

Ray Green had a couple ideas, one of them were to form a committee to raise Victory Fund money to help out Democratic Candidates especially for next year with trying to get both House seats back. He also wants to send out e-mails to the 2008 Caucus attendees to raise money. His second idea was to form a focus group to overcome complacency & stimulate doorbelling, more volunteers, and registering voters. Ray will co-chair the committee. We can also tap into other community groups that share our core values. The groups work will be coming up with a plan, the action steps taken, and the phrasing of Victory Fund e-mails. PCO's should be involved to get the message out & with various groups that match our ideals. Zach Smith, Ellen

Zuluaf, Leila, and Michael Steele have volunteered to be on the committee and chair Louis Tibbs will help contact and set up a meeting.

Our Guest Speaker was President of Puyallup School Board Cindy Poysnick. She enjoys being on the School Board and thanked the people who helped her get elected. There are 32 schools in the School District to maintain and look after. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest school District with CTE Programs like Culinary Arts and Robotics. She mentioned some of the achievements of students like the Editor of Emerald Ridge Jaguar newspaper got recognized by the State, Debate teams, 4 elementary students who entered the PTA Reflections competition placed at State. She mentioned the Volunteer, Classified, and Certified Employees of the Year. She will be participating in handing out the High School Diplomas for the Graduating classes at Puyallup & Emerald Ridge High Schools. She attended the National School Board Members Convention recently in San Francisco. She stated that Student Learning is the # 1 Focus for the School District.

Keep Pierce Blue Dinner & Awards Celebration is Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place at 5:45 p.m. There are 10 chairs per table @ the price of \$750. We have purchased a table and the LD will pay \$250 and the 10 people will be \$50 each. The dinner is honoring former State Reps Dawn Morrell and Dennis Flannigan, and former Senators Rosa Franklin and Marilyn Rasmussen. The awards are for Volunteer of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, PCO of the Year, LD Chair of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement of the Year. Mary Smith is putting together a basket to be auctioned off at the event.

Robert Ordonez is running for Puyallup City Council District 3. He has lived in Puyallup for 15 years and been on the Pierce County Planning Commission Board for the past 4 years. He is retiring as a Civil Engineer. He is running against Tom Swanson, who is County Council member Joyce McDonald's assistant.

An announcement was made and a flyer passed out about a forum called Democracy Hijacked & How to FIX it. It is Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> with Conversations with Riki Ott a PhD marine biologist, environmental activist and Craig Salins, Exec. Director of Washington Public Campaigns. There is a Brown Bag lunch Forum 12:30 p.m. at UW – Tacoma Campus Rm BH 106 and later that night the Community Forum at 6 p.m. with a 5:30 reception at the Longshoreman's Hall UW-Tacoma, 1710 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402.

We adjourned at 8:36 p.m.