

**27th Legislative District Democrats**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 2017**

**Call to order and Welcome**

Lynda Foster called to order the regular meeting of the 27th Legislative Democrats at 7:04 p.m. on August 28, 2017 at First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Visitors were welcomed.

**Overview of Communication Norms.** Lynda Foster read communication norms which were printed on the agenda and encouraged feedback via suggestion box, email, and/or the plus/delta at end of meeting.

**Old Business**

Katie Wilkinson, Treasurer, reported that the Victory Fund contains \$19.45 and the Exempt Fund contains \$5192.75. Laurie Jinkins motioned that the proposed budget changes be approved. There were no questions. Tom Hilyard seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation, no opposition, none opposed. Tom Hilyard moved that minutes from July be approved. Philip Bradford seconded the motion. Minutes approved by acclamation.

**Committee Reports**

*Platform, Policy, and Resolutions* – Jennifer Boutell announced that the committee will be hosting meetings every other Saturday at Bluebeard Coffee at 9am. *Outreach & Events* – Vanessa Koelling reported on 3 booths and thanked volunteers. They are working on totes. Service day was announced, Sept 17 at Swan Creek Food Forest. There is a Facebook event. *Mission, Vision, and Values* – workshop on values next month during 27<sup>th</sup> LD regular meeting.

**Resolutions**

Process for resolutions is not 100% set. Per Kathy Orlando bylaws require 25 days between submission of resolution and vote. Laurie Jinkins explained I-940. Tom Hilyard introduced Jack E Tanner Park Resolution. Jurjen Smies motioned that the body vote on the Tanner resolution in September. Anita Latch seconded. Most in favor, 1 opposed. The response of our LD to the events in Charlottesville, VA were discussed. Someone moved that the bylaws be suspended so a resolution could be passed immediately. Kathy Orlando explained that is not possibly according to the bylaws. Philip Bradford moved that a letter be sent by the executive committee to all the LD elected officials. Dawn Brightwell seconded. All in favor.

**Endorsements**

Meeting facilitation was passed to Jennifer Boutell who presented an overview of the endorsement committee process and order of operations.

Port Commissioner Position 2

Dick Marzano was not in attendance.

Kathy Orlando reported that the committee the committee was unanimous in finding Grossman qualified and deserving.

Anita Latch moved and spoke on behalf of endorsement. Thomas Fithen seconded the motion. Noah Davis motioned that the endorsement for this position be tabled until Marzano could be present. There was no second. Ballot #1 was used. 60% threshold was 20 votes. 20 voted in favor. 1 abstained. Endorsement was approved.

#### Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position 4

Kristin Ang spoke on their own behalf for the endorsement. Kathy Orlando reported that the committee found Ang qualified, but consensus for recommendation was not met. Rachel Farr moved and spoke on behalf of the endorsement. Ken Repp seconded the motion. Ballot #2 was used. 60% threshold was 20 votes. 22 voted in favor. Endorsement was approved.

#### Port Commissioner Position 2

Noah Davis spoke on their own behalf for the endorsement. Kathy Orlando reported found Ang qualified, but consensus for recommendation was not met. Tom Hilyard moved and spoke on behalf of the endorsement Katie Wilkinson seconded the motion. Ballot #3 was used. 60% threshold was 20 votes. 18 voted in favor. Endorsement was not granted.

#### **State Legislature Update**

Representative Jake Fey spoke about the legislative session, gave updates on the transportation committee, state budget progress, and answered questions.

#### **Plus/Delta**

- + Endorsements completed for the year
- + PA system
- +audience comfortable participating
- + Communication to local leadership
- Δ Speakers need to hold mic close
- + Thank you Jake Fey and Laurie Jinkins
- Δ Map was missed

#### **Good of the Order**

Ian Northrip, Maxine Waters speaking in Seattle Sept. 9

Anita Latch: Labor Council Mayoral Forum at IBEW, Sept 13; PCDC meeting, Sept 14, IBEW; Panel on how to talk to a legislator, IBEW, Sept 21

Philip Cowan: Fundraiser, Wednesday 6pm, Harmon Tap Room; Coffee series around town this month

Noah Davis, thanked for consideration and he will be around as this is his LD

Karlene Rikenen, Kilmer canvassing on Sept 23, and Victoria Woodards on Sept 30

Philip Bradford, I-940 rally on Sept 16

Laurie Jinkins, Habitat for Humanity fundraiser rappelling Hotel Murano Sept 22

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:10 meeting adjourned