

Minutes
Thurston County Democrats
28 January 2008

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair John Cusick at 7:08 pm
Pledge of allegiance led by Sandra Romero
- Karen Valenzuela appointed as Parliamentarian
- Financial statement for December and financial review available – congratulations
Helen on a positive review
- II. Adoption of agenda – motion made to adopt the agenda, seconded. Hilary Hunt moved to amend, that New Business be moved ahead of Unfinished Business, seconded, carried by show of cards. Linda Lombard moved to postpone Unfinished Business to next meeting, seconded. Motion to amend amendment to move Campaign Services Policy and Procedure ahead of New Business, seconded, defeated by voice vote. Motion to postpone Unfinished Business passed by show of cards. Motion to adopt agenda as amended passed by show of cards.
- III. Review and approval of 26 November 2007 meeting minutes –Moved, seconded, passed
- IV. Introductions
New PCOs
Olympia 43 – Cheryl Crist
Woodland – Jim Culp
Tumwater 12 – Lee Stacie
Marvin – Jim Young
Fristo – Helen Reader
Waddell Creek– James Euler
- V. Precinct caucus leader and site leader training
Caucus information cards mailed to Strong/Leaning Democrats and newly registered voters today. Zach Smith thanked for printing. Extra cards will be available at new headquarters, 2120 Pacific Ave.
Door hanger will be printed and available for canvassers/PCOs.
- Debby Pattin and Roger Erskine – Caucus Training – hold questions to end. Paul Berendt presented the section on how to allocate delegates, and how to realign and re-calculate. Packets were distributed to site leaders and PCOs.
Debby encouraged PCO applications for precincts that do not have PCOs. She reviewed Surrogate Affidavit forms. Roger pointed out that the caucus/convention costs \$5000, and donations will be requested. Caucus materials are to be brought back to the Democratic office at 2120 Pacific Avenue as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m.
Young Democrats flyer has been added to caucus packet. Voters can register at the caucus.
Rhenda’s cell phone in case of emergency - 870-1192. Lost voters – can call Auditor’s office – number will be emailed to site leaders. Site leaders will have list of all precincts and sites.
- VI b. Unfinished business – postponed to February meeting
Proposed revisions to Campaign Services Policy and Procedure
- Resolution in Support of the Congressional Accompaniment Program

Resolution Calling for the Impeachment of Richard Cheney

Resolution to Investigate the Abuse of Authority by Law Enforcement Officials During the November 2007 Olympia Port Protests

VI a. New business

Election of representatives to State Convention Committees (one for each)

Credentials – Jim Cooper, Susan Herring, Chris Stearns – Jim Cooper was elected.

(Rhenda announced James Packard as newest PCO)

Platform – Alan Corwin – moved, seconded, passed to approve by acclamation.

Rules – Cynthia Pratt – moved, seconded, passed to approve by acclamation.

Recommendation to continue annual membership dues amount of \$20 – moved, seconded, passed.

Introduction of Priorities for a Healthy Washington Resolution – Lisa Parabello, Audubon Society/Thurston Conservation Voters – legislative session is short – 4 priorities – 2 on global warming (Climate Action, Green Jobs; amending Growth Management Act to include planning for climate change); Urban Forest – Evergreen Cities; Local Farms-Healthy Kids (school meals, food stamps at farmers markets).

Motion to suspend rules to consider resolution, seconded, discussion. Motion failed.

Link for more information: www.environmentalpriorities.org

VII. Good of the order

Rhenda Strub has site information for site leaders to take with them.

Champagne Brunch – Sat Feb 2 – will have champagne! Tickets available at website, checks can be written tonight or at event

Bruce Reeves – letter to Bill Clinton re attacks on Barack Obama. Moved to send it to him, seconded, motion failed.

Sam Hunt – status on county convention? Accommodation to Jewish Passover (April 19) – John pointed out that the date was selected last year, has been publicized. Thurston County plans to adjourn by early afternoon to accommodate those affected.

Paul Berendt – meet and greet for Fred Finn, LD House Candidate, on February 24

Moment of silence was held in honor of Herb Legg – Zach Smith requested.

Date of next meeting → 25 February 2008 (in room 152, building 1)

VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Reeves, seconded, passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Garst, Secretary