



Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020, 7:00 PM

Thurston County Courthouse
2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

Call to Order & Quorum

- Meeting called to order by the Chair, Victor Minjares, at 7:06 PM.
- A quorum of PCOs were in attendance: 38 out of 147.¹
- Members: 1st VC did not provide a Membership Sign-In list, but 16 guests signed in, and approximately 90 persons were in attendance.
- Exec. Committee attendance
 - Present: Chair Victor Minjares, 2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee, Sec. Pro Tem Patrick McLaughlin, Treasurer Jordan Morris, SCP Keoki Kauanoe, SCP Ann Chaudhry, MAL Meren Gadman, MAL Neil Turner, LD2 Rep. David Little, LD22 Rep. Jeff Sowers, LD35 Rep. Vanessa Malapote.
 - Absent: 1st VC Danielle Westbrook, LD20 Rep. Jed Haney.
- Sergeant-at-arms: Zahid Chaundry

Minutes

- Motion passed to approve the December 2019 regular meeting minutes as drafted.

Agenda

- Chair's motion was passed to approve the agenda as submitted.

Board Reports/ Old Business

1. Chair's 2020 Opening Remarks (*Victor Minjares*)
 - a. Thanks again to past chair William Kilpatrick for increasing comity in 2019. Chair asks the members to continue to be more cordial, respectful, and work together. Democrats have far more in common with each other than they do in an age where the opposition is putting children in cages.
 - b. Membership Obligations: three duties: care, loyalty, and good faith. (Chair gives examples, such as meeting attendance, following bylaws, not holding competing events on meeting nights, favoritism to friends, etc.)
 - c. Care – to each other; due diligence, utilize proper people for organization roles (qualified people), i.e., do not vote for a candidate who you like but lacks qualifications.

¹ TCD Bylaws do not set an actual quorum requirement, which is a minimum number or percentage of members present to vote on matters. See *Bylaws, Art. II, Sec. 4.B*. Therefore, under state nonprofit law, the "ten percent of votes entitled to be cast" rule applies. RCW 24.03.090. As of 12/23/2019, TCD had 145 seated PCOs out of the 280 total county precincts. Two applicants were appointed to vacant PCO positions at the 1/13/2020 executive committee meeting. Accordingly, a quorum is 15 or more PCOs for all business.



- d. Loyalty – don't give away organization secrets or data; don't trash the org on social media, etc; PCOs and members should show up to meetings, i.e., don't schedule competing events on the night of a meeting.
- e. Good Faith – bylaws mean little if people act in bad faith. Assume good faith of others, ask your colleagues to act in good faith if they stray.
2. Finance Committee (*Treasurer Jordan Morris*)
 - a. No financial summary this meeting because of new invoices from back in 2019. 2019 will be done soon and presented at Feb. general meeting.
 - b. L&I recertification for Burger Booth in process thanks to the volunteer efforts of David Gaw.
 - c. 2020 Budget draft is currently in finance committee. Then it will go through executive committee. Draft disseminated February; voted at March general business meeting.
3. Fundraising Chair (*MAL Meren Gadman*)
 - a. End-of-Year party cancelled.
 - b. Champagne Brunch - Sat. Feb 29th 9-11a at River's Edge \$35/person. Tickets available soon.
 - c. Point of Inquiry (PoI) - Candidate tables? Will be looked into.
 - d. No need for volunteers at this moment.
 - e. Kennedy Dinner is a poor return on investment of time and money. Plans are being worked to do something more affordable for the membership; possibly in the form of an event in May with candidates.
4. Membership (*1st VC Danielle Westbrook*) – Absent
 - a. Treasurer reminded the membership to go online and become a member. It's \$25; look inward.
 - b. PoI – Why not a mailer to remind people to renew? Treasurer: It's too expensive.
 - c. Chair: per our bylaws, PCOs and electeds don't have to pay membership, but are encouraged to do so anyway. Chair helped Treasurer test various web browsers accessing our website payment system; paid twice w/o problem.
 - d. Chair spoke at recent Panorama Democrats meeting and got a couple of new members; we won't get new members unless we ask, so please ask people.
 - e. Sec. Pro Tem spoke about period of membership; Feb 1 to Jan 31.
5. Campaign Services Committee (*2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee*)
 - a. Quick Update – Wanted to recognize elected Dems who won their seats in 2019 like Tumwater City Councilmember Charlie Schneider.
 - b. 2020 campaign season starting off already with applications coming in.
 - c. Hopeful to have candidates' training in March with elected officials; maybe another in April/May around filing deadline.
 - d. One vacancy on CSC, several have shown interest already
 - e. PoI – candidates that didn't win in 2019 but tried were given a round of applause
 - f. PoI – Current CSC members? – Deborah Cano-Lee (chair), Kevin Pestinger (co-chair), Cheryl Maaps (sp?), Vanessa Malapote, EJ Zita, Keoki Kauanoe.



- g. Pol – Committee total count? Can we add more? 6 total in 2018, and total 9 in 2020 (minus 1 currently). Email: campaignservices@thurstondemocrats.org and chair@thurstondemocrats.org.
- 6. Burger Booth food truck recertification status (*MAL Neil Turner*)
 - a. L&I application still in the works; Neil has also applied for health permits.
 - b. Burger Booth Team is looking for volunteers – clipboard passed to add names; can email burgerbooth@thurstondemocrats.org
 - c. Looking for a spot to clean Burger Booth food truck; Need water and electrical hookup.
 - d. Events Planned thus far:
 - i. June 20th – Pride Fest
 - ii. July 28th-30th (Parade July 29th) – Tenino Trail Days –
 - iii. July 29th – Aug 2nd – Thurston County Fair
 - iv. 3rd of July – Lacey fireworks
 - v. 4th of July – Tumwater Valley fireworks
 - e. Pol – If teens want to volunteer? Contact campaignservices@thurstondemocrats.org as a release/parental consent form will need to be signed.
 - f. Pol – Keoki: acknowledge new faces, Burger Booth is a rite of passage for volunteers. Encourages them to sign up as Democrats long-term.
 - g. Pol – Do you need technical skills still for booth renovation? Neil: No technical help needed yet. David Gaw is helping.
 - h. Pol – 250 hours by Franz, 300-350 hours by Neil easily
 - i. Once L&I application accepted, BB can go anywhere!
- 7. Donation/Gift Policy (*Chair*)
 - a. Donation Gift policy (see Attachment 1 to the minutes)
 - b. Pol - Who deliberates about a donation? The executive committee.
 - c. Pol – Is there a motion?
 - d. Franz motioned to table the policy vote until next general meeting.
 - e. Pol – How did this policy develop? Policy does not appear to have input from body? It was developed between the Chair and the Treasurer.
 - f. Motion to adopt withdrawn by Chair; will be resubmitted at next meeting (motion to table mooted).
 - g. Pol - No Sergeant-At-Arms appointed? Zahid Chaudhry appointed by the Chair
- 8. TCD Convention & LD Caucuses (*LD22 Rep. Jeff Sowers*)
 - a. Dates:
 - i. *LD02 Caucus* Sunday April 26, 2020
 - ii. *LD35 Caucus* Sunday April 26, 2020
 - iii. *LD22/LD20 Caucus* Sunday May 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. Komachin MS
 - iv. *TCD Convention & Platform*, Sunday May 3, 2020 1:00 p.m., Komachin MS



- b. There are no precinct caucuses in 2020; Chairing the precinct caucus was a big PCO duty, so PCOs will really need to help out with LD22/20 caucus and county convention instead as we go forward.
 - c. Democratic Presidential Primary ballots are due March 10th to set delegates per presidential candidate.
 - d. 500-800 expected in attendance
 - e. Pol – LD20 an hour later? No. They will be held concurrently.
 - f. Pol – LD35 is have their caucus at Oakland Bay Junior High April 26th, LD35 folks can come help LD20/LD22 the following week. WA State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) meeting in Vancouver this weekend and caucus guidance documents will follow shortly.
 - g. Pol – How will non-binary gender delegates be handled? The WSDCC has a delegate gender policy. See their website: www.wa-democrats.org
 - h. Pol – How to contact Jeff? Email: jsowers1@gmail.com
 - i. Caucus will be open to all registered voters who declare themselves as a Democrat.
 - j. Pol – What's the age cutoff for delegate? To be confirmed by TCD, it is suspected that the delegate must be 18 by the general election.
 - k. Clipboard going around for caucus/convention volunteers; TCD website will have information: <http://www.thurstondemocrats.org/content/2020-primary-caucus-and-convention>
 - l. Google forms to be setup for volunteers
9. LD2 Caucus (*LD2 Rep. Dave Little*)
- a. LD2 will help with LD22 as well;
 - b. LD2 calling for volunteers; Volunteer event for LD2 Feb 19th 6pm, Nisqually Pines Community Center 649 Port Orfort, Yelm, WA
10. 2020 Campaign Space (*SCPs Keoki Kauanoë & Ann Chaudhry*)
- Ann – Looking for spaces to house campaign HQ; should be fairly sizable to hold multiple campaigns; any leads are welcome. Contact: ann@thurstondemocrats.org
11. TCDCC Meeting Venue Updates (*Chair*)
- a. Feb. 24th mtg, *TBD* – but likely at TC Courthouse
 - b. Mar. 23rd mtg. *Lacey Community Center*
 - c. Future meeting spaces in Tumwater, Yelm, Tenino?

New Business

1. Resolution on the Climate Emergency (*Nicolette Oliver*)
 - a. Nicolette is a Lobby Lead for climate change
 - b. Resolution about supporting climate change bills in WA legislature (See Attachment 2)
 - c. Climate Resolution read aloud, will be appended to minutes
 - d. To be passed at subsequent TCD meeting in February.



2. Minutes (Secretary Pro Tem Patrick McLaughlin)

Minutes almost caught up and on website; just November, December and January need to be approved by executive committee at February meeting.

3. Election of Secretary (Chair)

- a. All TCD Members can vote (yes/no/abstain)
- b. Position & duties of TCD Secretary described
- c. Chair called for nominees from the floor
- d. Nicolette Oliver nominated Kyrian MacMichael
- e. Kyrian gave a speech on her qualifications
- f. Chair continued to called for nominations
- g. Deb Jaqua nominated Nicolette Oliver; nomination declined
- h. Motion by Cynthia Pratt to elect Kyrian MacMichael to the position of Secretary by acclimation; seconded; passed unanimously

4. Good of the Order

Various members gave 1-minute announcements for their campaign or event.

Adjournment

Motion by SCP Ann Chaudhry to adjourn the meeting; passed by voice vote.
Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Motions/Actions Summary

Motion	Result
	Withdrawn
Motion to adopt Gifts/Donations Policy	
Motion to table vote on TCD Donation/Contribution Policy but the Chair withdrew motion without objection	Mooted
Motion to elect Kyrian MacMichael to the position of TCD Secretary by acclimation	Passed (Unanimously)

Drafted by: Sec. Pro Tem Patrick McLaughlin

Drafted	2/2/20
Revised	2/23/20
Approved	2/24/20



Appendix A

RESOLUTION ADOPTING DONATION ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Whereas, if donations or gifts are accepted by the Thurston County Democratic Central Committee (“Thurston County Democrats” or “organization”) without distinction, there is then the potential for a particular donation or donor to create disruptive controversy, undue transactions costs, reputational damage, or subvert the party platform.

Accordingly, the Thurston County Democrats hereby adopts the following policy:

Donation Acceptance Policy

- A. Thurston County Democrats will not accept donations or gifts that
 - 1) would result in it violating its corporate charter, Bylaws, or policies
 - 2) would result in it conflicting with the rules and policies of the WSDCC,
 - 3) are too difficult or too expensive to administer in relation to the gift’s value or organization resources, or
 - 4) could result in serious, unacceptable consequences for the Thurston County Democrats.
- B. Upon any Executive Committee officer’s timely request, a Committee shall decide whether to solicit, accept, or reject donations or gifts from a donor, after considering the following factors:
 - 1) Whether the acceptance of the gift may substantially compromise any part of the platform of Thurston County Democrats.
 - 2) Whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the organization’s use of the gift.
 - 3) Whether acceptance of a gift may damage the reputation of Thurston County Democrats or create undue internal discord therein.
 - 4) Whether the primary benefit is to Thurston County Democrats or the donor.
 - 5) Whether acceptance of the gift is consistent with the acceptance or rejection of prior gifts under this Policy.
 - 6) Whether acceptance from the donor will discourage future gifts.
- C. Members or Officers of Thurston County Democrats shall not accept personal payments or gifts for the execution of their duties on behalf of the organization. Doing so shall be a *per se* violation of the organization’s Code of Conduct.
- D. Decisions regarding an individual donor under Sections A or B will be made by the Executive Committee following a reasonable request by any officer.
- E. Decisions regarding an alleged violation of Section C will be made by the TCD committee responsible for adjudicating Code of Conduct violations.



Appendix B

Resolution on the Climate Emergency

Whereas it's time for our government to acknowledge what climate change is: an emergency. Washington can lead the country by being the first state to declare a climate emergency through HB2829.

Whereas we need ambitious goals to reduce and remove our climate pollution so we can build a clean, healthy, equitable future for our state. HB2311 & SB6272 will ensure we do our part to stay on track to meet our climate goals.

Whereas we all deserve safe, affordable, accessible, and efficient transportation options to get us where we need to go.

Public transportation is a huge part of that equation and we need to ensure that our system grows and invests in our communities equitably. HB2688 & SB6398 will help agencies plan better, smarter, and focus on communities who need transportation investments most.

Whereas Washington is the only state on the West Coast without a clean fuel standard, and it's time we joined OR, CA, and BC. HB 1110 & SB5412 will make oil companies sell us cleaner burning gasoline and diesel, reducing air and climate pollution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Thurston County Democrats, urge our state legislators to sponsor the following bills: HB2829 Declaring a Climate Emergency, HB2311 & SB6272 Climate Pollution Limits, HB2688 & SB6398 Transportation for All, and HB1110 & SB5412 Clean Fuel Standards.