



Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2020, 7PM

Thurston County Courthouse

2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

Call to Order & Quorum

- Meeting called to order by the Chair, Victor Minjares at 7:12PM
- A quorum of PCOs were in attendance: 40 out of 148
- Members present: 15
- Exec. Committee attendance:
 - Officers Present: Victor Minjares (Chair); Danielle Westbrook (1st VC); Jordan Morris (Treas.); Kyrian MacMichael (Sec./Communications); Keoki Kauanoe (SCP); Ann Chaudhry (SCP - late); Meren Gadman (MAL); Dave Little (LD2 rep); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Jed Haney (LD20 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep. - left early).
 - Officers Absent: Neil Turner (MAL), Deborah Cano-Lee (2nd VC). Both excused (Nevada caucus & illness, respectively).
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Zahid Chaudhry and Vanessa Malapote

Minutes and Agenda

- Motion passed to approve the January 2020 Central Committee Minutes and February Central Committee Agenda as drafted.

Officers' Reports

1. Chair's Opening Remarks (Victor Minjares)
 - a. Chair interrupted by member Tracey Carlos; question taken on NGP VAN ticketing website.
 - b. Recognition of people holding office recognized and candidates who wished to speak in the meeting were introduced to the body.



- c. Thanks to Patrick McLaughlin for updating email server – previous emails were sometimes sent to spam and not forwarded to board members, or when sent by board, not received by members because ID'd as spam.
- d. TCDCC's March 23rd meeting will be at Lacey Community Center

2. Treasurer: Finance Committee (*Jordan Morris*)

- a. 2020 Budget Draft – shared budget with body ahead of requesting the budget be adopted in the March Central Committee meeting in order for the body to providing feedback as needed
 - i. Budget reflects increased expenses associated with an election year (e.g. campaign headquarters, campaign services, NGP VAN, etc.)
 - ii. Reserves from 2019 should cover deficit spending
 - iii. Minjares reminded members they could attend/listen to March Executive Committee meeting budget discussions
- b. December and January Financial Statements - shared financials with membership
- c. Deputy Treasurer/Finance Committee
 - i. Kathy Package is stepping down due to other commitments
 - ii. Invitation for members to apply to serve on Finance Committee and announcement of need for new Deputy Treasurer
 - iii. Motion to purchase and send Kathy a card and flowers, seconded, and approved unanimously

3. Fundraising Chair (*MAL Meren Gadman*)

- a. Champagne Brunch – this Saturday 9 – 11 at River's Edge
 - i. Created a Kickstarter - \$100 sponsorship with a free ticket to offset some of the costs
 - ii. Jordan will update the list of candidates
- b. Kennedy Dinner – Save the Date - May 29th at Lacey Community Center



4. Membership (1st VC Danielle Westbrook)
 - a. PCO Vote-builder training in March – with trainer Anne Udaloy coming from Seattle, planning on several sessions
 - b. Malapote interrupted Westbrook presentation to discuss LD35 hosting a training with Anne Udaloy for Vote-Builder on (date?)
5. Campaign Services Committee (2nd VC absent)/CS co-chair Kevin Pestinger)
 - a. started applications for campaign services and focus on improving clarity of process and welcomes feedback
 - i. Steps: 1) Request Campaign Services, 2) Get Endorsement from Body, 3) Raise Funds
 - ii. Qualifications: 1) Does the applicant have a viable campaign? 2) Is applicant a Democrat? 3) Did the applicant make it through the primaries? 4) Does the applicant represent the party's principles as outlined in our platform (local and state)?
 - iii. Services: promoting events on website, BB, and Website, and vote builder, PDC trainings
 - b. One opening – 9 positions in all - 2 co-chairs and 5 team leads and 2 alternates (9 positions) - one opening
 - i. 2 application for Campaign Services Member have been received
 - ii. Volunteers may self-nominate by sending an email and asking to service on the committee
 - iii. Bill Fishburn – nominated Bev Bassett for Campaign Services Committee
 - c. Michael Steadman interviewed for services – Thurston County Commissioner - Campaign Committee could not reach the 60% threshold to approve or deny services
 - i. Motion to grant campaign services to Steadman, seconded.
 - a) Patrick: Motion to table motion, seconded.
 - a. 2/3 necessary to table. Nondebatable.
 - b. Chair declared motion failed on visual.
 - c. Division called. Count conducted. Only 25 in favor; motion to table failed.



- ii. Vote taken on underlying motion to approve campaign services to Steadman – 29 for/16 opposed – motion passed.

6. Communications Team (*Kyrian MacMichael*)

- a. Patrick McLaughlin – Executive Committee approved purchasing updated software during February meeting
- b. New emails system to improve communication and to improve workflow in Executive Committee

7. Burger Booth recertification status (*MAL Neil Turner - excused absence*)

Old Business

1. TCD Convention & LD Caucuses (*LD22 Rep. Jeff Sowers*)

- a. requesting help for LD caucuses - access and inclusion is important, reaching out to diverse people to find communities needs and resources

Franz needs help with concessions.

- b. *LD02 Caucus* Sunday April 26, 2020

Pierce County needs help and carpooling will be available

- c. *LD35 Caucus* Sunday April 26, 2020

Mason County needs help and carpooling will be available

- d. *LD22 Caucus* Sunday May 3, 2020 9:00 am, Komachin MS

- e. *LD20 Caucus* Sunday May 3, 2020 10:00 am, Komachin MS

- f. *TCD Convention & Platform*, Sunday May 3, 2020 1:00 pm, Komachin MS

- i. need to elect state platform committee representative to serve on state platform

- ii. approved Helen Wheatley to be Platform Chair for TCD Caucus

All who are interested on serving on the committee for platform chair – reach out to Wheatley

- iii. Jed Haney - rules committee for caucus and platform

- iv. Phyllis Booth - credentialing chair for caucus

- v. Susan Kline – organizing volunteers - thank you for all that you've done so far



- vi. David Gaw – communications chair for caucus
- vii. Patrick McLaughlin – leading AV
- g. Register online for the caucus at the state website to run for delegate and/or attend the country, state, and/or national caucus

Credentials will be checked to ensure people are signing-up with proper LC and that they are a Democrat

- h. Chair – Need three volunteers for State 1) Platform Committee, 2) Credentialing Committee, and 3) Rules Committee. There are a lot of out-of-pocket expenses for travel (to Ellensburg) for several meetings. Volunteers are invited to attend the March Executive Committee so we can elect people to the roles.
 - i. PoI- will these volunteer positions be in the Blast? Minjares - yes, within 24 hours we will have an update.

2. 2020 Campaign Space (SCPs Keoki Kauanoë & Ann Chaudry)

Haney – have located a possible location on 4th Ave in the Upper Eastside. Near bike shop by Bayview Thriftway.

3. Review the Donation Gift Policy (Chair)

Chaudry – motion to approve Donation Gift Policy (See Appendix A) – seconded by many, approved, no opposition.

4. Resolution about Supporting Climate Change Bills in WA Leg. (Nicolette Oliver)

- a. proposes revision to resolution (See Appendix B)
- b. Cynthia Pratt – motion to adopt as revised Resolution Climate Change Emergency, many seconded, passed unanimously.

New Business (Chair) 8:28PM

- 1. Proposed Consent Calendar Rule (See Appendix C)
 - a. Minjares - re-reads proposed rule (1st time at Jan mtg.) Discussion, Q&A.
 - b. Sowers - motion to approve Consent Calendar Rule, many seconds, (2 nays, many yeas) motion passes.
- 2. Recognition of candidates
 - a. LD36 Rep. Gael Tarleton is running for Sec of State against GOP incumbent Wyman



- b. Former LD30 State Rep. Kristine Reeves is running for CD 10 (open seat) – asked for support for her campaign
- c. Darcy Huffman – Community Leader in LD 35 – Running for State Representative against GOP incumbent McEwen.
- d. Dem. activist Yanah Cook is running for Pierce County Council (open seat) against GOP candidate. Asked for help to print 4x6 signs, knock on doors, and place signs
- e. Sharonda Amamilo – running for Thurston County Superior Court Judge (open seat).
- f. Rory Summerson – candidate for Thurston County Commissioner

GOOD OF THE ORDER 9:12

Various members gave 1–minute announcements for their campaign or event

Action item on hearing for new large magazine ban bill for 8 am on 2/25.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, passes

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:18

Motions/Actions Summary

Motion	Result
Motion to approve January minutes and February agenda	Passed
Motion to purchase and send Kathy a card and flowers	Passed (Unanimously)
Motion to give services to Michael Steadman	Passed
Motion to table motion to give services to Michael Steadman	Failed
Motion to give services to Michael Steadman	Passed
Motion to approve Donation Gift Policy	Passed (Unanimously)
Motion to adopt as revised Resolution Climate Change Emergency	Passed (Unanimously)
Motion to approve Consent Calendar Rule	Passed



Drafted by: Sec. Kyrian MacMichael

Drafted	2/24/20
Revised	3/7/20
Approved	4/27/20



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 over 97% of actively publishing climate scientists agree: Climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities. (Reference: climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus.amp)

WHEREAS we need ambitious goals to reduce and remove our climate pollution so we can build a clean, healthy, equitable future for our state.

WHEREAS Washington is the only state on the West Coast without a clean fuel standard, and it's time we require oil companies sell us cleaner burning gasoline and diesel, reducing air and climate pollution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Thurston County Democrats, urge the members of the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology and our state legislators to pass HB2311 Climate Pollution Limits and HB1110 Clean Fuel Standards.

The Thurston County Democratic Central Committee passed this Resolution on February 24, 2020.



Appendix C

Proposed Consent Calendar Rule

A consent calendar may be presented by the Chair on the agenda discussed at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member in good standing; such item to be placed later on that or a future agenda at the discretion of the chair. Items not removed are adopted by general consent without debate.

Passed by TCDCC on Feb. 24, 2020