

**Thurston County Democrats  
Central Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

**Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave. SE, Olympia WA 98501**

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Chair, Katie Nelson spoke regarding the new location of the meeting.

Patrick Stack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Body expressed concerns regarding poor sound system and lack of lighting at the theater.

The agenda was approved after time for the Sunshine Raffle, and both Labor and Disabilities Caucus reports was added.

The minutes of March 13, 2017, were approved.

New members and guests introduced themselves.

Chair Katie Nelson spoke regarding the upcoming election of a new secretary to be held at the May meeting, as well as her experience at the Walla Walla WA State Central Committee Meeting.

Thurston County Committee Members Patrick McLaughlin and Jessica Blose spoke regarding their experience at the WSDCC Meeting in Walla Walla, WA and our local representation from the LDs. Jessica noted that any resolutions to be submitted to Washington State Democrats could be sent to her at [jessica@thurstondemocrats.org](mailto:jessica@thurstondemocrats.org).

Representative Laurie Dolan and Senator Sam Hunt spoke regarding Senate Bill 5929, requesting attendance at a Senate Ways and Means hearing scheduled for Wednesday, 29 Apr 2017 at 3pm.

The Body heard additional reports on caucus meetings held at the WA State Central Committee Meeting in Walla Walla from Debbie Pattin, Beau Shattuck and Christine Garst.

First Vice Chair Jim Reitz reported that four new precincts have been created by the Thurston County Auditor's Office, bringing the total number to 284. Three new PCOs were appointed:

Kaitlyn Beck (Olympia 19), Aleks Buckley (Yelm 03), and Tammy Sweem (Pines). There are 181 dues paying members.

Treasurer Nick Fediay announced bank balances and updated The Body regarding the current status of pending litigation concerning Mr. Morgan and the Attorney General's Office.

Second Chair Eric Miller reported on the progress of The Campaign Services Committee.

Secretary Sarah Boyd reported for The Communications Committee, including the fact that in the future The Blast will be distributed twice a month (via email), with deadlines for submissions to be on the 1st and 15th of each month. There will be one more hard copy of *The Democrat* in September-October with any further copies being handled digitally. Secretary Boyd also resigned from the role of Interim Secretary, effective at the end of April 24, 2017. Patrick McLaughlin has been appointed by the Chair to the Interim Secretary position until the next TCD meeting on May 22nd.

Member At Large Suzanne Kline reported on progress regarding The Kennedy Dinner, to be held Sep 16, 2017, and community outreach projects organized by Roger Cummings. Tannia King reported on options for entertainment.

Sue Stack reported from LD2; next meeting to be held May 1st, 7:00pm, Nisqually Pines Clubhouse in Yelm. Socializing begins at 6:30pm.

Michael Savoca reported from LD20. Part of Thurston County is within the third congressional district and democrats have several viable candidates who with support from TCDCC will defeat the incumbent republican, Jamie Herrera Beutler.

Charles Adkins reported from LD22.

Jody Alfieri reported from LD35, announcing a forum on Health Care to be held by The 35th at Shelton PUD #3, May 23, 6-8:00pm. Speaker will be WA State Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler.

The TCD 2017 budget was discussed, and the discussion/adoption was voted by the body to be tabled until the following meeting. The budget was sent to PCOs and 2017 members on March 30th, but many in the audience claimed to have not received it. Members will be responsible to be updated on reports in time to vote on the budget at the next TCDCC meeting on May 22, 2017.

Secretary Sarah Boyd reported on optional locations for TCDCC meetings; The Body voted to hold the May 22, 2017, meeting again at The Capitol Theater.

Sarah Boyd proposed changes to bylaws regarding Secretary position. The changes focused around "Secretary" being changed to "Communications Officer" and the allowance of recruiting two minutes transcribers. Body vote in favor of the revisions. Revisions will be ratified again when the bylaws overhaul vote takes place.

Bill Kilpatrick announced The Mason County Democrats Kennedy Dinner, May 21, 2017, at Little Creek Casino.

Bill Fishburn announced he is running for Port of Olympia Commissioner, District 2.

Allan Miller announced he is running for Olympia City Council.

Chris Lewis announced that the next 35th LD membership meeting will be held at the TC Courthouse May 13th at 10:30am.

David Edwards suggested we reenact food collection at future meetings to help support our local food bank. Jessica Blose volunteered to transport the food to the TC food bank.

Kento Azegami thanked the TC Democrats for their \$1000 donation to the TC Young Dems.

Wes Shockley is selling bracelets to support cancer research.

Carolyn Cox announced she is running for Lacey City Council.

Mike Tobias announced The Immigration Celebration happening at Heritage Park Sunday, May 7, 2017, 1-5:00pm.

Chris Stearns encouraged support of the General Election to be held in British Columbia, Canada, on May 9, 2017.

Suzie LeFurgey reminded The Body about the memorial to be held for T. Scott Brineman Saturday, April 29, Yelm Community Center at noon.

Regon Unsoeld announced the 2017 Racial Justice Summit to be held at SPSCC on May 6 from 9:00am to 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25pm.