

Thurston County Democrats
Central Committee
Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2017

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

Call to Order: 7:03

Pledge: Patrick Stack

Adopt Agenda: Amended to include Systemic Racism. Remove County Commissioners.

Adopt Meeting Minutes: Adopted

Appoint Parliamentarian: Kento Azegami

Welcome Guests

Chair's Report:

Katie reported TCD has received negative feedback from the TCD body after the last monthly meeting regarding the amount of time spent on business at business meetings. TCDEC raised a motion to recommend limited discussion on debate for 3 for and 3 against for a maximum of one minute of speaking time per speaker. This is a trial motion for one meeting minute.

We are also considering creating a secondary meeting to discuss activism, direct action and not business. We also want to recommend coordination with existing activist groups locally.

Reiteration that feedback is important and we want to continue to receive your feedback.

PCO Recruitment:

Jim reported he has a list of vacant PCO precincts. There are 171 PCO's out of 182 available slots. Jim has also formed a PCO Recruitment Committee with Adam Peterson, Sherri Goulet and Kevin Pestinger. Jim will bring the meeting minutes from the first PCO Recruitment meeting to the next TCD monthly meeting.

Reiteration that you can volunteer to sign up to help sign in membership at monthly meetings, and accept membership dues.

30-40% attendance by PCO's at meeting. Brief question and answer session regarding inactive PCO's. All future inquiries can be directed to Jim Reitz.

Financial Report:

\$26,407 dollars, \$6,400 approximately outstanding. Nick will present the budget later in the meeting

Campaign Services:

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Extended the application process for the committee. Over 30 applicants for 5 sub committees. Every applicant was on one team of their choice. All 5 sub chair committees, will meet on 3/28/17 to set up individual sub committee meetings prior to the next TCD meeting.

Eric has begun meeting with candidates to discuss campaign services. Reiterate the need for all members to participate with campaign recruitment.

Communications:

Angie has requested a leave of absence.

Sarah has been appointed by the TCDEC as an interim proxy for this position.

State Committee

-Jody reported. First call with Tina P on March 4, 2017 for a statewide committee women and men phone call, first of monthly meetings.

-Wants to break lease on Seattle Democrat office, and held Crab Feed Fund Raiser.

-Riser- Large donor, \$1000 and up

-Resisters- A small, monthly donation club.

-Special LD election support

-70% of all state committee membership is new and they are pushing to educate

-“Activism is the energy that drives the party” is new motto suggestion by Tina P. Tina would like activism to increase and formalized meeting to decrease.

-April 21, 22 is the next WSCD meeting in Walla Walla.

Large Events:

-Suzanne reports. Kennedy Dinner rescheduled to September 16, 2017 due to goal to increase the amount of money raised this year to exceed all previous years.

-25 volunteers on the event planning committee.

-Venue selected is Indian Summer. The theme of the event will be “Thurston County Bounty” we will focus on local agriculture and nature.

-Suzanne requested the TCD body authorize an expenditure to make a deposit on Indian Summer venue for \$1005.69. No discussion by the body, and motion passes by acclamation.

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Burger Booth:

Sarah made a request for additional volunteers to assist with the burger booth, and is also looking for volunteers who will join the official committee.

LD 2 Report

Sue Stack is acting vice chair for LD 2. Jennifer Grant is elected as acting chair. One PCO training, and actively looking to fill missing PCO training. Memorial for Scott Brineman on April 29 at noon at the Yelm Community Center.

LD 35 Report

Chair of LD 35 Mike Arnold reported on upcoming LD 35 meetings, and discussed the need to hold more meetings in Thurston County. LD 35 will also be holding it's own Champagne Brunch at a yet to be determined time.

Marcia Hamilton Vice Chair of LD 35 reported they will host an issues forum on topics pertinent to the LD. May 23 is the first forum, the state health commissioner will present on the state of healthcare in WA. Also, Marcia reported on a push to fill un-filled PCO positions in LD 35.

LD 20 Report

Michael Savoca, Vice Chair of LD 20 reported. Lewis County/Third CD used to be represented by proud Democrats like Unseold, and Bonkers, but now Republicans. There is an ongoing discussion of the Democratic Party platform and it's inter-sectionality in application to this community's values. Trying to find candidates who can get elected to retake the CD.

LD 22 Report

Charles reported LD 22 will hold a vote builder training and two fundraisers by May 2017. LD 22 has a facebook page for LD 22 Democrats. Also, there is no meeting at this time scheduled for April 2017.

Location Changes:

3 Venues are identified as possibilities for new locations for monthly meetings.

- 1) Lacey Community Center
- 2) Capitol Theater
- 3) Olympia Center

The venue location committee would like to schedule three meetings at all three locations and then decide in July 2017 which of the three is acceptable to the body.

Laurie Dolan and Beth Doglio

Democratic Caucus - Budget that serves the people

Shifting tax burden onto wealthier and away from lower income

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Chipping away toward fundamental changes. Laurie on the Finance Committee – funds state employee contracts. Revenue package needs to reflect values. Protecting middle and lower income. No B&O tax for smallest businesses. Real estate excise tax reduced for \$250,000 and less. Create a capital gains tax. Closing egregious tax exemptions. Beth on the Carbon Tax. Possibility for mitigating flooding, wildfire expense.

2017 Budget

Nick Fediay presented the proposed budget.

Patrick presented the pull of the Democrat publication.

TCD Bylaws

Sarah presented the process for bylaws revision committees.

Question from a member of the body asking about the letter to?

Systemic Racism – Regan Unsoeld

Motion to adopt the proposed resolution for Addressing Systemic and Structural Racism, White Supremacy, and Other forms of Oppression.

For – Values

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Point of Information – How will investigations take place, monetarily?

Answer – Various options. Visiting city council and asking pertinent questions that uproot systemic oppression. And other forms of citizen action. Passed Unanimously.

Good of the Order

Margaret Knudson – Tom Best having chemotherapy treatment. Reaching out to get Democrats to join a group to help Tom financially.

Florence – Fire the Fool Rally Saturday. Seeking microwave can-can dancers. 11a-1p at the Capitol steps. April 1st.

Roger Cummings community outreach. Thurston County Food Bank 15th packing food. 17th-combined fund drive.

Debbie Patten – Walla Walla lodging – 10th congressional district labor representative.

Xena Harton – Zita kick off. One week from tonight. West side promenade. 5p-7p

Christine Garst – TCDWomen. April 26th Forza in Lacey 6p-8p

Michael Althausser – City of Tumwater position 5.

Madeline Goodwin – Lacey City Council. Position 7 Kick off Lacey Timberland library 5p-7p May 3rd

Write a card to Kim Wyman

Cris Harston – April 4th independent theatres showing 1984. Capitol Theatre. 4p 6:30p 9p.

Zahid – Beyond Vietnam. Noon at Evergreen State College. 1st United Methodist 7pm.

Adjourn at 9:12pm.