

11th LD Democrats
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 19th, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Chair Holly Krejci at 7:03 pm. Vice Chair Robert Kangas led the flag salute.

Motion was made to approve the January, 2013 general membership meeting minutes. s/c

Chair's Report: The leadership retreat was held on February 9th. The group focused on the big picture for our organization. It's one thing for leadership to have ideas, it's also up to the membership to voice their issues, their concerns and what they'd like the organization to do. Ad hoc committees were created. Dian Ferguson is the chair of the endorsement committee, Bill Taylor and Robert Kangas have the communications committee and Michael Nehr the by-laws committee. (sec. note: I apologize if I've misspelled anyone's last name. Please give me the correct spelling to update the minutes)

The group agreed that our focus for the year should be 'informative, clear and consistent communications and fun.'

Rebecca from Congressman Adam Smith's campaign office came and introduced herself. She is from the campaign, so if you have any campaign questions or want to volunteer she is the person to talk to. Her office is also located in the Evergreen Building here in Renton.

Treasurer's Report: There was considerable conversation around our budget at the leadership retreat. Discussions included the budget for endorsements. Fund raising: dinners, raffles, dues. Please pay your dues and thanks to all who have and a special thank you who have given above and beyond. A copy of the proposed budget was provided for all members. Motion to approve was made, seconded and carried. The financials for the month of February, 2012 were given. We have \$3,601 in the bank. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the financial report.

King County Democrats Report: Michael, our KCCDC representative gave a report on the January 22nd meeting. Currently only 28% of all the King County precincts have a PCO. KCCDC will be focusing on recruitment, training and retention of PCO's.

Unfinished business:

The following appointments were made by the Chair and approved by the membership:

Chris Anderson, position 1, KCCDC Legislative Action Committee (taxes and education)

Jerri Wood, position 2, KCCDC Legislative Action Committee (education, healthcare, worker safety, family issues, jobs)

Bill Taylor, editor and chief of the newsletter

Robert Kangas, webmaster

Wayne Severson, PCO Events

George Summers, PCO's

New Business:

A presentation was given by Colin Maloney on the Secure Communities Resolution. This impacts many communities and is intertwined with the issues of immigration, incarceration, and deportation. How many local law enforcement agencies are being asked to do the work of ICE. Colin asked for the group's endorsement of this resolution. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to include time for a name tag discussion.

Marvin Rosete discussed the resolution concerning Tim Sheldon and Rodney Tom. Emily Willoughby moved to approve, seconded and carried.

A presentation on the proposed Seattle District Election initiative was presented and our support was requested. m/s/c

A discussion concerning name tags and voting credentials was led by Bill Taylor. Issue will be further discussed at the executive board meeting.

By-law changes were discussed by Robert Kangas. These changes were more of a housekeeping effort. Motion was made to accept. m/s/c

A motion to amend the agenda proposed by Robert Kangas to add new PCO's. m/s/c

The following members have volunteered to be PCO's. They were appointed and approved by the membership: Karl de Jong 2582 Renton; Ryan McIrvin 3604 Renton; Chris Anderson 2815 Renton and Zoltan Abraham 0971 Renton.

Good of the Order:

Rep. Bergquist reminded us of policy cut-off was rapidly approaching.

Rep. Joe McDermott, King County Councilman checked in. South Park Bridge is now slated for a February, 2014 completion. Unknown problems have delayed the anticipated completion. Please shop these local South Park businesses. They are hurting.

Thank you's: Marvin Rosete, Robert and Roxanne Kangas for the awesome meal.

Robin Gueverra: Senior Lobby Day on February 21 in Olympia. Bus transportation is being supplied by IAM 751. Please join us.

Jim Flynn: Our port commission has lost two labor friendly commissioners. Appointment will be made soon.

Bob Fulmer: Volunteers needed for Concord Elementary on March 9th at the 5th Avenue Glasshouse.

Dian Ferguson: Port commissioner interviews and appointment on March 7th. Suggest we ask Commissioner Rob Holland to attend March meeting to give his remarks before he leaves the area and we can thank him for his service.

Robert Kangas: Our comments and support are needed on SB5211 that would bar employers from asking for your social network passwords. You can leave comments on line. Presentation on how to do this will happen at the March membership meeting.

Raffle was held. Total donations this evening were \$108 between the dinner and raffle. Awesome. Many thanks to all who chaired and participated!

Move to adjourn. s/c 8:35pm