



## **38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 22, 2017

**Location:** Labor Temple, 2812 Lombard Ave, Everett, WA 98201

**Call to Order:** 7:01PM

**Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Salute:** 7:02PM

**Adoption of the Agenda:** 7:03PM

**Approval of Minutes:** 7:05PM

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Charlene Rawson; Chair

Jackie Minchew; First Vice Chair

Hillary Pirtle; Second Vice Chair

Lisa Hunter; Treasurer

Dannika Stone; Recording Secretary

Jonathan Peebles; Sergeant at Arms

Marian Harrison; State Committee Woman

Greg Lineberry; State Committee Man

Kara Briggs; Female Representative to County Executive Board

David Simpson; Male Representative to County Executive Board

### **Guests:**

### **Motions:**

-Harry Abbot moves to amend the agenda to include "Resolution on Candidates Receiving Donations". Motion seconded by Jackie Minchew. Discussion ensues. It is resolved the amendment is not in correct format. Motion called to vote. 11 for, 13 against. Motion failed to carry to amend, but it is noted that formatting will be changed in near future and brought up again at next meeting.

-David Simpson moves to amend the agenda to reflect accurate date (February 22nd, instead of March 22nd), seconded by Victor Harris. Voted to amend agenda by acclamation.

### **Business:**

- Labor Breakfast Report: Mary Rollins reports that the Labor Breakfast was well attended. All leftovers was donated to the Gospel Mission. Overall, it was a very successful event. Future goals include having the County be more involved. Well attended. Leftovers went to Mission. Broke even. Goal, get the county involved in a county event. Paul Roberts and Brenda Stonecipher were in attendance/large donations. Overall very successful.
- St Patrick's Day Fundraiser: Hilary Pirtle and Mary Rollins announce a fundraiser on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-10pm, aptly named a St. Paddy's Bash, located at Firefighter's Banquet Hall on 2411 Hewitt Ave. There will be auctions, door prizes, and raffles all to raise money for the organization. Donations of prizes needed. To discourage DUI's, a limit of two drink tickets will be given, along with arrangements for transportation including carpooling and Uber. Tickets are available on Brown Paper Tickets for \$50. Food includes corned beef dinner and other traditional food. More information is available on the website. Joe Erickson adds: Congress people, city

councils, etc. may show up. Our congressman agreed to be a sponsor. Mary Rollins discusses venue. Irish school of dance will attend.

- **Earth Day March:** Jackie Minchew announces a 350 Everett meeting at Everett United Church- Christ at 6:30. The potluck will begin at 7:15 at the Church, located on Rockefeller and Everett. Jackie continues with an undecided plan to further the event by going to Seattle (climate movement) or to have a march/event here. Paul Robinson addresses the committee: would LD 38 be interested in being involved with fundraiser for 350 Everett org? The climate change addressing event wouldn't be a march, possibly at a Church in Marysville, on Saturday, time TBD. Jackie also addresses the march in Seattle on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and answers guests questions regarding transportation. It is stressed that transportation needs to be organized and addressed on a more available format for the public. Slack and Facebook as such formats were mentioned. Kara Briggs addresses the option of having a march located in Maryville and Tulalip, due to location and transportation to Seattle as an issue to those who live further North.
- **Tax Day March:** Hillary Pirtle announces two important marches on April 15<sup>th</sup>; Tax Day March, in which the purpose is to protest President Trump's withholding of his tax records, and Black Lives Matter march, in which the solidarity of all the groups that have marched in the past (Women's March, Science March, etc.) combined to attend is vital to the cause, otherwise we risk diluting the message. Marches will be at 5pm at Westlake Seattle. There were concerns on parking/transportation. Solutions include carpooling, but it was discussed we will look into renting charter bus(es) to go to marching events. Hilary expresses the importance of heart over inconvenience, that the inconvenience of transportation pales in comparison to the inconveniences marginalized people featured in BLM's march face on an everyday scale, and we must overcome this. Sal Castruita encouraged people to take the 510 to Seattle from Everett (PUBLIC transportation over charter). Central communication was discussed and using platforms such as FB, Slack, and emails will hopefully be used.

A guest brought up an off topic question regarding our "Sanctuary City" status; how will Trump/ICE/Federal funds affect the decision-makings of our city? It was answered that state police are not to enforce or conduct immigration status checks, because that will interfere with the relationships we have with the community.

#### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

- **Chair's Report:** March this Sunday in support of refugees at Trinity Church in Everett. There will be a prayer service after an hour of marching. Starts at 1-3. Breakfast is served before at 11:15
- **Treasurer's Report:** as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Beginning balance: \$4154.50
  - Expenses: \$0042.26
  - Revenues: \$0799.09
  - Ending Balance: \$4910.68
- **Fundraising Report (Hilary Pyrtle):** NTR, but expresses importance of fundraising at grassroots levels. Invitation to public for donations.
- **Communications Report (Joseph):** FB is successful (admits we have duplicate pages, however, trying to work with FB to take down old page). We are growing constantly (1000 more followers a week). We also have twitter and Instagram, working with Bridget. Discusses/promotes #Slack.

- **PCO report (Joseph):** NTR, but encourages those to be PCOs if not already. More PCO's in Marysville vital since we are very underrepresented. Explains the definition of PCO and their responsibilities (voting rights) to guest. Chairwoman joins in, expresses importance of precinct committee for door-belling. There will be a PCO social at Hillary Pirtle's house on 3/11 at 6pm.
- **County Report:** Kara Briggs and David Simpson team up to report: David Simpson reports: Endorsements: 72,220 registered voters 44 PCO's (official) until next tues. DEMs: over 5000 NOT Registered: 62(?). Our candidates for City: Brian Sullivan, Judy Tuohy, Victor Paul, Cassie Franklin, Alex Lark (city council), Paul Roberts (re-election). Kara Briggs reflects on the camp on DAPL was forcefully evacuated. However, the protest in ND brings protesting to a new level and standard. She warns protests at these levels could be happening in our area. It is reminded that County counsel seats will be open for reelection. Guests: Marysville Kent Kline Republican. Wants to know what Marysville City Council's view on Trump's usage of ICE with local law enforcement. Simpson: District endorsement first, then County. (not sure if important)
- **State Report:** Marian Harrison and Greg Lineberry. Greg Lineberry references email about partnership with Tina and endorsements/delegates/votes about DNC. Addresses caucuses versus primary will be question for committee soon. Marian: Jaxon and Hilary Franz spoke in Olympia, recounts event. Pledged vote to Jaxon. Tina was elected. Rob Dollin (secretary) Habib as Treasure

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

**Good of the Order:** Mary Rollins reports an update on the DNR's decision for the land swaps for timber harvest in Wallace Falls, known as Singletary Timber Sale. The clear cut would provide money for the Department of Education among other things. Chris Reykdal voted for it, State Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, against it. The proposal went to the committee, and committee put a postponement on final decision, which may include decreasing the acreage involved from 187 acres to 25 acres. Mary stresses this decision will be used as a gateway for more surrounding acres to be available for clear cut, an idea generally opposed by the surrounding communities.

**Adjourn:** 9:15PM

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- March 17, St. Paddy's Bash
- April 15, Tax Day March
- April 22, Earth Day March

#### **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH**

38th LD Democrats meet 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, Labor Temple

38th LD Democrats Executive Board meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00PM