



38th Legislative District Democrats Membership Meeting Minutes

Date:

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

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Salute:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:

Officers in Attendance:

Charlene Rawson; Chair

Jackie Minchew; First Vice Chair

Hillary Pirtle; Second Vice Chair

Lisa Hunter; Treasurer

Bridget Espinola; Corresponding Secretary

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

Flag salute 7:03

Introduction of E.O.'s 7:04

Guests:

Mike Lapointe

Business:

Adoption of agenda 7:13

Adoption of minutes

- Elect new Treasurer:
Charlene nominates Lindsey Davidge. Seconded by Hillary Pyrtle. Voted in by acclamation.
- Joseph Erickson calls to amend the bylaws by adding two separate amendments. He explains the need for added security regarding social media accounts managed by the LD 38. At the moment, there is nothing written to help protect the accounts from potential sabotage or blackmailing, due to the nature of a volunteer-based system. He proposes first that there will be an agreement to share the passwords with the Chair and Vice Chair, and secondly adding a new committee for the sole purpose of handling the technology/social media accounts.
-Megan Dunn asks the difference between a Tech committee and the Communications committee, and suggests instead having the committee be a "Social Media Subcommittee". Joseph stresses there is not enough people to fill that role.
-Greg Lineberry motions to postpone. Discussion. Number for:12 Against:11 Motion carried.

- Mary Rollins reminds us procedure for endorsements. Currently, there is a sole endorsement for Brian Sullivan and it was declared official when it was just him and one other candidate (Ray Stephenson; current mayor). But now the candidacy has changed; Ray dropped from the race and other people have approached the LD for endorsements. Normally sole endorsements negates any other endorsement on the table with one exception; the by-laws state if 2/3 of the body vote to clear sole endorsement, the sole endorsement will be rescinded.

Brenda motions to rescind sole endorsement for Brian Sullivan. Seconded by Paul Roberts. She reasoned that sole endorsements block out other qualified Democrat candidates, which could ultimately hurt Democrats on all levels. She further reminds us of the consequences when the DNC at the last election opted for the same path instead of supporting all candidates equally. She strongly encourages cultivating and supporting all Democrats by endorsing all qualified candidates and restricting the use of sole endorsements to more appropriate situations.

-Greg Lineberry disagrees. He explains that Brian earned the sole endorsement by being the only qualified candidate at the time, where his opponent, Ray Stephenson, who labels himself as a Democrat, has proved himself to the LD to not be worthy of an endorsement. Greg presses that a sole endorsement is a very powerful tool to support an individual, but to rescind one when the only other candidate drops out sends the message of broken support. Sends the wrong message if we rescind just because his opponent drops out. Discussion ends. A call to vote was announced. As a reminder, the body needs 2/3 of the votes to rescind sole endorsements (27 voters were present, therefore 18 are needed).

Motion does not carry, Sole endorsement remains.

Jackie Minchew announces that there will be a Everett 350 meeting next Monday at Everett United Church of Christ at 6:30. He also announces information on Earth Day events and the events the week after, involving the showing of the documentary Fierce Green Fire at ____ on April 22nd at 7:30pm(NEED INFO), program everett fellowship church in marysville . Food, sponsors, music will all be present. There is a march planned on April 29th, which also coincides with the 100th day of Trump's presidency.

- COMMITTEES:

Mccleary: Reports that \$16 million for our Snohomish County schools is being threatened to be cut. Mike and June, send care package. ??

Jackie (not minchew). Human development committee. Reports that Cocoon house will lose \$60,000 monthly due to federal cuts.

South Everett Library, working on retreat with other council members, will work on street initiative task force in South Everett, including Silverlake area.

Scott Murphy – Stresses to the body that climate change needs to be tackled from grassroots level, and they are working on a foundation in Everett, and is meeting with Senators Cantwell and Murray. Reminds us of the consequences if EPA gets gutted.

Paul Roberts: Comments how President's budget model is taken from N. Korea (gut everything but the fence), but assures us that no President's budget in modern times has been passed.

Brian Sullivan: Snohomish County is working on homelessness and addiction. Pulled 110 individuals from homelessness crises. Notes that they are working on mobile social services.

Announces that Snohomish county won 5th place for the worst county for NOT detaining immigrants (loud appraisal from body). Also notes that many other of the counties surrounding us are binding together for this goal (snoho, king, whatcom, san juan, etc).

Officer/Committee Reports:

- **Chair's Report:** Charlene Rawson – Charlene declares the St Paddy's Bash a success. She brings up the topic of July 4th events, and is considering a picnic/parade. We will be looking for volunteers.
-Megan Dunn reports on her Redistricting project. Around 8,000 volunteers are needed to collect signatures. Volunteer Training will be on April 8th 10am-12pm at Fireman's Union Hall, and will cover topics such as how to collect signatures, how to register people to vote, etc. Deadline for signatures is July 31st. Website available now, Districtnow.org. She also announces an Allied meeting on April 1st at Everett Community College. ALLIED is a new campaign created by the NAACP of Snohomish County's Adhoc Committee for Community Action in response to the Stop the Hate and Do Something Vigil. The purpose is to identify individuals, organizations, businesses, and institutions that stand against hate and discrimination.
- **Fundraiser Report:** Hillary Pyrtle and Mary Rollins report that the St. Paddy's Day Bash was a success. Financial: \$2654 in donations. Auction yielded 40% value from bids (\$1330). Auction sold 101 tickets (\$101), 22 entry tickets (\$1040). 8 drink tickets were sold (\$40). TOTAL: \$2511. More detailed report coming.
- **PCO Report:** Joseph Erikson – Declares we finally reached 50 registered PCO's for the first time. But stresses we need more since we have over 120 precincts and only 50 have PCO's. LD 38 has 50,000 unregistered voters. Joseph stresses we need to get out there and start registering people to vote.
- **Communications Report:** Bridgett Espinola – NTR
- **Treasurer's Report:** Victor Harris: Jan report, everything has been filed and completed. \$4910.68 for February, final total: \$5464.39
- **County Report:** Kara Briggs/David Simpson – David Simpson reminds the body that the first meeting of the Endorsement Committee is tomorrow night (March 23rd). Kara Briggs announces happily that on Saturday, the Tulalip Tribes elected a majority of women to their Council, in particular, the top three seats are taken by women. It is noted that the Herald reported a surge of women seeking higher positions of leaderships since the POTUS election.
- **State Report:** Marian Harrison/Greg Lineberry – Marian declares there is nothing to report on State level, since the meeting is in April. However, Tina Podlodowski is working hard and progressively, already trying to rearrange caucus dates to Friday afternoons and staggering meeting dates/times to avoid conflicts between groups.
 - Marian also reports she cannot go to the April 21st/22nd meeting in Walla Walla. Greg Lineberry ensures they will be relaying information from the State via emails.
 - Megan Dunn enquires about financial reimbursement for those that wish to travel to the meetings in Marian's place. Marian answers no; volunteer only, but said there is a possibility Cara Briggs might go, but no definite answer yet.

SAL Casterita (sp?) - transportation to get down to protests....union drivers needed (Marian input), proposes details about

30 second q's, 1 min response.

- Endorsement for Amy Kaestner (Everett Municipal Court Judge Pos. 1)
 - Grew up in Everett, parents lived in Cali, moved to bham, undergrad and law school, criminal law clinic, public defender, moved back to everett, public defenders office for 17 years. While working, public defenders work with people the community discards (drug addicts, mental ill), provide accountability,
 - Q: Greg lineberry: what other endorsements do you have?
 - A: Another judge by Manslide, by current mayor, council member franklin, 12/15 city judges (all but 3) all district court judges, city lawyers, director of her office. (ON TABLE)
 - David simpson- Diversity plays a role, how will you proceed. A: she already works with people of all backgrounds
 - Qs: Jim Deblasio: City council are adequate for modern needs? Do we need more courthouses. A's. Municipal court is new,
 - speakers for: Laura landslide? Kaestner is ethical, compassionate, accountability.
 - All for: All against: UNANIMOUS
- Endorsement for Paul Roberts (Everett City Council Pos 1)
 - held for 12 years, long history for Dem started when 15 (1968) navy base, passion would be building a job base in everett, environmental issues serves on board as chair in environmental agency (??) quality of life are critical, social issues, homelessness, mental health issues, drug addiction issues, roll back this budget for this administration.
 - Q's. David: Never been AA for police officer force. How will you change this? A: Supported diversity, author of resolution for diversity ?, we don't hire, but expanded training in academy.
 - Q's. Greg Lineberry. Most qualified for the position of council when mayor steps down, if that opportunity, would you accept the call for the position?
 - A's, not a lot of thought to it, not putting his energy into that.
 - Q's. Rich Menzel What are your term limits for council and mayor?
 - A's no term limits. Supports the idea of voting in and out of people, stresses transparency.
 - For: Brenda Stonecipher? For:
 - Opposes. JT despite transportation/expertise, but there is nothing about everett transit, no interest. Respond: served sound transit board. Shared board of sound trip. Raise issues look at how all the systems in trouble, if we are not going to buy new buses, we need to make them run on clean diesel.
 - For: Against:
- Endorsement for Alexander Lark (Everett City Council Pos 2)
 - planning commission, officer of US army reserve. Affordable housing, send their children to school, fully support police/fireman, budget protects our potential,
 - Q: Megan Dunn: No vote on cannabis shops expansion. A: spoke out in favor, but wanted to be unified voice to planning commission,
 - Q- Hilary working class people, support measures rental moving costs? A; pace out pay in time, first and last rent, in favor of expanding supply of housing, policy affordable housing non profits,
 - Q's. Specific policy for inflation? A: land trust in everett, businesses and houses, houses are too high. Diversify housing stock.
 - For: Victor Harris.
 - Against none
 - For: Against:
- Endorsement for Jonathan Peebles (Everett City Council Pos 3)
 - Housing adjustments to increase owners, decrease renters, more committees, put more unions

in,

Q's: greg lineberry, high crime rate, direct impact on attracting business, what's the role in city council in crime?

A's: Working directly with mayor which directs police, looking into causes, and to direct what we can do help (example stealing, need more jobs, lower costs), y

Q's: What's the city budget; number of employees?

A's: serve on environmental committee. Human needs committee, parks committee.

Poppy: for. PCO trying to get people to do more. Every function he is there, enthusiasm.

Against: none

For: 15 Against: 9

Next Meeting Date:

Good of the Order:

Adjourn: 9:35

Summary of All Motions:

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Dates to Remember:

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YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH

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

38th LD Democrats Executive Board meets 4TH Monday of each month at 7:00PM

Snohomish County Dems Executive Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 the Everett Labor Temple