



26th LD Democrats Minutes for 2/7/2019, 7 PM

7:00 – 7:30: Initial Business

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of agenda

The Chair asked for a show of hands to approve new meeting start time of 6:30, with social time beginning at 6:00. This will take effect 3/7.

2. Membership request

The Chair synopsised the history of John Kelly's recent membership request, which he had asserted he would make in person at tonight's meeting. However, he was absent. The Chair then turned the floor over to Lynn Jabs, who summarized the charges against John Kelly, culminating in his endorsement as Chair of the LD 26 Democrats of Republican Jesse Young over the endorsed Democratic candidate, Connie FitzPatrick and subsequent appearance on a printed flyer and in television ads days before the November 2018 election. On 1 Nov 2018, PCOs of the LD 26 Democrats voted unanimously to remove John Kelly as Chair and a clear majority of general members voted to rescind his membership in LD 26 Democrats. On December 27, the Executive Board sent a letter to John Kelly in response to his application for membership in 2019 denying him membership by a unanimous vote of the E-Board. Mr. Kelly appealed this decision to membership through an email in January. Per the bylaws, his appeal may be heard at the next meeting (February) and a vote taken by the PCOs present concerning his appeal.

Following the process in the bylaws, the Chair first asked PCOs to raise their paper ballots if they opposed granting Kelly membership for 2019-2020 in accordance with the recommendation by the Executive Committee. All PCOs present at the meeting raised their ballots so the vote was unanimous. The Chair then asked PCOs to raise their paper ballots if they are in favor of prohibiting Kelly from our place of meetings and events for 2019-2020. All PCOs present raised their ballots so Kelly is prohibited from attending any LD 26 Democrats meetings and events for 2019-2020. He will be informed in writing of the results of his appeal.

3. Recognition of elected officials, candidates, and first-time guests

Paul Andrews, new Kitsap County Auditor, greeted the meeting and advised us that the coming school bond election might be affected by snow, the first challenge of his role as Auditor.

Joy Stanford, former candidate for State Rep, Pos. #1, is training with Emerge, active with NARAL, and has a letter she wants members to sign supporting a bill in the legislature. In the main, wants to make sure she is attuned to the 26th LD before considering running for office again. She thanked everyone for their strong support of her candidacy in 2018.



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New guests: Jason Higgins, PCO for 333; Darrell Johnson, who wrote NARAL letter that Joy referred to; Rhonda Koh from Bremerton, small business owner; Melissa Rivera, political science student; Hanna Luoni, a classmate of Melissa; Evan Koepfler, our new Field Organizer, paid for by the State Party

Koepfler briefly described how the 26th LD House races are a priority for the State Party in 2019; party leaders were impressed by our candidates and their success in a difficult district. Koepfler grew up in Gig Harbor (Fox Island) and graduated from GH High School. He was a Coordinated Campaign organizer in 2018 and worked with LDs 27 and 28.

4. Legislative Initiatives for Endorsement

a. Green New Deal (Anna Mockler)

After a three-minute presentation, it was moved and unanimously approved that the 26th LD Democrats would endorse the non-binding resolution currently before the House to approve a Green New Deal.

7:30 – 8:15: Program

5. Program: Judy Arbogast: Presentation on Legislative Process and Breakout Tables on Specific Legislative Issues

Judy referred people to the handouts on their tables, "Legislative Process". She briefly explained the steps by which a bill becomes law (outlined on page 2 of the handout).

This year, our focus will be on holding legislators accountable, e.g., Jesse Young and Michelle Caldier, who made a lot of promises during the election season, as well as our newly elected State Senator Emily Randall.

Judy further explained that each table has a stack of bills relative to their topic and encouraged us to use these stacks to prioritize our efforts over the coming legislative session, which ends April 28, 2019.

Excellent preparation meant that each table had several pages of bills in the relevant area with brief digests. Tables reviewed these and selected those which they wished to support, others where more information was needed, and others to which they were opposed.

Facilitators collected the results, plus sign-ins, all of which were turned over to Judy. Judy will support these groups to pursue ongoing tracking of the bills and action at the legislature. An invitation will also go out to members who couldn't make this meeting to join one of these groups.



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8:15 – 8:45: Business Meeting

6. Approval of last month's Minutes and this month's Agenda -- both approved

7. Treasurer's report (Constance Maytum and Lynn Jabs)

a. 2019 Budget Lynn and Constance discussed this before asking for membership's approval. New emphasis on recurring donations, an \$11,250.00 line item credit in this budget. \$5 per month per member would get us a long way towards that goal. Members were encouraged to bring forward events in their communities where LD 26 Dems could have a presence. The budget already contains financial support for participation in events such as the Gig Harbor Maritime Festival.

8. Old Business

a. Meetings of Social Clubs in February

Gig Harbor: February 26, 6:30pm, Roundtable Pizza, "What's Next? Education Priorities in Gig Harbor."

Key Peninsula: February 6, KP Fire Station (Art Jarvis and School Bond)

Kitsap/Port Orchard: TBD

b. School Bond Election (Vote by 2/12!)

c. LD 26 Democrats Fundraiser: Dinner and auction, May 11, Sehmel Park Pavilion (membership noted a conflict with the date by another major fundraiser in the community so an alternative date will be explored)

9. New Business

a. State Party Reorganization Meeting (Joy Vartanian, Don Bartley)

This was event-packed. Don has handout on which resolutions passed, most just as written, and which were tabled. Next meeting is April in Pasco, at which there'll be further discussion of the caucus/primary process for 2020. Payton Swinford was honored as Shooting Star (rising political star in the state). All officers were re-elected except Vice Chair.

b. Presidential Transparency (Legislative Initiatives for Endorsement)

The initiative is being considered by the state legislature; it would require that all Presidential primary entrants must submit their tax returns for their names to appear on the ballot. This was endorsed by acclamation.

c. Upcoming Party Events: Kitsap County Democrats Dinner (March 9), CrabFest (Feb. 23)



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10. Announcements

Next General Meeting, March 7, 7 PM @Givens Community Center

Our State Insurance Commissioner, Mike Kreidler, will explain a new approach to health care insurance for the state. This is an important and exciting initiative.

11. Good of the Order

The E-Board, especially the Chair, were roundly thanked for their efforts in holding an excellent meeting despite the disruptive Membership Request.

12. Adjournment