



26th LD Democrats Agenda for 1/3/2019, 7 PM

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda
Approved
2. Minutes of previous meeting
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3. Recognition of elected officials, candidates, and first-time guests
4. Brief statements by newly elected officials on their goals and plans
Emily Randall: She's been on a listening tour of officials at every level, largely discussing funding needs for our community. She's on four committees: Environment and Tourism; Transportation (she's standing up for our fair share of the DOT pie and a huge emphasis on public transit); Higher Education and Workforce Development (community college affordable / free); vice-chair of Behavioral Health subcommittee. Sponsoring Reproductive Health Access bill for undocumented and transgendered Washingtonians. Her email is emily.randall@leg.wa.gov.
Randall addresses what went well & what we could do better: hire an off-cycle organizer, as Kilmer does. This will also increase our connection to and representation of our community. It's her hope that this will increase win margins from 101 votes.
Derek Young: Pierce Co Council Commissioner District #7 --reelected but term limited, he will focus on transportation and environment. Wants to correct current situation where deputies have been sharply reduced since 2009, while population has increased by 100,000.
Charlotte Garrido: Kitsap County Commissioner - Report on tornado. She's focusing on transportation both on SR16 and on ferries, fiercely lobbied Kitsap Transit for more vessels.
Gary Simpson: Kitsap Sheriff discussed new strategic plan, including more intra-communication and more outreach to the community. New policy manual and improved labor relations led to immediate accreditation by regional inspector. He pledges to continue doing the best work possible in 2019. Increased funding from county commissioners led to increased staffing, especially people on the street, e.g., deputies and counselling for inmates, especially re-introduction to civilian life. More collaboration and more technology forecast for 2019, e.g., with Suquamish police force and drones.
Chad Enright: Kitsap Co Prosecutor. Filed first case yesterday, 2nd degree murder of a cold case, made an arrest in Idaho from DNA match. Working on program to permit rehab for substance abusers soon after arrest, rather than waiting in jail for up to 90 days for their case to come up.
Heather Pauley, Kitsap PUD: Studying what are legislative priorities and infrastructure needs, e.g., reducing redundancies. Working to fund broadband for all.
5. Treasurer's report (new treasurer, Constance Maytum)
Current balance \$2,486.44
 - 5.1. Payment of membership dues -- full and senior annual membership discussed
 - 5.2. 2019 Budget
Maytum working with Jobs to focus on the end use of the money raised, as raising money isn't difficult, but using it effectively merits additional study.



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6. Old Business

6.1. Meetings of Social Clubs

- Gig Harbor -- 4th Tuesday of every month, 7 pm, next meeting 1/22, focus on role of education and funding for said education
- Key Peninsula -- former group is in limbo; a different group is co-hosting a non-partisan meeting to work for the school bond. NB: a member urged the Board to publicly repudiate JPK's Key Peninsula Social Club.
- Kitsap/Port Orchard 2nd Monday of the month, starting in February, at Puerto Vallerta for now.

6.2. School Bond Election (February 2019) Intensive doorbelling and canvassing in advance of the election

7. New Business

7.1. Proposed Committees/Chairpersons Sign-up sheets distributed, new PCO sign-up sheets needed for all appointments of new AND recurring PCOs. NB: Several new guests signed up to be PCOs after adjournment.

7.2. PCO Appointments and Training Email will go out to all PCOs via Action ID to set up VoteBuilder, per Neumeister.

7.3. 2019 LD 26 Democrats Fundraiser: May 18

8. Announcements

8.1. Next General Meeting, February 7, 7 PM @Givens Community Center -- Program to cover lobbying legislators and creating grassroots support for legislation.

9. Program:

9.1. Progress toward turning LD 26 Blue (Rick Offner, Jill Neumeister)

Discussion of precinct-by-precinct breakdown of House and Senate races, charts of Senate and House races. Plan to talk to all PCOs about their precincts, how to turn them into super-blue precincts like the 344. NB: These charts will be available to members as soon as Offner emails them.

Emily Randall notes that the urban areas carried her campaign to victory. Offner responds that the 26th lacks urban areas, beyond Bremerton and Gig Harbor. Neumeister points out that these charts were designed to assist PCOs in unpacking the complexities of their precincts. A member submits that despite record turnout, we still did not turn the 26th blue, so increased turnout alone isn't the answer.

9.2. Discussion of Campaigns in 2018 & Key Issues in 2019 (Larry Seaquist)

Seaquist asks, what is your feeling about turning the district blue? What's your feeling about how much progress we're making? In 2014, it really was a swing district, 2016 strongly red on Trump's coattails, 2018 we made some progress.

One person feels we're turning more progressive; Dee feels that large ads against the 2/2019 school bond are deeply discouraging. Recommended that Key Peninsula News be more used by Dems, as it's widely read. Chris ran into many voters who were fixated on idea of Democrats as tax-and-spend, but the real problem is that Dems too endorse this. Don Stanford thinks it's a messaging problem -- Dems seem weak on law and order, for example.



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9.3. Seaquist asks: what are the legislative priorities for 2019-2020? Eliminate the supermajority.

Eliminate increasing transportation crushes, perhaps by creating a Master Plan. School funding, post-Cleary decision -- over 50% of school districts in WA are heading for bankruptcy. One solution is to inform students that they have a constitutional right to an education. But complexities abound. What about increasing deputies in all cities and counties? What about mental health issues, e.g., emotional health of public school children, where there's only one counselor for 650 children. Larry Seaquist will provide summary of priorities to be emailed to members.

Judy Arbogast references her handout for effectively advocating for the legislation and policies you want to see, including calendars of bills moving through the legislation process, and of interest groups rallying and lobbying for their passions. Judy advises you to find your passion and make it effective by using the tools in her handout. A member urges Dems to start tracking legislation while it is in committee.

10. Good of the Order

1/25 – 1/27 at Red Lion in Olympia will be statewide Dem meeting.

A member suggested that we revive old practice of writing letters to candidates thanking them. In larger picture, let's discuss how effective state Dem strategies were in our district, and how the offices were run.

11. Adjournment