



26th LD General Meeting Minutes, 5 March 2020

PCO/Canvass Training Provided by Regional Field Director Evan Koepfler. (cancelled – brief orientation provided by Anna Mockler to two PCOs who requested.)

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of agenda.
2. No elected officials, candidates, or first-time guests identified.
3. Steve Wright, South Kitsap Fire & Rescue Fire Chief talked about the current fire levy taking place; levy will provide money to build new fire stations so more fire fighters can be hired! 12 fire stations in 17 square miles, many built for volunteer firefighters — they need updating. Specifics on the Yukon Harbor station were provided — it will be relocated to near the current PJ's market. Moved and seconded that the LD will urge voters to be in favor of the levy. The motion passed unanimously.

4. LD 26 State House Races Update: Carrie Hesch (Position 1) and Joy Stanford (Position 2) will provide an update on their House races.

Carrie: We've been focusing on fund-raising, speaking engagements, Twitter and other social media. Teamsters are sending three Teamsters to Georgetown University, including Carrie, to confer about how to intertwine climate change and union jobs. Carrie identified climate change as the most important issue; increase community resilience to climate change; criminal justice and homelessness are all issues we silo, but they are all interlinked. They are all public health issues.

Lynn Jabs for Joy: Her campaign has reached its \$10K goal; fund-raising is focused on getting money from within the community. She is looking for people who will endorse her; Congressman Derek Kilmer already has. She seeks speaking engagements, especially listening opportunities.

Tom Quinlan: running for Jack Nevin's judgeship in Pierce County Superior Court, described his experience, and how it and his outlook are similar to Nevin's. He's previously been endorsed by LD 26 Democrats, and he will seek our endorsement in future. His kickoff will be 3/16.

Mathew Thomas: running for another open seat in Pierce County Superior Court. He described his education and experience. He explained why right to a jury trial is so important, lack of a strong judiciary leads to corruption. He is seeking LD 26 Democrats endorsement.

5. Program: Standup for Kids! We did a "pack out" for this organization, which delivers food to 31 locations in Kitsap County. Their goal is to end the cycle of youth homelessness. Today, a kid needed shoes. He got them. A kid was hungry and needed a duffel bag to carry multiple food bags at a time — today, he got them. Listed all the high schools they work at, though only one middle school, and a few elementary schools. Demonstrated how to pack the zip-loc bags; then we packed them in record time.

6. Speaker: Julie Anne Kempf, the State Party's Elections Administrator, former King County Supervisor of Elections, who was instrumental in developing the new caucus process, explained the entire process to us, including the need for volunteers and what you will do as a volunteer and as a participant in the April 26 caucus at Goodman Middle School in Gig Harbor. Julie is also Chair of LD 46 Democrats; NE Seattle. Julie (chair@46Dems.org) presented with Power Point, which she will share with the leadership — you can send her any questions via email. Primary/caucus differs from caucus in that in old system, precinct caucuses determined the allocation of delegates to both state and national convention. That part has been replaced by primary. What happens to delegates of candidates who've dropped out? Those delegates become untethered, which differs from uncommitted delegates. LD



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delegates are apportioned according to LD caucuses. CD delegates are a fixed number, and they are apportioned according to CD results. Currently, 42,000 ballots statewide can't be counted because voters didn't choose a party and/or didn't sign the outside. These are being cured / rectified, as described by Paul Andrews earlier this year. People who want to participate in the caucus can sign up / get credentialled online. One part of this is signing a document that you are *a Democrat and will not participate in the nomination process of any other political party for the 2020 Presidential election* (language of the official primary ballot issued by Kitsap County Auditor's Office, Paul Andrews, Auditor).

Business Meeting

7. Approval of Minutes (February) – minutes approved.

8. Treasurer's Report (Constance) – maintaining approximately \$11,000 balance.

9. Old Business

a. Team 26: Rise & Organize for 2020 Elections, organizing by geographic location; canvasses scheduled every weekend by location.

b. 2020 Fundraiser for LD 26 Democrats on April 25. Wesley Inn, GH; please volunteer, buy tickets, donate auction items — especially silent auction — and cakes for dessert dash. (Organizing Committee: Barb Turecky, Lynn Jabs, Jill Neumeister, Rick Offner, Dianna Eversole, Nora Eckstein, Cassandra Wolle, Chris Kim)

b. 2020 LD 26 Caucus for State Delegates: (Caucus Committee: Tony Otto, Carl Olson, Constance Maytum, Joy Vartanian, Dianna Eversole, Nora Eckstein, Don Bartley, Frank Dacca) Motion proposed that 26th LD agenda for 4/26 shall be only to select delegates and exclude any other amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Committee people, Joy Vartanian and Don Bartley, asked for platform, rules, and credentials committee volunteers. Dianna Eversole volunteered for credentials; Anna Mockler volunteered for platform; Jeff Campbell volunteered for rules. Each nomination was moved and seconded that the candidate be elected by acclamation. All names must be sent to State Party by March 10th — Anna will take this on.

d. LD 26 Campaign Office Opening March 21: Includes lunch (LD to provide pizza) followed by Canvass! Furniture, especially desks / tables, bookcases, really needed.