



26th LD Democrats Minutes for 6/4/2020

Program

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Land Acknowledgement; A Declaration of Solidarity with Black Lives Matter and Statement of Actions Needed to Elected Officials being prepared and will be sent out and posted on behalf of LD 26 Democrats.
2. Don Bartley reported that there will be no memorial or commemoration for Ted Ralston and Joanna Gormly for a year at the request of their family. We will therefore likely wait for a year as well.
3. State House Race Update: Carrie Hesch spoke on the progress of her campaign; phone banks are now going, and fundraising is going well.
4. State House Race Update: Joy Stanford spoke on the progress of her campaign; she has phone banks twice a week and fundraising is going well.
5. Candidate for Pierce County Executive: Larry Seaquist spoke on his unique campaign for Pierce County Executive. He is offering residents the opportunity to start envisioning and enacting the future of Pierce County as part of the campaign effort.
6. Candidate for State Treasurer: Mike Pellicciotti spoke about his campaign and responded to questions. The position was lost to Republicans last time because two Democrats ran. This year he is the sole challenger to the Republican incumbent.
7. Candidate for Lieutenant Governor: Marko Liias spoke on his campaign for Lieutenant Governor, an open seat this year with multiple candidates, Democratic and Republican.
8. Candidate for 23rd LD State Representative: Tarra Simmons spoke about her background and reasons for running.
9. Tony Otto: Presentation on Libel Suit against Michelle Caldier on behalf of Larry Seaquist presented by Tony and Larry. The courts eventually recognized that Caldier had acted dishonorably but didn't award any damages.

Business Meeting

10. Approval of Minutes: May meeting minutes were approved.
11. Treasurer reported on the status of the LD's treasury; a settlement was reached with the landlord of the office to pay them \$6,250 to be granted cancellation of the lease; the LD will likely not have an office this campaign season, given the COVID-19 situation. The LD will now need to raise more money to support our State House candidates.
12. Donations to Joy's and Carrie's campaigns of \$1,500 each was unanimously approved.
13. Postcard Writing Campaign is still being organized; postcards will be available in June.



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14. A number of new as well as existing PCOs were elected as a result of filing week; there are a few contested PCO positions that will be decided during the election. Some of the new PCOs have also been appointed to fill the role immediately. PCO training is being prepared and will be delivered June 23.
15. A fundraising effort will be conducted starting in June executed by the PCOs. PCOs will be trained on what needs to be done.
16. Members were encouraged to write Letters to the Editor about our candidates; training on this is being provided by Indivisible Gig Harbor at their meeting and members were encouraged to attend. Kara Aley talked about the LD's Social Media Campaign and how members can participate by sharing and liking social media posts.
17. Endorsements:
 - a. Larry Seaquist – endorsed unanimously.
 - b. Mike Pellicciotti – endorsed unanimously.
 - c. Gael Tarleton – endorsed unanimously.
18. Larry Seaquist Campaign Event was announced; members were encouraged to attend.
- 19. Next Meeting July 2, 6:30: Candidates will be program speakers and will answer questions about their campaigns. Likely via Zoom.**
20. Good of the Order
21. Adjournment voted on and approved.