December 2, 2021

Minutes – 26th LD Democrats

6:35 Alex Davidson called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance. Land Acknowledgement

Speaker - Bridget Glasspoole, Director of Housing & Community Services for Kitsap County. She spoke about Permanent supportive Housing/Mental Health project with Bremerton House Recovery and Mental Health.

They have 400 homeless clients at any time. To be considered chronically homeless, they have to be homeless for a year or more.

36 1-bedroom units. And 36 studios. Dog friendly community office space, all furnished, library van, other activities, i.e. book club, yoga, etc.

Costs are less than hospitals or jails.

Speaker -- Rochelle Karlson,

Chair of Housing, Kitsap LOWV

Can donate to LOWV for welcome baskets. They need:

Dental hygiene products, soap and other toiletries, cleaning supplies, household items. You can give, help, or donate

Kitsapmentalhealth.org

Questions from the membership:

How to support homeless that refuse help? Answer – wear them down over time. Establish relationships and trust.

How do they deal with staff turnover and address those who violate rule? Answer – They are teaching life skills, de-escatlation training, peersupport. Advisory council of residents and neighbors.

How are they funded & what’s the next step? Answer – Foundational support thru Medicaid, vouchers from Bremerton, grants.

Discussion regarding donations to Emily Randall’s campaign before deadline.

Judy Arbogast moved to donate to Kitsap mental health project.

Tom Slyter seconded, and also added a motion to donate to Emily.

Ray opposed donation to Kitsap, because of the need to support candidates, but encouraged individuals to donate.

It was decided the E-board would discuss, and Judy withdrew her motion.

Luellen Lucid moved to donate $500 to Emily Randall.

Discussion:

Alex shared the treasurer’s report – there is $3961.58 in the bank.

Frank moved for a vote – passed unanimously.

Luellen proposed discussing donating to Robyn Denson’s campaign for Pierce County Council.

Robyn said she is not under the same time constraints and announced her kick-off event on January 29th. It was decided to add Robyn to the January 6th meeting, and the E-board would discuss donating.

Ron Robinson asked about the Polling expense. Alex explained the Pierce County Poll and said results would be available next week and mentioned there was not a similar poll for Kitsap.

Brenda researched foodbank donation info as follows:

South Kitsap Helpline – skhelpline.org

Gig Harbor Peninsula Fish – ghfish.org

Central Kitsap Foodbank – ckfoodbank.org

Bremerton Foodline – bremertonfoodline.org

KP Community Center Foodbank/Senior Services – Keypeninsulacommunityservices.org

Life Care Foodbank – spiritoflifelutheran.com

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brenda McCormick asked about redistricting – the April deadline stands, and it will be up to the Court.

Motion to approve the November minutes, approved unanimously.

Luellen Lucid moved to adjourn.