



26th District General Meeting Minutes (3/4/21)

Call to Order

~Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Chair Kara Aley

~Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

~Attached page.

Presentation: Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH

~Amy Gartlan provided a brief history and overview of FISH (est. 1976). They provide staples, fresh foods, and household supplies to the community, but are more than a food bank--they also encourage people to work towards self-sufficiency with the help of over 100 volunteers. 13 zip codes are served. They are currently building a new facility close to the old one. Jan and Ron Coen (FISH volunteers) also spoke, and helped with Q & A.

~Donations of food or money is appreciated, or an individual can donate their time & talents as a volunteer. Donators include local civic groups, corporations, schools (through food drives), and in-kind services, FISH also receives grants.

~Eligibility is based on each individual emergency situation, using ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) to determine needs.

Food Bank: Provides 3 meals a day, for 7 days for each person, donations come from the public and local stores, produce gleaned from farms during summer, they also purchase food, cleaning, and hygiene products with monetary donations. In 2020 4,210 families (3673 children) were served.

Financial Aid: Provides rental and utility payments, medical bill assistance, and other miscellaneous bills (car payments, etc.). In 2020 \$311,000 in aid was given to 550 clients.

Education: Provides school supplies, transportation, education expenses, tutoring funds, etc.

Other Services: Due to Covid, volunteers will shop for groceries for clients, there is also a toy program at Christmas.

Contact: ghpfishfoodbank@gmail.com

Website: www.ghpfish.org

Volunteer Coordinator: ghpfvol@gmail.com

Carl Olson, Treasurer Report

~Treasurer Olson reported that there is \$2755.89 in checking, \$1067.90 in savings. Act Blue has generated \$981 since the start of the year. Carl will discuss recruiting recurring donations/goals in the near future. Any questions, please contact Carl at kitsapdemocrat52@gmail.com.

Approval of Minutes

~Ray Shjerven moved for approval of minutes, Carl Olson seconded, approval passed by acclamation.

Group Activity: Meeting Topics & Speakers (preference gathering)

--Alex Davidson introduced and gave directions for the Google form; it was used to gather information regarding topic and speaker preferences for future 26th LD meetings. Attendees ranked topics in order of preference (health, transportation, education, housing, Covid, etc.), and interests (hearing about candidates and issues from county, state, city, etc.).

Committee Person Report

~Ray Shjerven reported that Tina Podlodowski was re-elected as State Chair, other state Dems positions were filled, at the DNC it looks like they are not going toward rank choice voting, but indications are that no super-delegates will do first ballot voting. Motions & resolutions were made to change primary systems across the US, but WA State cannot determine who goes first (referencing Iowa and New Hampshire). PCO survey results will be discussed at next meeting.

Kitsap Democrats Report

~Brenda McCormack reported on the various committees, and PCO training, the 23rd has some events coming soon. Announcements; There is talk about starting a book club; coming League of Women Voters trainings; Kitsap Dems may do an honorary lifetime award at Christmas time.

Good Of The Order

~Dianna Eversole attended the ACLU Zoom meeting where mass incarceration was discussed. Kitsap Resist 45 leader Susan Brooks Young was suggested as a speaker at a future meeting, there was discussion about candidates running against Mayor Wheeler in Bremerton, and how to better monitor legislation during sessions.

~Michael Cobey is running for a position on the Board of Peninsula Light, would like support from 26th LD Dems; Melissa Lund stated that March is DD awareness month—Gov. Inslee issued a state proclamation regarding this issue; Frank Dacca would like to learn more about abolishing the Electoral College—possible future meeting topic.

~Luellen Lucid has sent information & training event information to PCOs, next events will be held on March 10 & 19th, she will also be teaching PCOs about VoteBuilder—Trainings will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

~Chair Aley stated that email will be coming soon about state-provided trainings like supporting candidate, etc.

Tribal Land Acknowledgment

~Alex Davidson provided the Native American Tribal Land Acknowledgment; Melissa Lund will announce it in future meetings.

Next General Meeting

Thursday, April 1st, 2021, 6:30 PM

Adjournment

~Meeting adjourned by Chair Aley at 7:37 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Melissa Lund, Secretary