

## 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats

### Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2019

1. Treasurer's Report (Constance)

\$2,476.74 current balance (we took in another \$300 at the last meeting)

2. June 8 Fundraiser

Speakers will be: Derek Kilmer, Hilary Franz (keynote), Derek Young, Emily Randall (assuming she will be there)

a. Ticket sales

5 tickets sold online -- we need to sell more, encourage others to buy & attend

b. Sponsorships

\$226 = 4 tickets; \$526 = 8 tickets; \$1026 = 16 tickets

Tony Otto contacted several electeds with order form; Carl will reach out to Engage Campaigns, Kitsap side will reach out to Hannie of Kitsap Dems, Kitsap Democratic Women.

c. Auction Items

Procurement form establishes item value. Rick donating 4 Seahawks tickets.

d. Dessert dash

Dianna soliciting more contributors. They can be sponsors if they also contribute \$226, which gives them 4 tickets

e. Publicity

Target Kitsap Dems, 26th LD, Pierce Dems -- hall only holds 120 people. Carl will share on Kitsap Dems Fb page.

3. Other Fundraisers

a. Monthly Pledge Campaign -- working on Act Blue, 26th LD Homepage directs to the Act Blue site -- non-working button apparently fixed during this meeting. We're hopeful.

b. IMAX Presidential Debate -- June 26-27, watch the debate \$15 per night, or \$25 for both nights. We hope to share the costs with Pierce County. 300 seats. \$2500 for 2-night rental. We need to buy Fb ads. Sponsorship from electeds & former electeds, we'll consult with Larry about asking media outlets, e.g., Kitsap Sun, for sponsorship.

4. Upcoming Events (Maritime Festival, etc.)

We're doing the booth, but not the Maritime Festival parade because most candidates are non-partisan so not much bang for our buck.

Constance will enroll us in Fathoms of Fun. It's short notice, so we'll promote on Fb Event.

Pride Fest, Blackberry Fest, we'll participate in both. Luellen will ask Kathleen about Livable Fair. Benefit for KIAC at Bremerton Community Theatre on 4/26.

a. PC Launch: June 22 (NEW): Tacoma event at the IBEW Hall showcasing renaissance of Pierce County Dems -- panel discussion on the importance of volunteers, volunteers will go out canvassing, then barbecue.

## 5. Committee Work Reports

a. Outreach Committee (Cassandra): All data lost in computer snafu. Adison contacting a variety of unions, then advocacy groups for people of color, immigrants, etc. The consensus was that this is a slow process, and a list of organizations will be available in future. There was no interest in pursuing a more vigorous policy of reaching out to minority groups.

b. Bylaws Committee (Carl/Adison): Draft of bylaws by General Meeting 5/2

c. PCO Committee (Jill/Jan) :21 attendees at Deep Listening Canvass, Gig Harbor. The two tiers of PCOs (new, experienced) were collapsed. but it worked very well. We must tell potential PCOs that they need to RSVP so they get packets geared to their precincts for 4/28 training, Port Orchard, Everybody's (1-3:30pm)

d. Endorsement process/questionnaire (Carl): Carl proposes to follow the template of the Kitsap County Democrats, which has a brief notice in the bylaws that, to paraphrase, endorsements follow the policy. The policy is outlined in a separate document that can be easily amended, while the bylaws require two full meetings to pass to comply with bylaw amendment process. It was proposed that the E-Board interview candidates who submit a request for such interview. Carl will incorporate much of this into policy. Typically we approve those candidates whom we approve, then consider endorsements after primary. E Board will review questionnaire from Kathy Orlando as model for replacing our current questionnaire.

Timeline: E-Board review of questionnaire and interview process begins immediately. Candidates who present request for endorsement will interview at special June 18th E-Board meeting, 6 pm. After candidates file, they will ask for endorsement.

We'll revise bylaws for 2020 election, but we'll go along with current ones for this round.

## 6. Committee Man/Woman Report (State Party Meeting in April)

We're urged to raise 2x the amount of money we think we need for caucus. James Waddell gave an excellent presentation on removal of Snake River dams.

Lynn, Jan, and Joy will research venues for 2020 caucuses to estimate and budget for costs.

## 7. Upcoming General Meeting Programs

a. May: Bob Ferguson -- Being promoted on various Fb pages

b. June: Panel on Justice Reform; Adison will be moderator and is the point person on this.

## 8. Programs and Schedule for District Democratic Social Clubs (Larry, Chris)

a. Gig Harbor, KP, and Kitsap/Bremerton -- nothing to report.

## 9. Update on candidates for LD 26 non-partisan elections (2019)

a. Pierce County -- Blue Team have researched and assessed all incumbents and recruited several candidates -- notably two for Port of Tacoma -- are still working hard.

b. Kitsap County -- Kitsap Blue have whittled down the list of incumbents to those whom we really want to replace and can replace. Deep Listening Plus canvass, 4/27, will recruit possible candidates for Port Orchard City Council and PCOs for the 26 vacant seats out of 59 precincts in 26thLD/Kitsap.

## 10. Other Business

Discussion of lack of diversity in our LD. We'll keep working on this, hold more panels, keep seeking solutions. Note that while Kitsap Co is about 25% non-white, in Pierce Co it's only 13% non-white. However, the point was made that we need to research more ways to represent our LD more closely, with more younger people, etc.

