

34th District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – Puget Ridge Co-Housing

Attendees: Tim Nuse (Chair), Stu Yarfitz (Treasurer), Michael Taylor-Judd (Secretary), Marcee Stone (State Committeewoman), Walter Sive (Finance Chair), Richard Bartlett (Hospitality Chair), Les Treall (Outreach Chair), Kim Becklund (First Vice Chair), Chris Porter (State Committeeman), Ivan Weiss (King County Committeeman), Dorsol Plants (King County Committeeman Alternate), Greg Doss (Legislative Action Chair), Kimber McCreery (PCO Chair), and Bill Schrier (Web Editor)

Guests: Ann Martin

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim, at 7:08pm.

Tim offered a few remarks following discussion of candidate races, fundraisers, endorsements, etc. He also announced [the passing of 34th District member and former interim King County Assessor, Rich Medved](#).

Next, Tim highlighted a couple of upcoming events: ECOSS is holding its [16th Annual Benefit](#) on October 29, 2009 at Herban Feast in SoDo. The Washington State Democrats [16th Annual Warren G. Magnuson \(Maggies\) Dinner & Awards Ceremony](#) is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at the Westin with special guest, former Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

New Business – November Meeting – Tim led a planning discussion for next month's membership meeting. A staff person Senator Maria Cantwell's office has been invited to speak on the status of health care reform bills. As agreed to at the last meeting, we should also invite School Board members from the Highline and Vashon Island School Districts to provide updates.

Other ideas include inviting Senator Joe McDermott (D-34) to talk about the upcoming legislative session, with a focus on education and the budget issues facing our state next year, since he sits on the [Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee](#). We might also continue the theme by inviting a speaker from the [League of Education Voters](#). Should we also have an election celebration? Invite newly elected? Especially after the hard work of so many members on various campaigns this cycle, and the number of members who actually ran for office themselves?

Michael also suggested for a future meeting that we educate the membership about the law passed earlier this year that reinstates felon voting rights and the re-design of the voter registration forms. Ann said that the King County Democrats Central Committee will be addressing this topic in the new year, and we should probably wait until after we receive guidance from them.

New Business – Holiday Party – Tim reminded everyone that the annual Holiday Party traditionally replaces the December membership meeting. There were no objections to continuing tradition, although the decision to cancel the December Executive Board meeting will be tabled until we know the results of the election.

Walter asked why we have not purchased as space for sample ballots in the community newspapers in our district, as we have in the past. This was budgeted for, and was also part of previous discussions about GOTV efforts. Should we consider blogs as well?

Bill and Tim offered to ensure this is completed as soon as possible. Bill also suggested that we create a GOTV handbook and/or flowchart detailing timing for decisions regarding advertising, printing up sample ballots, and distribution to PCO's, etc. so that we do not have any accidental delays or oversights in the future.

Ivan provided everyone with a quick update on 34th District member Cherisse Luxa's illness and offered to provide the phone number to Board members wishing to give her a phone call.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm, with a charge to all members present to stay until 9:00pm to contact 34th District members in order to thank them for all of their efforts on behalf of Democrats this year, remind them to vote for Dow Constantine for King County Executive, Max Vekich for Port Commissioner, Approve Referendum 71, and No on 1033 – the Tim Eyman initiative, and to ask if they could possibly stretch themselves any further by walking a vacant precinct or phone banking for one of these campaigns.

Submitted by,

Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary

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