

The 34th District Democrats
Meeting of 14 September 2016
Bill Schrier, Acting Secretary

1. Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Chair Stone-Vekich recognized Candy who serves us with drinks and refreshments.
3. She also stated First Vice-Chair Ted Barker is not attending tonight, being out of town on business. She asked to remove the First Vice-Chair report item from the agenda. With that change the agenda was approved on a voice vote.
4. Chair Stone-Vekich asked for changes to the minutes of the August meeting. There were none and the minutes were approved as published on the website and in the newsletter.
5. Jimmy Haun led the membership in the flag salute.
6. Treasurer Karen Chilcutt rendered her report. See complete report at the end of these minutes, including a report of the Garden Party results. Balance is \$12,794.95. E-Board suggested contributions to the State Senate and House campaign committees which will be discussed later in this meeting. A written report was available to the members at their tables.
7. Chair's report. On Saturday we have a Democratic Volunteer Convention for the 34th and the 33rd. 12:00 – 2:00 PM. If members are nervous about door belling or calling for candidates they should attend. See Facebook page. There is also a door belling event in the 5th LD on Saturday morning at Kathy Marshall's house. See Facebook page. We want to increase the margin in the State House and take back the State Senate.
8. Updates from campaigns.
 - a. Carolyn Hicks talked in support of Anthony Gipe running for Superior Court Postion 52. He has been endorsed by 40 other judges and all 9 Supreme Court justices. She stated 75% of the cases in King County are civil, but only one-third of the judges have a civil law background. We have already endorsed him.
 - b. Eric Newman, candidate for superior court judge, spoke. He's excited about the progress after the primary, including attending three parades in the 34th. He appreciates our support.
 - c. Heidi Walter spoke on behalf of Justice Mary Yu who is running for re-election to Supreme Court position 1. She asked for members to help doorbell and put up yard signs.
 - d. Amanda Hohlfield – she is the King County field director for Senator Patty Murray. She appreciates the support of the 34th because minimum wage, student loans and healthcare coverage are all important and supported by the Senator. She urged members to work with the coordinated campaign on behalf of candidates like Tina Podlowski. She asked for members to sign up for telephone canvassing and also plugged the Volunteer Convention mentioned above. 520-236-4304 to help.
9. Chair Stone Vekich next convened a nominating convention for State Representative. Ann Martin nominated Eileen Cody for Postion 1 and Joe Fitzgibbons for Position 2. Allan Munro seconded. Eileen and Joe briefly spoke. We nominated them unanimously via show of credentials.

10. Seattle City Council Member Lisa Herbold took the floor to give an update. She chairs the committee which oversees civil rights, labor rights and arts.
- a. She touched on the issue of Duwamish Head trees – several hundred were cut on public land earlier this year. The police department is still investigating but she expects to hear something from the City Law Department next week.
 - b. Earlier this year the council passed a small B&O tax increase and created a new business license tax to hire several hundred police officers. She worked to create a new tier of businesses with over \$5 million in revenue so the majority of the revenue would not hurt small business.
 - c. She talked about the potential new North Police Precinct, \$149 million. She proposed to eliminate the dollar amount from the resolution.
 - d. Yesterday the Mayor announced the potential for reductions of speed limits – non arterial from 25 to 20 miles per hour citywide and arterial speed limits would be lowered only in center city neighborhoods.
 - e. She is working with residents on Beach Drive regarding people drag racing. This week SDOT has decided to install additional speed humps, probably this month.
 - f. Regarding 35th Avenue SW Phase 2 for rechannelizing the streets: The community appears divided. Phase 1 analysis from SDOT due October. (Note: “rechannelizing” is changing the lanes, for example reducing the number of traffic lanes from four to two with a two-way left turn lane in the center.)
 - g. Utilities – a new utility billing system has been implemented for City Light and the Public Utilities. There were some errors immediately apparent when people were sent links online to other people’s bills. They fixed it, but it has resurfaced again.
 - h. Council member Herbold also talked about time payments for those unable to pay. City Light allows a time payment with 50% down payment, but Public Utilities bills, which are generally larger, need a 75% down payment. She is working on legislation to make that 50% across the board.
 - i. Legacy business initiative. Was successfully implemented in San Francisco to recognize businesses which have been around for a long time, typically over 30 years. It is a voluntary registry. Husky Deli and Easy Street records were #2 and #3 in a survey of residents as legacy businesses to be preserved.
 - j. The Council is working on legislation to stabilize working hours for employees of businesses so they know in advance when they will work. This has passed out of committee and will pass full council next week.
 - k. Earlier this year the Council passed a tenant protection ordinance. Landlords must register with the program before doing rent increases. There is an online public database of units which have been registered.
 - l. The Council is considering up zones for some districts to allow more dense housing. The council wants to make sure 5 to 7% of the additional units are affordable. Herbold has proposed an additional fee to help with displacement of renters.
 - m. Encampment Legislation. This legislation is under consideration and there will be a lot of debate about it. There could be amendments and other changes.

Nothing has been passed at this point. 95% of the encampments removed so far this year have been re-occupied.

- n. Chair Stone-Vekich recognized elected officials in the room: Representatives Fitzgibbon and Cody. Council members Lorena Gonzalez and Lisa Herbold. King County Council member Joe McDermott. Liz Giba, a North Highline Fire Commissioner and President of the North Highline Unincorporated Area Council.
- 11. The blog White Center Now chronicles what is going on in White Center.
- 12. Candidate mini-forum: Rep. Brady Walkinshaw and Senator Pramila Jayapal, moderated by Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich.
- 13. If elected, what bill will you work to pass?
 - a. Jayapal. Affordable college. It is no way to start a life to start with \$40,000 of debt. We need to fund higher education so people can start a life without a mountain of debt. We are investing in our future. A pathway to opportunity.
 - b. Walkinshaw: Carbon tax – put a federal tax on carbon. Draws on innovation in the Pacific Northwest to put a price on carbon and that gets to many of the issues we face on social justice – transitioning from a fossil fuel dependent economy.
- 14. Question 2: Where does our district most need federal help.
 - a. Walkinshaw: housing police, center for Latino Health at UW, working with tribes. Need a federal partner to address crises on transportation, housing and homelessness.
 - b. Jayapal: The federal government has dis-invested in transportation and housing. We need to bring dollars on these issues. In the State Senate she has done this with Republicans for higher education. Take on fossil fuel companies as has been done at Standing Rock.
- 15. Question 3: How would you work with a President Clinton since you supported Bernie Sanders.
 - a. Jayapal: wants to work on racial equality and work against useless wars like the Iraq war. Big fan of single payer healthcare. Would work with Clinton on these issues. Take on the big banks – Clinton will go there. Need to reform the tax systems so corporations pay their fair share.
 - b. Walkinshaw: Supported Sanders because of his bold statements on the environment – extraction of fossil fuels on federal lands, opposing fracking. But the issue now is building bridges. He co-sponsored single-payer legislation in the last three sessions. Opiate addiction and heroin deaths. Reforming the criminal justice system.
- 16. Question 4: Is there any hope for reducing gun violence in the nation?
 - a. Walkinshaw: Yes – thanks Joe McDermott for bringing this forward. We are on the verge of a progressive Supreme Court – stands up for women’s reproductive rights and re-interprets the second amendment to prohibit automatic assault weapon. Next, within Congress elect Democrats who have an A+ rating by the alliance for gun responsibility.
 - b. Jayapal: Excited by a forum held this week on gun violence. Great ideas there: invest in public health research on gun violence to build the case. Start to look at the ACA to take on gun manufacturers in the context of the affordable care act.

17. Why should we vote for you?
 - a. Jayapal: Sued the Bush administration to stop thousands of deportations. Started One America largest immigration action group in the state. Took on payday lending and led \$15 minimum wage. Intends to stand up for the values which brought her to the nation. See government as the response to many of the issues facing us today.
 - b. Walkinshaw: Running for Congress because he loves the Northwest. Family immigrated from Cuba. Grew up in rural Whatcom County where almost half the kids did not graduate high school. He is running because the Northwest is forward looking for the rest of the country. Take our values to Washington DC. Families grow up in a nation which is environmentally sound.
18. Christina Brown spoke on behalf of Hillary Franz, candidate for Public Lands Commissioner. She's the only Democrat in the race. The opponent is an extreme right wing Donald Trump supporter. Franz is executive director of Futurewise an environmental organization. Has a law background.
19. Endorsements:
 - a. Both Pramila Jayapal and Brady Walkinshaw were nominated and seconded.
 - b. Max Vekich spoke for Pamila Jayapal as did Lorena Gonzalez. Regan Conley spoke against. Lisa Herbold was the next speaker for the endorsement.
 - c. Brianna Thomas spoke in favor of Brady Walkinshaw as did Chris Langelier and Eileen Cody. Justin Hirsh spoke against the endorsement. David Toledo next spoke in favor of Walkinshaw but ceded his time to the candidate Rebekah Lasala then spoke against.
 - d. A paper ballot of the members present was taken for the 7th District Congressional seat.
 - e. Hillary Franz was nominated for endorsement for Public Lands Commissioner. No one else was nominated. Bill Schrier and Susan Harmon spoke in support. The endorsement passed unanimously by show of credentials.
 - f. Hillary Clinton was nominated for endorsement for President of the United States. Marcee Stone-Vekich spoke in support. The nomination passed on a show of credentials.
 - g. The paper ballots for 7th Congressional District were counted. Walkinshaw received 34 votes and Jayapal received 85 votes, 71.4%. Jayapal spoke and thanked the members.
20. Donations.
 - a. Jimmy Haun moved we donate \$3500 to the House and Senate Democratic Campaign committees, split evenly. It was seconded.
 - b. Patrick Wickland spoke about the motion, suggesting we should also support statewide candidates. Chair Stone Vekich reminded him that it is difficult to do this under campaign contribution laws.
 - c. The original motion passed without change and with only a couple of dissensions.
21. There was no old business or new business. No new PCOs asked to be appointed.

22. The membership considered a resolution asking the Seattle City Council to budget for school construction. Ann Martin spoke in favor. Bill Schrier spoke against. Chris Porter spoke in favor. 33 voted in favor. 22 voted against. The resolution passed.
23. Chair Stone-Vekich spoke about the loss of City of Burien Council member Kathy Keene. And we also lost Bob Santos this year. She asked for a moment of silence.
24. Good of the order.
- a. Les Treall asked for volunteers to win back the legislature by doorbelling in other legislative districts. Contact him to volunteer.
 - b. Susan Harmon spoke about Standing Rock. Over 250 tribes and environmental organizations are supporting them.
 - c. Richard Bartlett spoke about the presidential race. Hillary Clinton is our candidate and we need to support her. Get over it!
 - d. Rachel Glass. A hate crime took place in Pidgeon Point – concerned neighbors have organized as “Hate Free Delridge” and are putting on an event – free food by the neighbors, music. Youngstown on Saturday the 24th at 8 PM.
 - e. Jimmy Haun spoke about the Freedom Foundation which supports conservative candidates for the Supreme Court. They're will be a massive rally against them outside the Court.
 - f. Chris Langelier spoke for Tina Podlodowski as candidate for Secretary of State. There are two events on the website. Chris will match up to \$200 if given tonight.
 - g. Martha Koester spoke about an event to discuss social security – see flyers on the table.
 - h. Rebekah Lasala asked for support of native people and asking for clemency for Leonard Peltier.
 - i. Max Vekich spoke in support of outgoing chair Marcee Stone-Vekich.
25. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

34th LD DEMOCRATS
TREASURER'S REPORT - MEMBERSHIP MEETING
9/14/2016

BEGINNING BALANCE - 7/13/2016 **\$ 3,763.14**

REVENUE:

Membership Dues :	1,261.00	
Donation - Walkpiece Advertisements	3,250.00	
Donation - Misc	505.00	
SKC Spaghetti Dinner Proceeds	1,136.78	
T-shirt Sales	40.00	
Garden Party/Casino Night Event	5,906.64	
LD Caucus - Venue Billing Reduction	524.25	
Miscellaneous:		
TOTAL REVENUE:		12,623.67

EXPENSES:

Organizational:

Mbrshp Meeting-Venue & Food (2)	732.95	
Newsletter-Printing/Postage/Return Notice	190.54	
Outreach	150.00	
Administrative (Office Supplies, Printing, Etc.)	630.53	
Credit Card Fees	215.20	
NgpVan- Software 4th Qtr 2016	0.00	1,919.22

Garden Party-Casino Night Fundraiser

--Casino Prep-West Coast Entertain - Balance	1,337.64	
--Catering from Duos Deposit	100.00	
		1,437.64

Caucuses - 2016		
Venue/s--LD WS High Venue Balance	0.00	0.00

Miscellaneous -

--Mailbox Rental - 8/1-7/31/2017	225.00	
--Annual License Renewal	10.00	
		235.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: **3,591.86**

ENDING BALANCE - 09/14/2016 **\$12,794.95**

2016 GARDEN PARTY/AUCTION RECAP

Friday, July 29, 2016

REVENUE:

Admission:

VIP-\$90	19	1,710
GEN-\$50	33	1,650
VOL-\$25	4	100
	<u>56</u>	<u>3,460</u>

Auction Proceeds 1,145

Swanky Cocktail Party 2,100

50/50 150

Xtra Chips 40

Cash Donation/Spons.

Rep Joe Fitzgibbon 200

Sen Sharon Nelson 200

3,835

TOTAL REVENUE: 7,295

EXPENDITURES:

Duos Catering 2,676

West Coast Entertainment 1,816

Dereck Richards 100

50/50 Payout 75

Spec Occasion License 64

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 4,731

NET PROCEEDS \$2,564