

# King County Democratic Central Committee

## Meeting Minutes from: Tuesday May 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the chair followed by the flag salute, and approval of the previous meeting minutes and proposed agenda.

There were several candidates who addressed the attendees. In speaking order they were:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position Sought</i>
Joe Mallahan	City of Seattle Mayor
King County Council Member Larry Phillips	King County Executive
City of Seattle Attorney Tom Car	City of Seattle Attorney
Peter Holmes	City of Seattle Attorney
Rich Medved	King County Assessor
David Miller	City of Seattle Council, Pos 8
Brian Bennett	City of Burien Council, Pos 7
Rusty Williams	City of Seattle Council, Pos 8
James Donaldson	City of Seattle Mayor
King County Council Chair Dow Constantine	King County Executive
Tom Albro	Seattle Port Commission, Pos 4
Jessie Israel	City of Seattle Council, Pos 6
Campaign representative for Jordan Royer	City of Seattle Council, Pos 8

The evening's program was a Health Care Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Lisa Plymate, 34<sup>th</sup> District Officer and community activist.

Panel members included: Dr. Hugh Foy from Harborview Hospital, Dr. David Baughan from Group Health Hospital in Olympia, Larry Kalb, leader in Health Care for All, and Chris Toal, health policy expert.

Each panel member gave a speech and encouraged everyone to participate in the "Health Care for All in 2009" March on May 30<sup>th</sup> and to continue contacting our delegation in Washington, D.C. Important points were the number of uninsured in the United States – 50 million, quality of health delivery system, essentials of true health care reform, advantages of single-payer system, and where does all the funding go.

Following a brief break, the Officer and Committee reports were delivered:

Chair's Report. - Ann Martin has been named the new chair of the Multicultural Networking Committee. The committee work includes: Participated in First Nations Pow Wow at UW Hec Ed Pavilion, April 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Planning to participate in Human Rights in China Now, Seattle Iranian Festival, Seattle's "Out & Proud" parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July New Citizens Swearing-in, and the King County Fair in Enumclaw.

There are 175 paid members and sponsors; we now have 1,252 PCOs, eight districts have donated to King County and the 34<sup>th</sup> LD has 77% of precincts filled.

KCDCC candidate interviews will take place at the Carpenters Hall on June 6-7<sup>th</sup>.

First Vice Chair Chad Lupkes. - 2009 Candidate Information is available to all at the website, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org). The feature offers known Democratic Candidates in all races across the county, interview schedule, and who has been endorsed by KCDCC and its 17 legislative districts. Chad is looking for regional experts in VoteBuilder and wants RSS feeds for blogs or the calendar for the website.

Second Vice Chair Joel Ware. – Two resolutions were considered by the committee for more work – no resolutions were presented.

Third Vice Chair Rosemary Blackwell. – requested donations for the upcoming rummage sale on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm, at the Carpenters Hall. She asked the district for help in donating refreshment and sending two volunteers to help work the event.

Fourth Vice Chair Emily Willoughby. - The County has been authorized to use new high-speed vote-counting machines – no handmade copies of erroneously marked ballots will be allowed. Ballots will be scanned and only race(s) in question will be addressed. There will be a running count of how many ballots have been counted, and on Election Day, they will be totaled.

King County Elections expects to get a much larger percentage of the votes that have been cast, counted on Election Day. The new counting machines have not been certified nationally; however, the Secretary of State has given approval. The new equipment is provided by the company formerly known as Diebold. King County Elections has a paper trail and performs audits.

Treasurer Andrew Peabody. - distributed the monthly performance and reported a cash balance of \$1,041. Cash balance \$1,041.

Legislative Action Committee. - Committee Co-Chair Sarajane Siegfriedt announced that 46<sup>th</sup> District Representative Rep. Scott White and 32<sup>nd</sup> Representative Maralyn Chase were the featured guests at the May meeting. The June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting is at the Mercer Island Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2 – 4 p.m. with 33<sup>rd</sup> Representative Tina Orwall.

Legislative District Reports:

The 32<sup>nd</sup> District Democrats have two events: June 10<sup>th</sup> pre-endorsement meeting for KC Exec race, with regular endorsements to be considered in July. There will be a discussion on Point Wells. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, a plant sale and ice cream social. Rep. Maralyn Chase will be there at the new district office in Shoreline.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats KCDCC Rep Will Afleck-Ash announced June 2<sup>nd</sup> forum for County Exec and Seattle Mayor at the Labor Temple at 7:00 pm.

The 45<sup>th</sup> District Democrats will participate in the Duvall Days festival and will use KCDCC button making equipment and supplies. Chair Martin Chaney announced a 45<sup>th</sup> executive board May 30<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for a facilitator.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Democrats will help with a June 25<sup>th</sup> King County Executive forum in North Bend. Susan Huchison is considering the invitation. 6:30 p.m. Twin Falls Middle School. (KCDCC Website Calendar Item)

The 37<sup>th</sup> District Democrats have moved their monthly meetings beginning in June, to the Rainier Valley Cultural Center.

#### **Good of the Order**

- City of Skykomish is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming Saturday
- Julian Wheeler asked support for the local Alliance for People with Disabilities this Saturday 1 pm, NW rooms in Seattle Center. Nick Licata is adding veterans as a class to the list of protected classes in Seattle.
- Lloyd Hara is recruiting campaign volunteers
- The Young Democrats of Washington are having a forum June 18<sup>th</sup> for KC Executive Candidates at the South Lake Union Discovery Center, 101 Westlake Ave N, Seattle, 7:00 pm,

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarajane Siegfriedt and Susan Sheary  
Acting for Kier Matthew, Recording Secretary