

King County Democratic Central Committee - Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2010

6:35 – Call to Order; Chair Sheary announces silent auction is open until 8:00 pm. There is also a raffle and light supper available.

6:38 Dr. Lisa Plymate, KCDCC Female Rep from the 34th District, leads the Pledge of Allegiance

6:39 The Chair entertains a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. Tim Burns moves to amend the minutes for 'typos'; the motion is seconded. Suzie will accept all friendly amendments to the minutes and incorporate them for posting online. The motion passes unanimously.

6:40 Initial Credentials report: 36 representatives are credentialed.

6:41 The Chair introduces the KCDCC Endorsement Committee: Karl deJong chaired; Ivan Weiss; Sarajane Siegfriedt, Ian Jacobson, Peter Masundire, Rob Dolin, Michael Maddux, and Sonja Rossman are present and all participated. They made great recommendations, met over two weekends and did an outstanding job.

6:44 The Chair yields the gavel to Karl deJong, Chair of the Endorsements committee, who thanks the Chair for her support of the committee. Karl announces that the Endorsements Committee considered thirty-seven (37) positions and interviewed thirty-five (35) candidates. He entertains a motion to waive reading of the slate of those considered for endorsement by acclamation and to adopt by acclamation. Chris Maryatt moves, Martin Cheney seconds, and the motion passes unanimously. Karl invites candidates to express appreciation. Rob Dolin moves to limit speakers to thirty (30) seconds. Motion is seconded, and passes. Candidates thanked the organization throughout the night's proceedings.

6:55 Contested Races:

Legislative District 31, Representative Position #2. The Endorsements Committee recommends no action. After a discussion, the KCDCC voted for no endorsement in this race.

Legislative District 31, Senator. Rob Dolin moves to endorse Raymond Bunk, seconded by Will Affleck-Ash. Sarajane Siegfriedt notes that there is a committee recommendation for dual endorsement of Raymond Bunk and Ron Weigelt. Motion for single endorsement fails. The motion to dual endorse passes, although not unanimously. Ron Weigelt thanks everyone, and promises to take out Pam Roach. Raymond Bunk indicates that he is short, but good-looking, and will take out Pam Roach.

Legislative District 34 has three candidates for open seat. Recommendation from the committee is endorse all three for representative. After discussion, pro and con, vote was 18 yes, 24 no, motion failed for triple endorsement.

Motion to make a single endorsement of Marcee Stone, was moved and seconded. Discussion, pro and con. Point of order: Can we endorse here and others as well? Answer: Yes, this is a single endorsement, not a sole endorsement. Vote: Motion passes for single endorsement of Marcee Stone.

Julian Wheeler moves to endorse Mike Heavey, seconded by Chris Maryatt. Discussion. Motion failed.

Lisa Plymate moves to endorse Joe Fitzgibbons, seconded by Ivan Weiss. Discussion. Motion vote: 21 yes, 21 no. Motion fails.

Rob Dolin, point of parliamentary inquiry: How exactly is the endorsement language worded? Answer: "2/3 of those present, not counting abstentions [are required to endorse.]"

Sarajane Siegfriedt moved to endorse Seattle Municipal Court, Position 1 Judicial Candidate, Ed McKenna. Seconded and discussion ensued. Peter Masundire makes a motion to table; there is no second. Point of information: Will we meet in August to reconsider endorsements? Answer: Yes.

Motion to postpone until September meeting is made, seconded, and passed.

Motion to endorse Karen Donahue for Seattle Municipal Court, Position 6 by Sarajane Siegfriedt, seconded by Will Affleck-Ash. Discussion. Motion passes. Candidate was present and thanked reps.

Motion was made and seconded to triple endorse in King County District Court, Northeast District, Position 7 race for Donna Tucker, Larry Mitchell, and Ketu Shah. Discussion. Motion passes. Candidates present and thanked reps. Motion was made and seconded for dual endorsement of King County District Court, Southeast District, Position 6 for Matt Williams and Dave Tracy. Discussion. Motion passes. Candidates present and thanked reps.

Karl deJong thanks the group for a great session and calls for a break.

BREAK

8:10 Old Business

The Chair reported on the Goldmark/McKenna lawsuits, presented membership, financial, and PCO status.

Chris Porter: Who's marching in gay pride parade on June 27th? The first fifty (50) people who sign up will get the cool KCDCC t-shirt containing names of officials who supported it. Congressman Jim McDermott, King County Executive Dow Constantine, 8th Congressional Candidate Suzan DelBene, State Senator Joe McDermott, Representative Dave Upthegrove, and Port Commissioner Rob Holland. All elected/candidates will be marching with the KCDCC on Sunday.

State Committee Woman and Multicultural Committee Chair Ann Martin distributed packages to all District Chairs for voter registration of felons. The law has changed regarding legal financial obligations. Convicted felons may now vote after supervision even if they still have legal financial obligations outstanding. We want to register people to vote, so we're targeting people whose voting rights have been restored. After the King County effort is complete, the packages will be presented at the WSDCO Chairs meeting in September.

Dorothy Williard – the 5th District is inviting everyone to their summer picnic on July 18th. We'd love to have you. We'll have food, music and a beer and wine garden.

Sarajane Siegfriedt: Co-Chair of the Legislative Action Committee. The LAC's last meeting with Marilyn Chase was great. On July 18th, they're meeting at the Federal Way Regional Library.

Linda Clifton: July 31st is the 43rd LD's picnic (and Linda's birthday). Michael Maddux planned it, and isn't here right now to speak on it. Without Susan Hutchison, we're not expecting any GOP guests this year! It will be at Ravenna Park.

8:25 New Business

Linda Clifton introduces two resolutions. One is an immediate action on off-shore drilling - the Earth Day explosion was bad for wildlife and the Louisiana coast. The 34th District Democrats adopted the resolution and sent it forward. KCDCC – LAC improved it further dealing with the major failure. Linda introduces Katherine Minsch, author, who reads the statement. The Resolution Committee recommends do-pass.

The resolution passes unanimously.

Linda Clifton introduces the second resolution, calling for fiscal responsibility and reform. It calls for open avenues of communication and is about families and a large segment of the population. This notes that wars take our money. The committee recommends do-pass.

The resolution passes.

8:39 Good of the Order along with drawing of door prizes

8:44 ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted

Christopher Maryatt, Secretary