



34th District Democrats

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November 2014

Message from the Chair

I so wish I had a crystal ball right now! My October message was all about getting out the vote for the November 4th election and that is still what's on my mind. But by the time you read this, it will be all but over. I hope you've made a difference to take back the State Senate, fund our busses and schools, and pass a statewide initiative to protect vulnerable populations from gun violence. In November, we will be poised for future battles whatever the results on the 4th.

November 12th is our last business meeting of the year. What better time to assess where the district is and where it needs to go. Here's my point of view. Send me an email with yours at marceestone@msn.com

- Held a joint-LD candidate forum with the 11th and 37th Democrats
- Added a new fundraiser celebrating Earth Day to raise early campaign funds
- Raised the bar on our signature fundraiser, the Garden Party
- Cut newsletter mailing costs by sending an email link to the newsletter while still mailing one to those without email
- Raised significant funds for candidates and campaigns
- Rolled out NGP database, finance control and email system
- Increased our membership on the District Facebook page from 91 to 370
- Revised and updated our bylaws

More to do:

- Get the most out of NGP, our technology provider
- Update our more than 10-year old website
- Increase our membership and PCOs
- Add geographic, ethnic and generational diversity
- Find and involve more volunteers
- Intensify outreach and voter registration

If I'm re-elected Chair of the 34th District Democrats in January 2016, I promise to keep us moving forward to 2016.

Marcee Stone-Vekich
Chair

Meeting Notice

November 12, 2014

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting
The Hall at Fautleroy
9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA

Proposed Agenda

7:00—Flag Salute, approvals of agenda, minutes, treasurer's report

7:10—Chair's Report and First Vice Chair's Report. Call for nominations for 34th LD 2014 awards—more information here http://34dems.org/org_recognition.htm

7:20—2015 legislative preview by Senator Nelson and Representatives Cody and Fitzgibbon, followed by questions from members

8:00—2014 election wrap-up and members open mic

8:40 Resolutions and PCO appointments

8:55 Good of the order

9:00 Adjourn to Elliott Bay Brewery

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Newsletter information

We have implemented our switch to online newsletter notification. The link will be emailed to members on a monthly basis. If you want to opt in to a paper copy, please contact our treasurer, Karen Chilcutt. Paper copies will be available at the monthly meetings as well.

We will no longer be having mailing parties, as the editor is able to handle the opt in list. We are not printing membership status anymore—this information will be available on the website.

Editorial policy remains the same. We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles. All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work. Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 29th Mail to Martha Koester, 10015 2nd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98168 or fomalhaut2003@yahoo.com Phone: 206-762-6417.

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ENDORSEMENTS

The following candidates and ballot issues are endorsed by the 34th District Democrats for the general election on November 3, 2014

State Legislature

- 34th State Senator - Re-Elect Sharon Nelson
- 34th State Rep. Position 1 - Re-Elect Eileen Cody
- 34th State Rep. Position 2 - Re-Elect Joe Fitzgibbon

State Supreme Court

- Position #1 - Mary Yu
- Position #3 - Mary E. Fairhurst
- Position #5 - Charles W. Johnson
- Position #7 - Debra L. Stephens

King County District Court

- West District Position #1 - Johanna Bender
- West District Position #2 - Mark Chow and Phillip Tavel (dual endorsement)
- West District Position #5 - Anne C. Harper

City of Seattle Municipal Court

- Position #1 - Ed McKenna
- Position #2 - C. Kimi Kondo
- Position #3 - Steve Rosen
- Position #5 - Willie Gregory
- Position #6 - Karen Donohue
- Position #7 - Damon Shadid

Federal Offices

- United States Rep., 7th District - Re-Elect Jim McDermott

Ballot measures (General Election):

- State Initiative 594 - Require background checks for firearms sales and transfers - Vote YES
- State Initiative 591 - Concerns firearms - Vote NO
- State Initiative 1351 - Concerning K-12 education - NO POSITION
- State Advisory Vote No. 8 — Concerning Marijuana Excise Tax - Vote MAINTAINED
- State Advisory Vote No. 9 — Concerning leasehold excise tax on tribal property - Vote MAINTAINED
- Seattle Proposition 1A and 1B:
 - Question 1: Vote YES
 - Question 2: Choose PROP 1B
- Seattle Transportation Benefit District, Proposition 1 - Vote YES
- Highline School Levy: Vote APPROVE



Time is running short to work on the following critical campaigns for retaking the State Senate.

<http://www.senatedemocrats.org/>

District: 45

Friends of Matt Isenhower

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Website: www.voteisenhower.com

District: 30

Friends of Shari Song

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Website: www.votesharisong.com

District: 28

Committee to Elect Tami Green

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Phone bank for Democrats in critical legislative districts

International Aerospace Machinists Hall

9135 15th Pl S

Seattle, WA 98108

Mondays and Wednesdays 5-8:30pm

Resolution for Establishing a Seattle City Bank

WHEREAS banks on the national level have not been adequately regulated to prevent future risky lending and investments; and

WHEREAS there have been many bank failures which have negatively impacted the citizens of Washington State; and

WHEREAS despite record low interest rates, banks are lending less than ever; and

WHEREAS the City of Seattle, because of current regulations, may only place its tax monies in a bank large enough to collateralize its assets, and is therefore obliged to use large banks, many of which have been held civilly liable for fraud; and

WHEREAS the Federal Reserve, FDIC and Comptroller of the Currency, beginning in January 2015, have downgraded the rating of municipal bonds (while upgrading the rating of riskier corporate bonds), which is likely to cause a significant increase in interest costs to the city¹; and

WHEREAS since the crash of 2008 Washington State and the City of Seattle have had to cut public programs, negatively impacting Seattle citizens; and

WHEREAS a publicly owned Seattle First Public Bank would act as a banker's bank and participate in commercial loans, thereby expanding commercial credit in the city and the state; and

WHEREAS a Seattle First Public Bank would allow the City to self-fund capital projects, keep money local, subsidize student loans and absorb debt capacity; and

WHEREAS, once established, a Seattle First Public Bank would not only foster economic development but would pay its own operating costs, with any profits generated given as dividends to the city; and

WHEREAS a Seattle First Public Bank would open up revenue options other than taxation; and

WHEREAS a Seattle First Public Bank would partner with community banks and credit unions, providing a direct boost to these institutions by participation in secondary markets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative Democrats support the establishment of a Seattle First Public Bank; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative Democrats send copies of this resolution to Mayor Murray and members of the Seattle City Council.

Submitted to the 34th Legislative District Democrats meeting of November 12, 2014 by Cindy Cole (Public Banking Coalition) and Martha Koester, Democratic PCO, Sylvan Precinct

¹Preparing To Asset-strip Local Government? The Fed's Bizarre New Rules

<http://ellenbrown.com/2014/09/08/preparing-to-asset-strip-local-government-the-feds-bizarre-new-rules/>

“Municipal bonds, long considered safe liquid investments, have been eliminated from the list of high-quality liquid collateral assets (HQLA). That means banks that are the largest holders of munis are liable to start dumping them in favor of the Treasuries and corporate bonds that do satisfy the requirement.”

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 25, 2014	\$12,197.24
Add Revenues	\$3303.00
Less Expenses	\$3,985.76
Balance as of September 24, 2014.....	\$11,514.45

Membership Report
Available at the meeting.

All The Wealth The Middle Class Accumulated After 1940 Is Gone

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/20/middle-class-wealth-shrinks-1940s_n_6014874.html?utm_hp_ref=business

The middle-class share of American wealth has been shrinking for the better part of three decades and recently fell to its lowest level since 1940, according to a new study by economists Emmanuel Saez of the University of California, Berkeley, and Gabriel Zucman of the London School of Economics.

In other words, remember the surge of the great American middle class after World War II? That's all gone..





34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

34th District Committee Meetings

PCO Committee

No meeting in November

Please focus on GOTV!

Executive Board

Wednesday November 19, 7:00 pm

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House 7020 18th Ave SW

Meetings of the Executive Board, as with all meetings of the 34th District Democrats, are open to all members.

Other Meetings of Interest to Democrats

West Seattle Meaningful Movies

Saturday, November 1, 7:00 pm (6:30 pm social)

**High Point Neighborhood House,
6400 Sylvan Way SW Seattle**

War Made Easy exposes a fifty-year pattern of government deception and media spin that has dragged the United States into one war after another, from Vietnam to Iraq. Narrated by actor and activist Sean Penn, the film exhumes remarkable footage of official distortion and exaggeration, from LBJ to George W. Bush, and reveals in stunning detail how the U.S. news media have uncritically disseminated the pro-war messages of successive presidential administrations.

33rd LD Election Night Party

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Mick Kelly's Irish Pub

435 SW 152nd St., Burien

Hosted by Senator Karen Keiser and Representatives Tina Orwall and Mia Gregerson. The Highline Schools Bond election party is also in Burien at The Tin Room at 923 SW 152nd St, so supporters can attend both events easily.

Daily Kos Meetup with Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon

Saturday November 8, 12:30 pm -3:00 pm. (Please be there before 1:00)

Pyramid Alehouse Restaurant, 1201 1st Ave S (Across from Safeco Field) Free parking in lots, front or back.

\$25 cash per person (includes non-alcoholic beverage, gratuity, tax and your choice of food from a limited-choice menu Beer and wine will be available on a pay as you go basis or by opening a tab with a credit card. Detailed information is here: <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/10/09/1335185/-Seattle-Puget-Sound-Kossacks-Meet-Rep-Joe-Fitzgibbon-Nov-8th> Please RSVP to Steve Butts at your earliest convenience.

“Spirit of King County” Volunteer Awards and

Reception Saturday November 8, 5:30 pm –8:00 pm

Washington Athletic Club

1325 6th Ave, Seattle, WA

Sponsored by the King County Democrats

Evergreen Democratic Club

Tuesday November 11, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Angelo's Restaurant

601 S 153rd St, Burien, WA

Election analysis and plans for 2015 activities

Health Care for All—WA 2014 Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 8, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Horizon House, 900 University St., Seattle

Keynote speaker: Jeff Johnson

Chair, Health Care Is a Human Right campaign and President, Washington State Labor Council

<http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/>

“Universal Health Coverage: A Key to Fighting Income Inequality” Light refreshments will be served. RSVP:707-742-3292 or Office@healthcareforallWA.org

Dow Constantine's Annual 39th Birthday Party

Thursday November 13, 5:30 am– to whenever

Kells, 1916 Post Alley, Pike Place Market

RSVP at events@dowconstantine.com

Metropolitan Democratic Club

**Plaza 600 Bldg., 6th Ave & Stewart St., Suite 205,
Downtown Seattle**

Bimonthly 12:00 pm- to 1:30 pm.

Brown bag or deli lunches.

Tuesday November 4

Election Night Prefunction. Before you go off to celebrate with your favorite candidates stop by the Warwick Hotel at 401 Lenora, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday November 19

Membership meeting Panel discussion "Beyond Ferguson" features King County Sheriff John Urquhart and others to be determined.

Help at the White Center Food Bank

Wednesday, November 26, 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

10829 8th Ave SW Seattle WA 98146

<http://www.whitecenterfoodbank.org/>

206-747-0802; Aileen Sison, aileentsison@gmail.com

West Seattle Democratic Women

Thursday November 20, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

West Seattle Golf Course

Lunch meeting, program to be determined (regular evening meeting rescheduled because of major conflict) Please RSVP by Sunday, November 17 to reserve a lunch. Program details to be determined. Contact Ann Martin (martintam@gmail.com) for more information.

Drinking Liberally

Wednesday December 3, 7:00 pm -?

Mick Kelly's Irish Pub

435 SW 152nd St., Burien

Rather than meet during Thanksgiving or Christmas weeks, we decided to just have one meeting earlier in December.

No Robert's Rules, just informal political chat. Eat, drink or abstain as desired. To sign up for email reminders—

<http://livingliberally.org/drinking/subscribe1.html?id=159>

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WSDCC Quarterly Meeting

WSDCC met September 12-13, 2014 at the Silver Reef Hotel Casino in Ferndale, WA

Call to Order by State Party Chair Jaxon Ravens at 1:36pm. Flag Salute led by Julie Johnson (Clallam County); Justin Finkbonner performs the Lummi National Anthem. Welcome by Whatcom County Chair Mike Estes. Roll Call by State Party Secretary Rob Dolin. There are 45 County and 76 Legislative District State Committee Members present, for a total of 121 individuals. Al Garman (41st LD) receives a standing ovation. Welcome back, Al! The 4 WSDCC officers, 4 DNC members, the President of the Federation of Democratic Women, the Chair of the Chairs' Organization, and a representative from the Young Democrats of Washington are also present.

Adoption of the Agenda M/S/A.
Approval of the Minutes M/S/A

Chair's Report – Chair Jaxon Ravens

Chair Ravens thanks a number of individuals for their support in his first seven months in office, including the Executive Board, the Chairs of the Committees and Caucuses, the staff, the members of the SCC, chairs, vice-chairs, and PCOs. Chair Ravens reports on his attendance at party, campaign, and other functions throughout the state. Chair Ravens reports on a variety of State Party programs and recognizes the department directors for Party Affairs, Fundraising, Compliance, Digital Media and Technology

Campaign Director Rob Dible and Organizing for Washington Director Max Brown report on the 2014 campaign. Rob Dible reports on the importance of data – elections are all about targeting the right voters. Max Brown says that this election will be all about turnout—Washington State has enough Democrats for us to win the election.

State Party Executive Director Karen Deal and Vice Chair Valerie Brady Rongey announce the State Party's new DEM (Donate Every Month) program, and encourage SCC members to become sustaining donors.

DNC Reports

David McDonald—the DNC Rules Committee has passed its preliminary guidelines for the 2016 Delegate Selection Process; the number of delegates have been reduced across the board, dropping Washington State's likely delegate count from 103 to 86. DNC Rep. McDonald reports that we were successful in retaining our ability to have SCC members from LD's elect our at-large delegates as we did in 2012. Iowa has been under pressure to adopt an absentee ballot – they will have a single statewide telephone caucus for military service members. Federal funding for national convention has been stopped; the DNC is taking over direct management of the convention and will be raising money directly.

Ed Cote—the DNC has retired its debt from 2012; all campaign committees are out-raising their Republican counterparts The 2016 National Convention will be in one of the following cities: Columbus, OH; Phoenix, AZ; Philadelphia, PA; Brooklyn, NY; or Birmingham, AL; the final decision will likely be made in January 2015.

Sharon Mast—is now Secretary of the Western States Caucus; the Western Caucus is especially concerned with Hispanic/Latin issues.

Lona Wilbur—was not able to attend the Atlanta meeting, because of a death in a family; she is glad that Chair Ravens attended the Native Caucus with Rion Ramirez, an At-Large DNC member who lives in Washington and is Chair of the DNC Native American Caucus.

Committee Reports

- Affirmative Action—report from Alec Stephens (37th LD & Affirmative Action Committee Chair) for 2016.
- Elections Committee report from Roger Erskine (Thurston County & Elections Committee Chair)
- Technology Committee report from Rob Dolin (State Party Secretary & Technology Committee Chair)
- Eastern Washington report from Ed Wood (4th LD) for Eastern Washington Committee Chair Valerie Brady Rongey
- Rules report from Ann Martin (34th LD) for Rules Committee Chair Todd Nichols .

For resolutions passed, see <http://www.wa-democrats.org/issues>

KCDCC Meeting Notes

By Layne Bautista

34th District King County Committeewoman

October 28, 2014

The meeting was held at the Renton Carpenter's Hall, but once again, traffic interfered with attendance. Chair de Jong was present, but two out of four Vice-Chairs were missing. At the beginning of the meeting Chair de Jong called for a moment of silence to remember the victims and survivors of the Marysville-Pilchuck shooting. He also thanked several of the Legislative Districts who have provided financial support and doorbellers (the 34th included) to campaigns in the 30th and 45th LD's, specifically, state senatorial races involving Shari Song and Matt Isenhower, respectively.

KCDCC Secretary Jennifer Minich announced that she will not be running for a second term.

The KCDCC Reorganization will be held on December 6th. Time and place TBA.

Legislative District reports followed. Many reported activity supporting Shari Song's and Matt Isenhower's campaigns. Tim Burns, Chair of the 30th LD, reported 1,200 donors to Song's campaign compared with only 680 donors to Miloscia's. Several LD's announced their holiday parties.

Betsy Walker of the Young Democrats reported that over \$5,000 was raised from their murder mystery event, "Who Killed Jaxon Ravens," in which our own Marcee Stone played a part!

Marvin Rosete gave the report for Candidate Support, saying that basically, the western part of King County has been supporting the eastern part of the county. The emphasis is on the state senate, and it's going to be close. Charles Jensen is challenging incumbent Rep. Elizabeth Scott (R) in the 39th, and Greg Baruso is trying to unseat incumbent Rep. Linda Kochmar's (R) in the 30th.

Next, Dean Fournier and Joel Ware reported for Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws, addressing the reorganization rules for the county and the legislative districts. Two changes regarding county rules were presented: one providing a question and answer session for candidates for King County Chair to be added into the reorganization agenda, and the other changing the order of election for KCDCC officers. Both changes passed. No rules were changed regarding LD reorganization rules. Language was simplified that explains that previous bylaws are put back into effect at the end of the reorganization meeting if they are not voted upon.

Our paid fundraising advisor, Thomas Pitchford, promoted the Nov. 8th KCDCC Awards and Reception fundraising event at the WAC. The event is live on the

KCDCC homepage and one can register there. They are still looking for more sponsors. Light appetizers will be provided. The costs are \$25 for PCO's and \$30 for community members.

The Finance and Development report was delivered by First Vice Chair Christina Lewis. She announced that the KCDCC's holiday party would be on December 13th from 6:30 to 9:00, location TBA. She let us know that candidates will be coming to KCDCC the first week of December asking for help/donations to eliminate their campaign debt. She also suggested that we donate oatmeal (per their suggestion) to the First United Methodist Church in downtown Seattle, as they often align themselves with our positions and contribute phone bankers to our campaigns.

When it was time for proposals for campaign contributions, Michael Wolfe proposed we donate \$1,000 to Chris Barringer, \$2,000 to Shari Song, and \$2,000 to Matt Isenhower. Chris Barringer is challenging incumbent Mark Hargrove (R) for his seat in the State House of Representatives in the 47th LD. All proposals passed.

Noel Renggli for Elections reminded us of emails all PCO's and members should have received regarding sign-ups for trainings and election observers at King County Elections. Democrats and Republicans observe together in half-hour shifts. He explained that this is how we maintain the integrity of our vote.

The Legislative Report was given by Bob Rosenberger. At our next meeting, the LAC will again be asking us what we think our priorities should be for the upcoming session. These are then communicated to our legislators on Lobby Day in December.

This was our last meeting of the officers' two-year terms. Chair de Jong thanked his fellow officers and said that he has been honored to serve. The big surprise of the night came when he announced that he has decided to stop pursuing re-election as chair, choosing instead to go back to school to pursue an advanced degree sometime in mid-2015. Meeting adjourned!.

Editorial comment: I can't help but wonder where the King County Democrats would be as an organization if the officers had works as hard at fundraising and other matters as they did in the month of October, 2014.



After Halloween

*Even on the compost pile
The pumpkin smiles*

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting. . .

34th District Democrats

Minutes, District Meeting of October 8, 2014

Occasional references may be made to attachments distributed at the meeting. These handouts—and the full version of the meeting minutes—may be accessed at the 34th District website or upon request.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich. Chair presented agenda for approval – M/S/P Unanimous. Minutes presented for approval – M/S/P Unanimous

Treasurer's Report – Karen Chilcutt: Our beginning balance on July 9, 2014 was \$6,521.47. Revenue was \$15,833, most coming from the auction (\$14,382), and expenses totaled \$10,500.92. Expenses included \$6,034 for election contributions, \$1,918 for elections related costs and \$2,549 for administrative costs. The ending balance on October 8 is \$11,853.26. A big surprise from the auction was the dessert dash which brought in \$1,756.

Chair's report: Marcee Stone-Vekich recognized elected officials Dow Constantine, Sharon Nelson, Bill Tracy, Joe Fitzgibbon, and Damon Shadid, the candidate for Municipal Court Seattle. White Center Food Bank has its annual fund raising dinner and auction at South Seattle Community College's Brockey Center on 10/18 at 5:30. The cost is \$75 per person. Marcy Carpenter was elected president of the National Federation for the Blind.

Vice-Chairs reports: Ted Barker 1st Vice Chair—On the 4th Wednesday of each month 34th district volunteers at the White Center Food Bank. We need people to show up and help.

Tamsen Spengler – 2nd Vice Chair – PCOs please pick up your walk list and voter guides handouts to walk your precincts.

Program General Meeting

KC Executive Dow Constantine and Chris Charbonneau, president Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest

Dow gave an overview of the budget he provided last week at the council meeting; it's the first biennial budget. They will be doing adjustments every year but a full budget every 2 years. To keep clinics open, they created an agreement with the City of Federal Way to keep the Federal Way clinic open. In White Center the Greenbridge Clinic was to close, they looked for partnerships and worked with Planned Parenthood. Now we will be able to keep the Greenbridge Clinic open with help from Planned Parenthood. They are working with Auburn to look for partners and hoping to have something in place before the cuts take effect.

Dow then introduced Chris Charbonneau, President of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, who talked about the partnership with King County. They had a clinic on Roxbury and the lease was coming up for renewal. They were able to move to the Greenbridge Clinic and take over that lease to ease the county budget cost. They will combine staff and make bigger a center to make it as easy as possible for residents to get services. They created an accountability task force to look at who Planned Parenthood is seeing and who isn't getting services to see if they are providing services to people who need them.

Dow said that Greenbridge serves about 7,000 people per year, most are at 200% below federal poverty level. It's important to get stable funding for public health. We need a solid funding source in the future. Another funding problem is transit. It's difficult to predict what will happen with the budget but they will need to cut services. Dow shared a special commentary to be published in the Seattle Times on Thursday.

GOTV Plans Knocking on doors is the most important activity PCOs can do. A phone bank is planned for Monday for 30th district Shari Song.

State Committee Report – Lisa Plymate and Chris Porter reported on the state meeting on the Lummi Reservation in Ferndale. They learned about issues faced by Native Americans. The party

sponsors websites that let the public track what's going on in their district. Finances are good, they have a fundraising plan that allows contributions over the year rather than a one time lump sum. The reorganization of the state party is in January. Maggie Awards are Saturday night, they will honor party leaders.

Candidates for King County Democratic Central Committee Chair – reorganization meeting is in December.

Karl deJong, KCDCC Chair we need to regain the Washington State Senate. To do that, we need to elect Shari Song in the 30th Legislative District and Matt Isenhower in the 45th. Our motto should be voters in, big money out. We need to recruit at the local level; finding PCOs is important to get voter contact.

Omaha Sternberg Chair 33rd District Democrats KCDCC is in a crisis situation; we need to grow the party and grow the KCDCC. Long term planning should be done by PCOs not the executive board. She wants to change communications within the organization. They need to use technology better to communicate their message to get candidates elected. They need to provide districts with support and aren't doing it.

Ken Taylor 2nd Vice Chair KCDCC is facing challenges and need to plan activities. There are financial problems at KCDCC; he helped create a strategic plan to get the organization back in shape. They need collaborative leadership that's lacking now.

Endorsements and campaign contributions

—Chair called three times for endorsements; none were moved.

Ann Martin moved to donate \$500 to Proposition 1 Seattle Transportation Benefit District. The motion was seconded. Ann spoke to her motion. It is important to support this as a district; it will make a big impact. No speakers against. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Les Treall moved to donate the remainder of available campaign donation funds to the State Senate campaign. The budget wasn't available to review. After discussion, Les withdrew his motion.

Max Vekich spoke to support saving funds for maintaining the long term success of the party and recommended not donating additional campaign funds.

Tim Burns, the Chair of 30th suggested we consider donating funds to other LDs.

Lisa Plymate moved we donate \$500 to the 30th LD to use Allan Munro seconded. Lisa spoke to her motion, the 30th needs support to help keep the senate strong. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris moved we donate \$500 to the 45th LD. Motion was seconded. Chris spoke to the motion and emphasized the importance of using the funds to win back the senate. The motion passed unanimously.

No other contributions were recommended.

Old Business/New Business: None

Good of the Order: Ann Martin, the West Seattle Democratic Women's will have an evening program on October 23 at the West Seattle Golf Course. The topic is Transportation 101 with Rachel Smith, Tom Rasmussen and Amanda Helmik speaking about regional transportation issues. A handout was provided.

Evergreen Democrats meet Tuesday; topic is a city bank for Seattle.

Dennis Kucinich will be here on the 16th for a peace forum at UW Kane Hall.

Tim Burns thanked the membership for the generous donation to the 30th LD; it will be put to good use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.





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