

December 15, 2010

31st District Democrats General Meeting Minutes

- Reorganization Meeting
 - Rosie Ehart – Chair, Pierce County Democrats Presiding Chair
- Flag Salute
- MOTION to Approve Agenda
 - [Floor, Brian Gunn 2nd]
 - PASSED unanimous
- Appoint Tallying Committee
 - Craig Sanders and Brian Gunn
- Parliamentarian
 - Brian Gunn
- Sergeant- at-Arms
 - Mark Boswell
- Nominations for President
 - MJ McGalliard [Nominating Committee Nominates]
 - Withdraws from consideration and supports Ron Weigelt
 - Ron Weigelt [Nominating Committee Nominates]
 - Speech - Need people to come together
 - Tim Pearson [Ingrid]
 - Speech – Thinks he could bring group back together
 1. Withdraws consideration and supports Ron Weigelt
 - MOTION [Patti] Accept Ron Weigelt by acclimation
 1. Unanimous
- Nominations for Vice-Chair for King County
 - Mark Boswell [Nominating Committee Nominates]
 - MOTION [Jaime] Accept Mark Boswell
- Nominations for Vice-Chair for Pierce County
 - Linda Rutenburg[Nominating Committee Nominates]
 - Withdraws
 - MOTION [Linda Rutenberg] – Nominates Ingrid Curtis
 - Accepts nomination
- Nominations for State Committee Man
 - Brian Gunn [NC]
 - Wants to continue reforms
 - Greg Clinkingbeard [Kathy Lorimer]
 - Agreed to run because there is a lot of division
 - Ron Appoints Joe to Temporary Tally Committee Assignment
 - 20 possible votes
 1. RESULTS - 8 Greg, 12 Brian
 - 1. Brian Gunn elected State Committee Man

December 15, 2010

- Nominations for State Committee woman
 - Patti Szott [NC]
 - Try to bring voice of 31st to State, believes in State Platform, living wages, marriage equality. Always stands up for our voice and will stand up to our representatives as well.
 - Sandy Loveland [Tim Pearson]
 - Had decided to step down, but had problem with Patti so decided to accept nomination. Upset that Patti and Brian proposed a resolution that called for a censure of Chris Hurst, Karen Willard, and Yvonne Ward for endorsing Pam Roach in 2010 election.
 1. RESULTS - Patti 9, Sandy 11
 1. Sandy elected
- Pierce County Committee Woman
 - Linda Rutenberg [NC]
 - MOTION [Tim] Accept Linda by acclamation
 1. Passed unanimous
- Pierce County Committee Man
 - Jaime Trejo [NC]
 - Not an independent Democrat supports Democratic Party supporting the people
 - [2nd Brian Gunn] When things were at their worst, Jaime stepped up and was instrumental in getting the write-in campaigns going
 - [2nd Patti Szott] Jaime pushed for a positive option for Democrats rather than supporting Republicans
 - Tim Pearson [Ingrid]
 - We need to have help on executive board. Has a lot of experience. Wants to bring people together.
 - [2nd Sharon Hodgins] Supports Tim because he wants a very strong voice.
 - [2nd Gary Usky] Has experience
 - RESULTS Jaime 7, Tim 12
- Pierce County Committee Person
 - Von Kimoto
 - Wants to educate voters and help people understand why they are opposing issues that help their own self-interest.
 - Kathy Lorimer [Tim Pearson]
 - Withdraws from consideration for family concerns
 - MOTION [Brian] Accept Von by acclamation
 - UNANIMOUS
- King County Committee woman

December 15, 2010

- Patti Szot [NC]
- MOTION [Sandy, Brian 2nd] Accept Patti by acclimation
 - UNANIMOUS
- King County Committee Man
 - Kevin Cline [NC]
 - Serves on two non-profit boards, very progressive minded but understands that not everyone is. Do his best to represent everyone
 - MOTION [Brian, Patti 2nd] Accept Kevin by acclimation
 - UNANIMOUS
- MOTION – Suspend the meeting [Tim Pearson, 2nd]
 - Wants to stop electing people to the eboard
 - MOTION to End Debate [Gary Usky, Tim Pearson 2nd]
 - 9 for 9 against
 1. MOTION fails
 - For –
 1. Want a smaller e-board
 - Against –
 - MOTION withdrawn by Tim Pearson
- Changes to Bylaws
 - MOTION – [Mark, MJ 2nd] Accept bylaws as proposed by the executive board as amended
 - 1st Change Discussion
 - MOTION [Tim, Gary 2nd] – To postpone discussion of Bylaws to next meeting
 - 11 for, 8 against
 1. Motion passed
- Election of other executive board members
 - MOTION – Suspend rest of business items K-N [MJ, Jaime 2nd]
 - Discussion –
 1. [MJ] Intent of meeting have been hijacked and we may as well go home – Changes to the bylaws were on website and in writing for 30 days ahead
 2. [?] Current bylaws – were their other people up for other positions
 3. [Brian] – Suspend business at this point and we do not exist as an organization
 4. [Sandy] – Need to have organization
 - Question called
 - 5 in favor, 13 against
- MOTION – [Tim, Sandy 2nd] Adopt current bylaws in place to next meeting
 - Discussion –

December 15, 2010

- MJ – We posted and accepted the bylaws in writing and on the internet in proper form and is now thrown out
 - Kevin – Did not know there was a copy online. Motion to suspend was not understood by his vote.
 - 13 for, 5 against
 - MOTION PASSES
- Election of Executive Board Members
 - MOTION – [Tim, Sandy 2nd] Only elect a secretary and a treasurer, suspend item “K” and “M”
 - Discussion
 1. [Patti] – Eboard never had a problem with too many people. Democratic organizations need more people
 2. [MJ] – Bylaws say we must elect
 3. [Von] – Arguing amongst ourselves took an hour
 4. [Tim] – We are all PCOs
 5. [Rose] – RCW limits role of appointed PCOs and general body
 6. [Becky] – Opposes amending bylaws, but we just adopted bylaws
 - For 10, Against 8
 1. MOTION PASSED
- Nomination for Treasurer
 - Craig Sanders
 - MOTION [Greg, MJ 2nd] Accept Patti by acclamation
 - UNANIMOUS
- Nomination for Secretary
 - Tom Cramer [NC]
 - MOTION [Kathy, 2nd] Accept Tom by acclamation
 1. UNANIMOUS
- Good of Order
 - Patti – Disgusted with disruption of Democratic organization and withdraws from executive board
 - Will chairs Nominating committee
- MOTION – “We will vote on chairs of committees as outlined in bylaws during the January meeting if acceptable by bylaws”
 - Friendly amendment – “if acceptable by bylaws”
 - Discussion – don’t get to fill positions until bylaws
 - Calling question
 1. 14 for, 0 against
 - 11 for, 3 against
- Sandy – Asked Patti to reconsider

December 15, 2010

- [Brian] - Changes that were proposed were put on website
- [Linda] – Were bylaws
- [Rose] – Thank people
- [Tom] – We did not follow the rules of the organization
- [Von] – most important thing we can do is participate in our government. What binds us together is trying to win elections and we cannot be divided.
- MOTION to adjourn [Tim, Kathy 2nd]
 - o Unanimous

•

•