

31st District Democrats
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Weigelt and the pledge of allegiance was held.

Introductions of all in attendance were made, 19 people were in attendance.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Our Guest Speakers

White River School District superintendent Tom Lockyer and School Board member Denise Vogel spoke about the school district. A pamphlet was passed out which included the district website www.whiteriver.wednet.edu. The current environment involves a lot of funds cuts. Two initiatives were ended by the legislature, I 732 with automatic cost of living allowances and I728 on classroom size reduction. Also, a 1.9% cut for staffing funding was done and a 3% cut for administration funding. The district must figure out where to take the cuts. Alternative learning was reduced by \$270,000. Reserve funds have been built up over the past 6 years from \$800,000 to 1.8 – 2.4 million.

We were reminded that the State Constitution states that the paramount duty of the State is education. The school district, once known for athletics, is now known for academics as well. High School proficiency rates have exceeded the State average in all categories, and 91% of 10th graders achieved the reading and writing

standards. It used to be that 20% of students went on to Post High School, and only 4% succeeded. In 2009 we had 77% do post High School and 56% for 2010. This was done with hard work, including learning targets and core requirements.

Office and Committee Chair Reports

- The Treasurer Report was approved.
- Ron Weigelt reported on the Keep Pierce Blue Dinner & Awards, on May 21st a Lifetime Achievement was presented to Robert Curtis. He also mentioned there will be a July 4th ceremony at 9 a.m. for veterans who have not had a military service; it will be at the Enumclaw Veterans memorial.
- Linda Rutenberg reported on the Pierce County Central Committee meeting she attended in Spanaway.
- Sandy Loveland reported on Fairs.
 - Buckley Log Show**
June 25th 11-4 & June 26th 11-3
 - Auburn 4th of July**
11-4 Les Gove Park
 - Enumclaw Street Fair** (time share slot)
July 22nd 9-1 & July 23rd 9-1
 - Auburn Good Ol Days**
August 13 & 14, 9-6
(Sharing booth with the 47th LD)
 - Bonney Lake Days**
August 20th
- Richard Dejean reported on his work to get voter registration information.
- Tyler Accornero offered to get voter registration forms and information from politicians such as Chris Hurst for the Fairs. George McKay suggested we recruit PCO's at the Fairs.
- Ron Weigelt brought up the request for endorsement from

Dean Willard for Port position 5. An email was sent to Dean asking that he fill out the District Questionnaire. A motion was made and approved to endorse the King County Vets and

- Human Services Levy
- Surprise guests Joseph Fugate and another guest from the LaRouche Political Committee made a brief presentation on the Glass Steagall resolution. This will be further looked at by the Executive Board per an approved motion.

Old Business

- Fairs – need volunteers and items to pass out. Voter Registration forms on the way (Tyler)
- Vacancies were reviewed.
- The hosting of the July Pierce County Democrats meeting on July 16th at 10 a.m. at the Sumner Library was discussed. Ron Weigelt brought up the idea of meeting at Algona Pacific Library for the July and August general membership meetings. A motion was made and the move was approved. Therefore the July 27 & Aug 24 meetings will be in Algona
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New Business

July meeting speaker – Paul Pastor

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Officers & Chairs

District Chair - Ron Weigelt (& Newsletter Chair)

Pierce County Committee Man - Tim Pearson

King County Committee Woman - Open

Vice Chair King County - Mark Boswell

Vice Chair Pierce

County - Ingrid Curtis

State Committee Man - Brian L. Gunn

State Committee Woman - Sandra Loveland (& 31st Treasurer)

Pierce County Committee Woman - Linda Rutenberg (& 31st Website Chair)

Secretary - Open

King County Committee Man - Tyler Accornero

Pierce County Committee Person - Richard DeJean

Membership Chair: Diane Kerlin

PCO Coordinator Chair: George McKay

Programs & Public Relations Chair - Tyler Accornero

Voter Registration Chair - Angie Clausen