

31st LD Democrats -General Membership Meeting
March 16, 2011 - Marion Grange - Buckley, WA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Ron Weigelt.

PLEDGE: Ron led the flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS: Each person present introduced themselves.

MINUTES & AGENDA: The February 16th minutes submitted by State Committee Woman & Treasurer, Sandy Loveland, were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Open positions were discussed. Angie Clausen offered to be Pierce County Committee Person and Voter Registration Chair. Motion made and approved to make her both upon the completion of the 30 day waiting period for active membership status. The election of Angie to the Pierce County position was rendered invalid as Richard DeJean already holds that position. Motion was made and approved to make Tyler Accornero Programs and Public Relations Chair, effective upon the completion of the 30 day waiting period for active membership status in both cases dues contributions were made so the waiting period began. Ryan Dickerson was appointed Assistant Treasurer, to be trained by Sandy Loveland.

Linda Rutenberg, Pierce Co. Female Representative, reported on the Pierce Co. Mar. CC Mtg. Discussion included Community College system support, Puyallup Fair participation, and approval of Bob Swearingen as PCO, budget, legislation, and training opportunities.

George McKay, PCO Chair, reported on his training in Olympia at the annual crab feed. Dwight Pelz led off, the importance of Social Security was discussed, also Patrick Mead of the State Democrats talked about Vote Builder. Dennis Kucinich and the Governor also spoke.

Diane Kerlin, Membership Chair announced that as of the evening we had 17 paid members for 2011.

Tim Pearson, Pierce County Committee Man, reported on the Crab Feed, and mentioned that the Carpenters union had co-sponsored the event. He also mentioned that District Chair Ron Weigelt and he had attended an event with U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell speaking and answering questions. Senate Bill 5566 Compromise and Release is also a big concern as it weakens our current Labor and Industries program.

Mark Boswell, King Co. vice Chair, reported on the King Co. Feb. CC Mtg.

The Treasurer report, prepared and submitted by Treasurer Sandy Loveland, was distributed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The need for bylaws changes was brought up by Diane Kerlin. District Chair Ron Weigelt agreed and said that Sandy Loveland and Linda Rutenberg were leading an Executive Board work group on the subject, interested parties should contact either one.

NEW BUSINESS:

The need for a fund raiser was briefly discussed as was the work being done on a mailing to membership.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The District Chair facilitated a brainstorming session where those in attendance came up with ideas for

the Programs Chair, topics we would like to hear about at an upcoming meeting. Here are the results:

- Congressman Jay Inslee
- Representative Chris Hurst (after session)
- Congressman Adam Smith
- Rural Small Farm and or mobile processing facilities
- USO
- Pierce County Conservation District, Dave Batker on Earth Economics
<http://www.eartheconomics.org/>
- Clean Campaigns and similar active groups
- District City Mayors and or Council Members if Mayors not available
- Community Colleges spokesperson
- Lloyd Hara KC Assessor
- Tim Farrell Pierce County Councilman running for Pierce County Assessor
- Calvin Goings – Small Business Administration
- Veterans – Mike Gregoire
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans group
- Helmets to Hard Hats
- Drug Czar
- Anti war speaker
- Bob Olson, Buckley Veterans Memorial (on how to engage and involve the Community)

An update was given on the well being of member Bob Curtis. Joe Albert, our Grange contact, again emphasized the importance of honoring FDR on April 12th. Tim Pearson mentioned the importance of hydro electric power and the fact that it is easier to get a permit to build a nuclear reactor than a dam.

ADJOURN: At 8:20 pm a motion to adjourn, was made, 2nd & unanimously passed.
Respectfully submitted, Ron Weigelt, Acting Secretary