

31st LD Democrats -General Membership Meeting
May 18, 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 April 18th minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brian Gunn discussed the State meeting which he attended in Wenatchee April 29 – 30th. A discussion of caucuses versus primaries was discussed as well as the future precinct, legislative district, County conventions, Congressional District, and finally State Conventions took place. The schedule will include Precinct caucuses on the 15th of April 2012 with the LD caucus on the 28th and County on the 29th. Redistricting will not be considered for the purposes of process. It was also announced that both of the resolutions we passed (People not Corporations – which we originated) and Repeal of Taxes for big Corporations with money going to Educations (which we co-sponsored) were passed by King County and the State.

George McKay reported that we now have a State Coordinated Campaign representative (Timothy@wa.org). Dwight Pelz talked at the State convention about giving control back to the people versus giving control to corporations and money.

Linda Rutenberg mentioned the Pierce County Executive Board meetings and a special budget for candidates and questions about what software districts use. It was also announced that they intend to spread meetings out within the districts. Anita Latch is running for the Tacoma Civil Service board. She explained that Dwight Pelz stated that multiple endorsements were appropriate.

Sandy Loveland reported on the area Fairs. Also, the Treasurers report was approved.

Ryan Dickinson was voted to be the Treasurer (to be final once he completes his training with the Public Disclosure Commission and Sandy Loveland). Sandy will notify us when the final transition is ready to be made.

Diane Kerlin reported we now have 28 paid members and brought in \$692.

OLD BUSINESS:

Area Fairs were discussed.

The mailing to potential new members (1,000) was discussed and many members worked on completing the mailing during our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A brief discussion was held about possibly combining our meeting and the Pierce County meeting which we will host in July.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brian Gunn mentioned the Norman Goldman event to be held Saturday June 18th for Democracy for the People, Washington Public Campaigns. RSVP at 206 283-6297 or email banquet2011@washclean.org. Diane Kerlin mentioned the Biodiversity Conservation in Pierce County Land use report she has been working on with the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County, a copy was available for

review.

From our previous meeting here is a list of topics we would like to hear about at an upcoming meeting:

- Congressman J Inslery
- Representative Christ Hurst (after session)
- Congressman Adam Smith
- Rural Small Farm and or mobile processing facilities
- USO
- Pierce County Conservation District, Dave Backer
- Clean Campaigns and similar active groups
- District City Mayors and or Council Members if Mayors not available
- Community Colleges spokesperson
- Loyd Hara KC Assessor
- Tim Farrel
- Calving Goings – Small Business Administration
- Veterans – Mike Gregoir
- 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)

A motion to adjourn was made, 2nd & unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Weigelt, Chair/Acting Secretary