

## 31<sup>st</sup> District Democrats General Meeting Minutes

- Flag Salute
- MOTION to Approve Agenda
  - MOTION [John Meyers, Jaime Trejo 2<sup>nd</sup>]
    - PASSED unanimous
- Speaker - Ron Weigelt - Speaks about his write-in campaign Pos. 1
  - Wants to give Democrats an option to vote for a Democrat
- Speaker - Brian L. Gunn
  - Need to put in "L" in write-in because he has not filed with Sec of Stat
  - Started in 2008 - PCO, campaign workers for candidates in 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Supports improving tax fairness
    - Supports 1098 to help small businesses, middle class and education
  - Clean Elections
    - Board member for Washington Clean Campaigns
    - Need a Supreme Court that is impartial and free from elections
    - State Bank modeled on South Dakota
      1. Place to fund loans to small businesses, student loans
      2. Free from burdening people with increases
  - Reason to vote and fill out the ballot
    - His campaign will help other Democrats on the ballot
  - Q's
    - Environmental Work? [Diane Kerlin]
      1. Democrats Work experience – not only supports environmental work but went out and planted trees
    - What do you do for your day job? [Craig]
      1. Software tester for Boeing
        1. Work experience means that he will be delivering a quality product
- Nominating Committee Report [Patti Szott]
  - Rules were handed out and modified by members
  - Handed out description of all positions and described process that is designed to be as easy as possible
    - Deadline – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010
  - Chair, vice-chair, State delegates and KC and PC positions are to be voted on by PCOs only
    - This was mandated by State Party not a local choice
  - Other offices eligible to be voted upon by all eligible members
- Treasurer's Report
  - Beginning Balance \$1262.87
  - Deposits: \$101.11
  - Deposits: \$14.00
  - Expenses \$100

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- Adjustment: +\$5.00
- End Balance: \$1282.98
- State Committee Reports
  - [Patti] – State Chairs meeting
    - Every legislative district should have all the information on the website and a lawyer available
      1. We have our information already to go in the 31st
    - Voter Guides
      1. Some districts make good voter guides
        1. We put it into the newsletter
    - Isaiah Day presented – Gave information about elections
    - Re-organization meeting discussed
  - [Brian Gunn]
    - Resolution to affirm candidates and office-holders support of Democratic Principles
      1. Call on all districts to take the above into account when making endorsements
    - Ask the legislature to create Green trade schools, education and green technologies
      1. The Resolution to restore native names presented in September by Robert Satiacum passed at state
  - [Sandy Loveland]
    - Did not attend State meeting
- Good of the Order
  - MOTION [Jaime. – Endorse Ron Weigelt write-in candidate for Position 1
    - PASSED – Unanimous
  - MOTION [Brian, Patti 2<sup>nd</sup>] Endorse Brian L. Gunn as write-in candidate for Senate
    - Discussion
      1. [Sandy Loveland] – When Brian was at Progressive Caucus he submitted a resolution that was then passed on to the State Committee that asked State party to censure Chris Hurst, Yvonne Ward and Karen Willard. She does not wish to support him because of this.
        1. [Brian Gunn] – Brian believes that the motion was correct. When he travelled to Democratic campaign office, he was called a “Pam Roach Democrat”. Believes we need to make sure that we endorse people who endorse Democratic values. Their actions reflect on the entire Democratic Party.
        2. ?- [Craig ?] – What are the normal procedure for resolutions at the State Committee
        3. [MJ] Normally resolutions come from the body.

4. MOTION – End Discussion [Jaime, 2nd]

1. PASSED – Unanimous

2. MOTION – PASSED – unanimous with abstentions

- [Brian Gunn] requests support for write-in campaign
- League of Women Votes Forum in Bonney Lake on 10-21-10 at 11:30-1:00
  - Possible to hand out fliers outside of building – requests volunteers
- [Kevin] – Supports write-in campaigns and believes that if we put in the work it is possible to win and really show that putting in the work makes it possible. Ran for city council in Pacific
  - [Sandy] Filing fee needed for counting votes to win?
    1. [Ron] SoS office explained that the filing fee means they will only count the votes that are written exactly right. Votes are only tallied if it appears it can influence election.
- Statement from Chair [MJ McGalliard]
  - Endorsement of Pam Roach was incredibly discouraging and disheartening to the 31<sup>st</sup> Democrats. It was a slap in the face and a stab in the back at the same time. Worked for the election of Yvonne Ward, Chris Hurst and Karen Willard. Yet, they did not even bother to tell the chair of the 31<sup>st</sup> Democrats that they were going to take this extreme action. The negative effect on this organization was remarkable. They made no word in their release about encouraging Democrats to vote or write-in campaigns. Very damaging to the 31<sup>st</sup> Democrats.
    - Discussion:
      - [John] – Not personal friends with Chris or Yvonne, but feels as though his heart was broken by this decision. This will come back to hurt them and while it hurts the 31<sup>st</sup>, there are many amongst us that are not so selfish.
      - [Diane] – Terribly damaging to the 31<sup>st</sup> and Karen is her friend. Been here for 10 years. The other thing that bothers her is that while we are doing the write-in campaign papers are not picking it up. No mention of Brian's campaign.
        1. [Patti] Ron has actually filed so that was not why it was not being picked up
      - [? - Craig] – Given that Yvonne, Chris and Karen did this, did they ever communicate to chair at any time?
        1. [MJ] – No contact whatsoever.
      - [Jaime] – Says that Karen explained the endorsement was a “ruse” intended to bring about the shortcomings of Richardson and Roach
      - [Becky] – Chris Hurst used her email address to make the case that he was running as an Independent Democrat. Communication on that list never even mentioned he was intending to endorse Pam Roach to the PCOs. Still shocked about endorsement.

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- [Sandy] – Karen mentioned to her that she was hurt that people did not understand her move.
- [MJ] Richardson’s background was cleared by FBI and State Patrol. His background is not the real issue, it is the endorsement of Pam Roach.
- [Ingrid] – Chris is compromising and people need to be bipartisan.
- [Diane] – Chris voted more with the Republicans than the Democrats [in last legislative session].
- [Tom] – The censure motion was about who we are as an organization. If we endorsed Pam Roach we would not be holding true to Democratic principles and not at least attempting a censure means we would be agreeing with the endorsement.
- MOTION – [Jaime, no second] To censure Karen and Yvonne.
  - Fails without a second
- MOTION – [Patti, John 2<sup>nd</sup>] To pay Brian Gunn’s filing fee for office
  - Discussion
    - [Mark] Potential PDC problems if we pay for the filing fee. If we raise money we would have to do PDC reports
    - [Ron] – Would be willing to do filing paperwork
      1. Friendly amendment – [Mark, John 2<sup>nd</sup>] Add “If there are no adverse consequences to Brian’s campaign related to PDC reporting or the top-two campaign law and provided Brian is willing to accept it ...”
        1. AMENDMENT PASSED unanimous
  - MOTION – PASSED unanimous
- [Ron Weigelt] – Up in Glenn Beck’s neighborhood (Skagit County) and got local paper. Ad from Democrats talking about saving Social Security. Many letters supporting Democratic candidates.
- [Craig] – Wants someone who is friendly with Chris, Yvonne, and Karen to change their endorsement to Ron and Brian
  - [Ingrid] Volunteers to approach them to change their nomination
- [Jaime] – ‘Stacey’ from 23<sup>rd</sup> District to endorse Brian and Ron
- [?] – Wants to compliment this organization for not being a rubber-stamp organization and standing up for its principles.
- MOTION – Adjourn [Jaime, Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup>]
  - PASSES unanimous