

45th Legislative District Democrats
General Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2008

Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney, Chair, at 7:05 p.m. and commenced with the flag salute led by Dwight Baker.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by a show of hands.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes were not available for approval this month

Reports by Elected Officials

- Roger Goodman
 - Roger thanked everyone for their help with the campaign and support of the campaign kick off. They have visited 2,500 doors so far. He is getting a good sense of support, but there is much more work to be done. Let the campaign know if you want campaign signs to display. Tom Conlon, Roger's campaign manager, followed up with a call for volunteers, especially drivers. He also shared that they are organizing a neighbor to neighbor letter program and are looking for volunteers to help.
- Eric Oemig
 - Eric introduced Jenna Oates who is working with Eric this summer. She will be helping with several projects, including fundraising and polling.
- Darcy Burner
 - Terry Thorsos shared the news of the fire at Darcy's house. Most importantly, Darcy, Mike and Henry all got out safely!
 - Darcy's biggest need at the moment is time. The best to help Darcy is to provide contributions and support to her campaign.
 - Terry passed around a sign up sheet for people who would like to help.
 - A poster/card was set up in the back of the room for those who wanted to send personal messages of support to the Burner family.

Introduction of Visiting Candidates

The following candidates each spoke about their candidacy, experience and qualifications. Martin provided a recap for each race discussed, including the names of all those running for the position and those who have asked for our endorsement.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidates

- Terry Bergeson, incumbent

Judicial Candidates for King County Superior Court

- Susan Amini – Position 1
- Regina Cahan – Position 10
- Senator Adam Klein on behalf of Laura Gene Middaugh – Position 26
- Holly Hill – Position 22
- Rebeccah Graham – Position 22
- Jean Rietschel – position 37
- Nic Corning – position 37
- Michael Spearman, husband of candidate Mariane Spearman – Position 53
- Suzanne Parisien – Position 1
- Barb Mack – Position 37

2008 Endorsements

- Michael Finkle shared the following recommendations of the Endorsement Committee.

State Offices

- Christine Gregoire – Governor
- Brad Owen – Lieutenant Governor
- John Ladenberg – Attorney General
- Peter Goldmark – Commissioner of Public Lands
- Mike Kreidler – Insurance Commissioner
- Jim McIntire – Treasurer
- No endorsement – Superintendent of Public Instruction
- No Recommendation – State Auditor

King County Superior Court Judges

- Position 1 – no recommendation
- Position 10 – Regina Cahan
- Position 22 – Rebeccah Graham
- Position 26 – Laura Gene Middaugh
- Position 37 – no recommendation
- Position 53 – Mariane Spearman

Motions for Endorsement

Martin opened the floor for motions to endorse candidates.

- MOTION: Richard Cole motioned to endorse all the recommended parties for the statewide races and the motion was seconded. The motion includes Christine Gregoire, Brad Owen, John Ladenburg, Peter Goldmark, Mike Kreidler, and Jim McIntire.
 - Martin called for debate. None was offered.
VOTE: Passed unanimously
- MOTION: Ralph Gorin moved to endorse Randy Dorn for Superintendent of Public Instruction and the motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for debate.
 - Martin ruled Ralph's endorsement as a speech in favor.
 - Shelly Kloba spoke about Terry Bergeson's qualifications and recommended not making an endorsement of Randy Dorn.
 - Jeremy York spoke about the recent endorsement of Randy Dorn by Washington State Democrats and NEA
VOTE: Failed, 20 for and 14 against (does not meet 2/3 needed)
- MOTION: Cyrus Habib moved to endorse Susan Amini for Position 1, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for debate.
 - Alanna Ahearn read a statement of support from Larry Springer.
 - No one spoke against the endorsement.
VOTE: Passed
- MOTION: Jessica Greenway moved to endorse Holly Hill for Position 22, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for debate.
 - Martin ruled Jessica's endorsement as a speech in favor.
 - Dee Carrel motioned to make the endorsement a dual endorsement of Holly Hill and Rebeccah Graham. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for debate.
 - Kathy Weber spoke against the motion to amend Rebeccah Graham and in favor of Holly Hill.
 - No one spoke against the motion to amend.
VOTE: Failed
 - Given the two speeches for endorsing Holly Hill, Martin asked if anyone want to speak against the endorsement. None was offered.
VOTE: Passed
- MOTION: Jessica Greenway moved to endorse Jean Rietschel for Position 37, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded
 - Martin called for debate.

- Shelly Kloba asked for the names of the other candidates in this race. Martin provided the names of Barbara Mack and Nic Corning.
- No further debate was offered.

VOTE: Passed

- MOTION: Eric Oemig moved to endorse Jason Osgood for Secretary of State. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate.

- Eric Oemig spoke in favor of endorsing Jason Osgood, noting his qualifications and contributions.
- No one spoke against.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

- MOTION: Rita Margolies moved to endorse Rebecca Graham for Position 22, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate.

- Rita Margolies spoke in favor of endorsement.
- McKenzie Weber spoke against endorsement.
- Mike Finkle spoke in favor of endorsement.
- Kathy Weber spoke against endorsement.

VOTE: Failed

- MOTION: Richard Cole moved to endorse Regina Cahan for Position 10, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate. None was offered.

VOTE: Passed

- MOTION: Eric Oemig moved to endorse Laura Gene Middaugh for Position 26, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate. None was offered.

VOTE: Passed

- MOTION: Shelly Kloba moved to endorse Terry Bergeson for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate.

- Shelly Kloba spoke in favor of endorsement.
- Rita Margoles spoke against endorsement.
- Roger Goodman spoke in favor endorsement.
- Blair Busenbark spoke against endorsement.

VOTE: Failed

- MOTION: Richard Cole moved to endorse Mariane Spearman for Position 53, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.

- Martin called for debate. None was offered.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

- **MOTION:** Eric Oemig moved to endorse Nic Corning for Position 37, King County Superior Court. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for debate. None was offered.

VOTE: Passed

Candidate Support

- Ralph Gorin moved to contribute \$2,000 each to Larry Springer’s and Roger Goodman’s campaigns. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for discussion. None was offered.

VOTE: Passed, unanimously
- Ralph Gorin moved to contribute \$900 each to the 5th Legislative District to further help the Democratic efforts in that district. The motion was seconded.
 - Martin called for discussion.
 - Terry Thorsos spoke in support of the motion.
 - Brad Larssen spoke in support of the motion.

VOTE: Passed, unanimously

PCO Appointments

The following PCO candidates each spoke to the members about their backgrounds and the reasons they decided to become a PCO. Each was nominated and the nomination was seconded. All nominations passed unanimously.

Name	Precinct
Jim Cote	Acting PCO – Precinct TBD
David Steele	SAM 45-2450

Parades and Fairs Update (Carnation, Kirkland, Redmond)

- Terry Thorsos referred the information on the back of the agenda which provides specifics of where to meet for the various parades. She reviewed information for the Carnation, Kirkland and Redmond parades.
- There are plans for several exciting events at Redmond, including having the baby donkeys available for pictures, a cutout of Obama for pictures, candidate literature, and cameras and printers to use in making commemorative buttons.
- Terry called for volunteers to help with coordination the efforts.

Short Topics / Open Forum

- Ken Albinger spoke regarding the Voter Identification challenge underway. He recognized those who have completed rounds of the phone bank for their precincts, including Rodney Limprecht, Jim Muessey, Duane Wentz, and Gerry Williams. Each have made over 100 calls. He also noted that out of the 30,000 unidentified voters in the district, we've only contacted 924 and have lots more work to do. He encouraged everyone to find one or two folks to help out and get the phone calls made.
- Jeremy York shared that new Obama campaign materials will be available in the next week or so.
- Terry Thorsos demonstrated how to turn voter registration signs into more visible hats.

Chair's and Officers Reports

- Martin noted that we would like to have the endorsement Slim Jims available in time for Derby Days and called for volunteers to help prepare them. Gerry Williams offered to help get the updates made.
- Martin briefly overviewed the summer picnic plans. The picnic will be on August 16th at the Ferrel McWhirter Park. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and preparations.
- The Eastside Dinner will be on Sunday, Sept 21st – reserve the date on your calendar! Martin is looking for the district to fill at least 4 tables and we will most likely have Roger, Eric, Larry and Martin host tables.
- Dee Carrel reported that the Eastside Democratic Women's Judges Forum was very successful. On July 29th they will be hosting someone from Christine Gregoire's campaign. It will begin with a potluck at 6:00 and forum at 7:00. Dee will send the information to the announcement list.

Old Business

- None was offered.

New Business

- None was offered.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
45th LD Democrats