

**45th Legislative District Democrats  
General Meeting  
June 15, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney at 7:10 pm.

**Flag Salute**

**Brad Larssen** led the Flag Salute.

**Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

The membership voted to adopt the agenda as written.

The membership voted to approve the May 4, 2011 General Meeting Minutes.

**Introduction of Visiting Elected Officials, Candidates and Campaign Representatives**

Martin invited candidates not seeking endorsement tonight to speak to the membership.

**Laura Ruderman – Candidate for Congress**

**Laura** reminded the membership of her background as a PCO with the 45<sup>th</sup> district and her experience as an elected official. She thanked the membership for helping her during her previous campaigns. She told the membership why she is running for Congress and her desire to make the world a better place. In answer to questions, Laura noted that it is not required that Congressional candidates live within their district and that people living either inside or outside her district are welcome to give her campaign donations. Candidates do not know, at this time, what district they will be living in after redistricting.

**Ken Nelson for Jessica Greenway – Kirkland City Council**

**Ken** reminded everyone that he has campaign flyers and that there will be a campaign kick off party at their Kirkland home, this Friday, June 16. Discussion followed.

**Martin** noted that Jessica and Dave Asher are addressing the 48<sup>th</sup> LD this evening. He also asked the membership to consider marching with Dave Asher in addition to the 45<sup>th</sup> LD during the Kirkland Parade. Later, Martin noted the entrance of Jessica and she finished up our meeting with a lively update on her campaign.

**Jessica Greenway – Kirkland City Council**

**Jessica** thanked the group for all the help, donations, and support given so far. She invited everyone to her big kick off tomorrow night with a “Please Come! Everyone can endorse me – please do so!” She noted the power of endorsements and listed those she has and those she expects. Discussion followed.

**Endorsement Committee Recommendations – Endorsement Committee**

**Duane Wentz** reported on the race for Director of Elections. He presented background information on Candidates Sherril Huff and Mark Green. He reported that the committee recommends endorsing Candidate Sherril Huff.

**Mike Lofstedt** reported on the race for King County Superior Court Position 24. Mike presented background information on Candidate Patrick Oishi who is running unopposed. Mike reported that the committee recommends endorsing Patrick Oishi.

**Mike** also reported on King County Proposition 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy. Mike noted that the levy needs to be renewed in order to continue funding veterans and human services. The

Endorsement Committee recommends approving the levy. The levy vote will occur in August 16, primary election ballot.

**Brad** reported on Initiative 1125. He noted that this is an Eyman supported initiative and that it is also supported by Bellevue developer Kemper Freeman. The initiative would require the legislature to vote on starting bridge tolls and would also prohibit light rail on both Hwy 520 and I-90. The Endorsement Committee recommends opposing Initiative 1125.

**Ken Albinger** reported on the race for King County Port Commissioner Position 5. Ken gave background information on Candidates Dean Willard and Bill Bryant. He noted Dean is focused on increasing investments that create family wage jobs. Ken reported that the committee recommends endorsing Dean Willard.

#### **Endorsement Considerations– Endorsement Committee**

**Martin** asked the membership whether they were willing to vote on the Election Committee recommendations as a whole. The membership agreed. The membership voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Endorsement Committee.

Discussion regarding further candidate endorsements followed. Martin noted that there will be opportunities to endorse additional candidates at later meetings. Questions were taken. Martin assured Jody Wilson that a flyer listing 45<sup>th</sup> LD endorsements will be available ahead of the August primary.

#### **Legislative Action Committee – Brad Larssen**

**Brad** reported that the June LAC meeting will occur this Saturday at the Shoreline Library at 2:00 PM. Martin noted the information is normally available on the King County Democrats website. Additional information regarding issues to be considered was discussed.

#### **Labor Report – Brad Larssen**

**Brad** reported on the special Legislative session. He noted that the session covered multiple policy issues. He stated that a bill was passed that reduces coverage for injuries occurring on the job. Termed as a compromise, Larry Springer and Andy Hill voted for the bill, Roger Goodman against it. Brad spoke on various additional issues of concern to the Labor Council. Discussion followed.

#### **Camp Wellstone – Kathleen Reynolds and Brad Larssen**

**Kathleen** told the group about her experience attending Camp Wellstone. This year she attended the activist class and **Brad** attended the candidate class. She gave background information about the camp and its namesake, Paul Wellstone. Kathleen reported that the activist class offered information regarding retaining volunteers, leader identification, and lobbying legislators. Brad reported on the other classes that were offered and noted some of the attendees from our region. **Martin** stated that the board is willing to provide financial support to people interested in attending future training sessions.

#### **Kucinich Fundraising Event, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Judith Shattuck**

**Martin and Judith** reported on the fundraiser for the 45<sup>th</sup> that was held in conjunction with the Washington State Progressive Caucus that featured Congressman Kucinich. Good interaction occurred between the Congressman and the attendees. The event was covered by the New York Times and the Seattle Times. Martin mentioned other regional events that featured Congressman Kucinich.

### **KCDCC Executive Board Report – Kathleen Reynolds, Ken Nelson**

**Kathleen** reported on the endorsements at the King County meeting, and noting the differences between their process and the 45ths. The KCDCC endorsed two of the candidates that we have already endorsed, Jessica Greenway and Richard Mitchell. **Ken** reported on additional process related issues. Both Kathleen and Ken noted the evident frustration with the current Seattle school board and how that affected endorsements.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Ian Jacobson, Martin Chaney**

It was noted that there is approximately \$1100 in the bank account plus about \$900 in checks that are in the mail.

### **Parades and other Summer Events – Martin Chaney**

**Martin** discussed upcoming events, noting that if people need reminders regarding the many summer events, they should be sure to be on the announce list. Talk to Martin if you have trouble subscribing and he will help you get on. Preparations for the following events were given by their chairs.

*July 4 – Carnation and Kirkland Parades – Martin Chaney, Ken Nelson*

*July 9 – Redmond Derby Days Booth – Kathleen Reynolds*

*July 16 – Duvall Days Parade and Booth – Ralph Gorin*

*July 31 – 5th LD Picnic, KCDCC Picnic*

*45th LD Picnic – Judith Shattuck*

*Eastside Dinner - open*

**Ken N** noted that the 48<sup>th</sup> LD plans to join the 45<sup>th</sup> in Kirkland.

**Trent Latta** discussed the legal aspects along with the irony of Redmond’s apparently intentional discouragement of political participation in the city’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Discussion followed.

**Kathleen** asked for booth volunteers at Derby Days.

**Ralph** noted that he will be asking for booth volunteers for Duvall Days at the July meeting – keep the day open if possible.

**Martin** suggested that members consider attending both the 5<sup>th</sup> LD picnic and KC picnic. Brown Paper Ticket sign ups for the 5ths picnic are recommended.

**Judith** discussed options for the 45<sup>th</sup> LD picnic. The membership voted to hold the picnic August 28th at the Chaney residence in order to save on costs.

**Martin** reported missing the Eastside Dinner planning meeting and suggested that he would be happy to pass this position on to a volunteer from the membership. The dinner will be held sometime in September either in Bellevue or Issaquah. **Ian Jacobson** noted that the list of possible speakers looks exciting.

### **Chair’s Report – Martin Chaney**

**Martin** called for PCO volunteers. Democrats **Jeanne Large** (KIR 45-0616), **Boaz “Bo” Weintraub** (WOD 45-3270), **Trent Latta** (KIR 45-2924), and **Becky Chaney** (appointment to CAR 45-3290) introduced themselves. Each volunteer was unanimously elected PCO or acting PCO.

Submitted by Rebecca Chaney  
Submitted June 16, 2011  
Approved July 6, 2011

**Martin** announced results of the T-shirt contest. The favorite is.... the existing design. The design will be put on a blue shirt. Discussion followed. The group directed Martin to purchase 50 shirts of a variety of sizes, union made shirt and printing desired. Motion failed.

### **Good of the Order**

**Ian Jacobson** clarified that John Creighton did not donate to Rob McKenna. Mackinnon

**Ken A** suggested donating to Wisconsin candidates, after supporting locals.

**Ian** reminded members to attend either the Washington Public Campaigns banquet on Saturday.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.