

45<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2008

### **Call to Order and Flag Salute**

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney, Chair, at 7:03 p.m. and commenced with the flag salute.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by a show of hands.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last two months' meetings, previously posted on the website for review, were adopted by a show of hands.

### **Nominating Convention**

Martin introduced the reasons for holding the Nominating Convention, as well as the process to be used.

#### **45 Legislative District – House Position 1**

- Martin introduced our incumbent representative, Roger Goodman
- A motion was made to elect Roger Goodman as the nominee for House Position 1 for the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. The motion was seconded.
  - Roger then spoke about his accomplishments over the past two years as well as upcoming plans. He thanked everyone in the district for their support over the last two years. He elaborated on his plans to spend a great deal of time doorbelling this summer and asked for everyone's support, volunteer efforts, and contributions. He also noted that his position has been targeted as a top race in the State House this year, given the high profile of the Republican challenger.
- Martin called for any additional nominations. No other nominations were offered and Martin declared nominations closed.

**Vote: passed by acclaimed**

#### **45 Legislative District – House Position 2**

- Martin then opened nominations for House Position 2, noting that our incumbent Representative, Larry Springer, was unable to attend this evening due to prior commitments.
- A motion was made to elect Larry Springer as the nominee for House Position 2 for the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. The motion was seconded.
  - Matt Loschen read an open letter from Larry Springer to the 45<sup>th</sup> District Democrats. In the letter, Larry wrote about his accomplishments, awards he's received, and upcoming plans. He thanked everyone in the district for their support over the years. It was noted that there will be a Republican opponent in this race.
- Martin called for any additional nominations. No other nominations were offered and Martin declared nominations closed.
 

**Vote: passed by acclaimed**

### **Endorsements**

- A motion was made to suspend our rules and proceed with endorsing our Legislative District candidates tonight. The motion was seconded.
 

**Vote: passed, unanimously**
- Wayne Farrer motioned to endorse both Larry Springer and Roger Goodman for their respective positions. The motion was seconded.
- Martin called for discussion and none was offered.
 

**Vote: passed by acclaimed**

### **Reports by Elected Officials and Candidates**

The following judicial candidates spoke to the members about their backgrounds and experience, as well as the offices they are seeking.

- Monica Benton – King County Superior Court
- Michael Bond – Washington State Supreme Court
- Suzanne (Sue) Parasien – King County Superior Court
- Jean Rietschel – King County Superior Court
- Susan Amini – King County Superior Court
  - Gave update on her campaign and shared endorsements she has received since she spoke at our last meeting.
- Patrick Hogan on behalf of Jay Inslee
  - Patrick introduced himself as a member of Jay Inslee's staff working in Shoreline.
  - He spoke about a variety Representative Inslee's accomplishments including passage of the Wild Sky Wilderness Bill and the memorial on Bainbridge Island in honor of the Japanese Americans interned during World War II.
  - He spoke about Representative Inslee's work on environmental issues such as creating create new green collar jobs, reducing dependency on foreign oil, and addressing the threat of global warming.

- He noted that Representative Inslee also went to India to meet with the Dalai Lama. While there he spoke out for human rights
- He is also trying to get the polar bear listed as an endangered species.
- He continues to support pro-choice efforts, fighting against abstinence only legislation and any other legislation that is against a woman's right to choose.
- Q&A:
  - **Question:** As a super delegate, Jay Inslee has pledged to support Hillary Clinton in the past. What is his current stand? **Answer:** He still supports Hillary. As hard as he has worked for Hillary in the past, he will work just as hard for whoever becomes the nominee.
  - **Question:** Is there any hope of anything coming out for the next election to improve the situation with voting machines? **Answer:** Jay Inslee is a supporter of having a paper trail. Voting by mail eliminates machines from picture, but it is unlikely this will be in place for the next election.
  - **Question:** There have been two cases in the last two weeks of exonerations and releases from prison due to DNA evidence. There is only a very small window of time when these exonerations can happen. Is there anything happening at the federal level to examine what's wrong with the judicial system and to find out what is causing these mistakes? **Answer:** Patrick stated that he did not know if anything was happening in this area, but he could find out and get back with more information.

### **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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Vote Results</u>
Karl Beck	Queensgate	Passed, unanimously
Glen Thorsted	KIR 45-0624	Passed, unanimously
Susan Altenburg	KIR 45-2910	Passed, unanimously
Rodney Limprecht	Ring Hill	Passed, unanimously
Tom Leitch	Lake Leota	Passed, unanimously
Joan Yim	KIR 45-0616	Passed, unanimously
Sandra Wyckoff	Cottage Lake	Passed, unanimously
Michael Lofstedt	Port	Passed, unanimously
Karolyn Sharp	KIR 45-0630	Passed, unanimously
Abbott Smith	RED 45-3281	Passed, unanimously
Eric Franklin	RED 45-0936	Passed, unanimously
Blair Busenbark	RED 45-2643	Passed, unanimously

Cleveland Mack	Hi-Woods	Passed, unanimously
Jim Meusey	(Acting PCO) Hollywood	Passed, unanimously
Deborah Wexler	(Acting PCO) RED 45-2638	Passed, unanimously
Janet Heubach	(Acting PCO) CAR 45-3290	Passed, unanimously
George Bosworth	(Acting PCO) Avondale	Passed, unanimously
Mary DeVault	(Acting PCO) Cedar	Passed, unanimously

### **Voter Registration Drive**

- Ken Albinger spoke about the 45<sup>th</sup> LD plans to support the state wide voter registration drive happening this Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- In Redmond, Rita Margolies will be leading a drive at the library from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers to assist would be very welcome. Ken will be leading the drive at the Kirkland library. It will also be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and volunteers are still needed.
- Duane Wentz will be hosting a drive in the Juanita neighborhoods. Delegates, alternates and neighborhood leaders have been invited to meet at his house. There will be a training session followed by a walking event.
- Ken gave a quick overview of the methods that have been developed to compare voter lists from VoteBuilder to maps from IMap to find unregistered households.
- The support team is working with PCOs to identify precincts that are democratic in their voter habits and pushing voter registration in those precincts. In strong Republican precincts, time is better spent identifying voters who are currently shown as unknown or no data in VoteBuilder.
- Terry Thorsos shared that she has a 4 page instruction document from King County about registering voters. She will scan it and Ken can send out to the PCOs.

### **National Candidate Reports**

#### Obama Campaign

- Rita shared that the Obama campaign is supporting the May 10<sup>th</sup> registration drive on a nationwide level. They are organizing voter registration across the country under the campaign name Vote for Change.
- Rita provided a recap of the delegate numbers.
- A training session for Obama Congressional District delegates and alternates will be held Wednesday night at the Redmond library.
- Rita shared information about a website where delegates who are running to be a national delegate are posting their profiles. It is open to the entire state. She encouraged delegates to post their profile to give people an idea about who you are. <http://www.obamadelegates.org/>

- Abbott Smith also shared that the second of two training sessions for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Obama delegates is being held on Saturday in Poulsbo.

#### Clinton Campaign

- Mandy Wertz was not present to give a report.
- Wayne Farrer spoke briefly about his reasons for supporting the Clinton campaign.

#### **Congressional District Caucus**

Nominating Convention will be held in conjunction with CD Caucus – PCOs appointed tonight who reside in the precinct they represent are eligible to vote at the Congressional Nominating Convention

#### **Duvall Days – Terry Thorsos**

- Terry Thorsos spoke about the upcoming events at Duvall Days. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. The staffing at the booth will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Terry passed around volunteer sign up and small location maps.

#### **National Delegates**

- Martin announced that the Executive Board approved a stipend of \$1000 for any 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District member who becomes a delegate to the national convention in August.

#### **Open Position**

- Mike Burner has resigned as King County Committeeman due to personal commitments.
- A question was raised as to who is eligible to vote. Ralph shared that he believes the bylaws calls for electors to be PCOs who reside in the precinct they serve. Martin added clarification that those elected this evening can vote. He then opened the floor to nominations.
- Wayne Farrer nominated himself and the nomination was seconded.
- Terry Thorsos nominated Jeremy York. Jeremy declined due to his current time constraints.
- A nomination was received for Matt Loschen. Matt also declined due to time constraints.
- Paul Yarbrough nominated Ken Nelson and the nominated was seconded.
- Martin called for any further nominations. No further nominations were offered. Each candidate then spoke to the members.
- Andy Herron & Andrew Villeneuve were appointed as talliers and ballots were distributed.

**VOTE:** Ken Nelson was elected

#### **Chair Report**

- Martin reviewed a few key events from the calendar, including:
  - Voter Registration Drive
  - NPI Fund Raiser – Andrew Villeneuve gave a brief overview of what to expect at this event
  - Martin noted the calendar has the locations listed for the Congressional District caucuses on 5/17
  - Executive Board meetings – The meetings are now being held at a larger facility located at Emerald Heights.
  - Parades

### **Officers Reports**

- None were offered.

### **Short Topics / Open Forum**

- Bob Horn shared information from Eric Oemig about the town hall being held with our legislators on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Woodinville library on Avondale Road at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a discussion on basic education funding on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodinville City Council Chambers. Flyers were made available and the information will be sent to the announcement list.
- Judith Shattuck shared information about a town hall forum for 1<sup>st</sup> CD to discuss Iraq. A similar event will be held for the 8<sup>th</sup> CD at the Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers for the 8<sup>th</sup>. Judith will send the information to the announcement list.
- Abbott Smith shared some preliminary designs for a new 45<sup>th</sup> LD logo. Abbott previously designed the 45<sup>th</sup> LD logo for the Obama campaign. He plans to continue working on the design over the next couple of weeks and invited feedback the first drafts. The idea is to vote on and approve a new logo in time to use it in printing the endorsement flyers.

### **Old Business**

- None was offered.

### **New Business**

- None was offered.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary  
45<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats