

45th LD Democrats
General Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008

Celebration!

Note: This month's meeting was abbreviated to allow time for a celebration of yesterday's election results. Refreshments were provided and member brought potluck foods to share. The mood was festive as we begin a new era with President Elect Obama!

Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney, Chair, at 7:34 p.m. and was followed by the flag salute.

King County Honors Banquet

Martin reminded everyone of the upcoming banquet that will be held November 9th. Tickets cost \$50. Ken Albinger and Priscilla O'Leary were nominated for their volunteer efforts.

Reports by Elected Officials

- Larry Springer – Larry thanked everyone for all the hard work during this campaign season. He noted that last night was one of the most emotional moments in last 50 years of history. Larry shared his experiences watching the results come in and his thoughts on the value of the groundwork built by Obama's campaign. Larry also shared some of the successes of Roger Goodman's campaign. He also thanked everyone for their efforts in distributing the endorsements information.
- Roger Goodman – Roger also thanked everyone for all the support and help during the campaign. He shared his thoughts about the difference in the support and organization from just two years ago. He also shared some thoughts around work to be done in the legislature in the coming years.

Group Photograph

Lincoln Potter took photographs of the entire group.

Election Updates

Andrew Villeneuve provided current election totals and updates:

- Jeff Merkley is projected to win in Oregon
- Darcy Burner – Andrew provided the current numbers as updated at 7:00 from Pierce County. He shared how the batches get updated and totals fluctuate based on counties being reported at the time.
- Peter Goldmark is currently ahead in his race.

Short Topics

- Kathleen Reynolds invited everyone to renew their membership for 2009 or to become a member today!
- Terry Linkletter provided a Treasurer's updated.
- Jim Broz auctioned a "That One '08" button for the benefit of the district. Brad Larsson won the bid (\$30).
- Paul Yarbrough spoke about the holiday party. Tentatively, it will be held at the Kirkland Congregational Church. The committee is still looking at other options. Paul requested people let him know if they are aware of a place that would be more central to the district. The criteria includes a low price, kitchen availability, and being accessible for the disabled. We would need to be able to accommodate around 100 people. Any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday in early to mid-December would be possible. Ralph Gorin noted that December 7th is the Washington Democrats holiday party and might be a good date to avoid.
- Martin recognized and thanked all the executive board members. He noted that we will be reorganizing in January and electing board positions. He called for volunteers to be part of a candidate recruiting committee. Terry Linkletter volunteered to lead the committee. Others can pass along suggestions to Terry.

Open Forum

Martin invited everyone to share their stories and thoughts. Several members told stories of the campaigns and encouraged continued involvement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
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