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21st LD Democrats

Business Meeting

June 15, 2016

Meeting called to at 7:12 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A quorum was established.

A motion was made and seconded to exclude items, 5, 6 and 7. The Chair overruled the motion. A motion was made and seconded to appeal the Chair's decision. The Chair explained that these items are important for the membership to know how to participate in these LD events. A member spoke in favor of supporting the chair's decision. Another member spoke in support of amending the agenda as moved. The vote was taken to uphold the chair's ruling.

22 for

20 against

The chair’s ruling was upheld.

A motion was made to add a discussion of making the E. Brd. meetings open. The chair agreed.

A motion was made to remove item 14 from the agenda, (adjounment time). The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to create a standing rule to have the minutes posted no later than three days of the business meeting. A motion was made to amend the proposed standing rule to 7 days. The amendment was made and seconded to approve the motion as amended.

Credential report. The committee confirmed the appropriate members and PCOs had received their credentials. There were 42 credentialed members present.

May 2016 Business Meeting minutes

April Legislative District Caucus minutes

**Guests and Speakers**

Ted Hikel asked for volunteers to help with SNO county Democrats candidate interviews this Saturday.

Joe McDermott is seeking our endorsement. Spoke on gun violence. Stated we need to address this and other civil rights, free college education and other progressive issues by electing progressives such as himself to Congress.

William Donnelly speaking for Hillary Franz, candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands. Asked four our support of Hillary Franz. He went over her goals if elected, including protecting our state lands for future generations.

Mike LaPointe is seeking our endorsement because we need participation at all levels, including DC. He supports labor and the environment. He will fight for our ideals.

Pramilla Jayapal, candidate for 7th CD. She has devoted the last 25 years fighting for civil rights including immigration reform, women rights and lending reform.

Cyrus Habib, Lt. Governor candidate. He is passionate for inclusion and it is at the heart of his work in the state senate. The Lt. Governor does not need to be limited to ceremonial duties. He will be an activist Lt. Governor within the State Senate.

Brandon Bannister speaking for Strom Peterson, outlined Strom's record of accomplishment and announced upcoming events.

Lilian Ortiz-Self, Representative for the 21st LD. Her campaign kickoff was yesterday. Thanked the group for our support. Outlined the differences between herself and her opponent. Her opponent is proud to oppose the values we support. She will continue to fight for our values.

Ricco Tessandore, candidate for Superior Court, Position 3. Shared his history as a local resident and how his upbringing has helped shape his values. The court needs someone with holistic skills, including judicial, budgeting and knowledge of resources available for defendants.

Lillian Ortiz-Self spoke for Brady Walkinshaw. She read a letter from Brady. He thanked us for our candidate forum. He can't attend because he is attending an interfaith march in support of the Orlando victims. He will work to end homelessness and improve juvenile justice. Lillan added her words of praise and support for Brady.

Dave Larson, candidate for the State Supreme Court, Position 6. He has 31 years experience as judge and trial lawyer. He feels the court lacks services for mental health and homeless defendants. He will reach out to the legislature for support for homeless and mental health.

Erin Jones, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Shared her background. Was born as US citizen in Europe, has taught internationally and in the US. Has seen impacts of economic inequity on school funding and will fight for the needs of all children.

Mary Verner, candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands. Has served as Deputy Chief Commissioner. Has trained for CPL her entire life. She has a passion for the work, will take on the bullies and has lots of experience.

Christina Brown spoke for Jeff Sprung, who is running for State Auditor. He has technical expertise as whistleblower lawyer and is a progressive. He is the immediate and past president of Planned Parenthood. He is a member of a state wide environmental board.

Michele Meaker-Pin spoke on behalf of Chris Reykdal, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. He has experience in the legislature and as an educator. He wants progressive taxation to fund education. He supports dramatic tax reform.

Robin Fleming, candidate for Superintendent of PubIic Instruction. She was born and raised in Seattle. She has raised a disabled child, which made her passionate about working with people with needs. She has an academic and nursing background and a financial plan to meet the support our schools need. She is asking for our endorsement.

Updated credential report 39.

A motion was made and seconded to keep item 5 thru 8 on the agenda, but agreed to move to the end of the agenda, for final discussion and reconsideration. A speaker spoke against the motion because we need to move our agenda.

The motion to move the motion passed. The motion to amend the agenda passed.

A motion was made and seconded to create a standing rule that endorsement recommendations be provided a month before the endorsement vote. A motion was made and seconded to table the motion. The motion to table passed.

Michele outlined the process followed by the E. Brd. to interview and the consider candidates. The E. Brd has recommendations for about two thirds of the candidates. Michele asked if we could endorse some candidates tonight.

Endorsements

US Senate - Patty Murray: For 18 Against 21. No endorsement

2nd CD - Rick Larson previously endorsed.

2nd CD - Mike Lapointe: passed by voice vote.

7th CD - Brady Walkinshaw: A motion was made and seconded to endorse. After discussion, a motion was made to call the question. The motion to endorse failed by voice vote. Follow up credential vote confirmed voice vote. The endorsement failed.

7th CD - Pramilla Jayapal: A motion was made and seconded. - For 38 Against 0. The endorsement passed.

Gov. Jay Inslee - A motion to endorse was made and seconded. For 16 Against 21 Questions called. No endorsement.

Lt. Gov - Cyrus Habib motion to endorse made and seconded. Motion carried with voice vote.

Lt. Gov - Karen Fraser - No motion to endorse.

Sec. of State - Tina Podlodowski. Mario Brown spoke in favor of the endorsement. The motion passed with a voice vote.

State Auditor - Jeff Sprung, motion made and seconded. The motion passed on voice vote.

Atty. General - Bob Ferguson, motion made and seconded. A motion to table the motion passed by voice vote.

Comm. Public Lands - Hillary Franz, motion made and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

CPL Dave Upthegrove - Motion made and seconded. The motion failed by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to waive Article X that requires unrecommended endorsements wait till next business meeting.

Superintendent of Public Instruction - Chris Reykdal/Erin Jones - Motion made and seconded for a dual endorsement. Motion to split the question, (do separately). Erin Jones endorsement moved and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made and seconded to endorse Chris Rykdal. A motion was made and seconded to table the endorsement till later in the meeting. The motion to table passed by voice vote.

Insurance Commissioner candidate Mike Kreidler. Motion made and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

State House – Lillian Ortiz-Self and Strom Peterson: A motion was made and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to table the motion. The question was called. The motion to table failed. The motion to split the motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made and seconded to table the motion to endorse Lillian. The motion to table failed. The motion to endorse Lilian passed by voice vote.

State House - Strom Peterson. Motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Supreme Court - Mary Yu motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Supreme Court - Barbara Madsen motion made and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Supreme Court - Dave Larson - The motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Supreme Court, Position 6 - Charlie Wiggins- Motion made and seconded. For 8, Against 16. The motion failed.

Superior Court - Ricco Tessandore. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

CPL - Mary Verner - A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to uphold the chair's ruling to postpone the motion to rescind the Larson endorsement. The motion failed.

Motion made to rescind the endorsement of Rick Larson and the have the board send a letter to Larson within a week. The chair ruled the motion out of order. A motion was made and seconded to appeal the chair's ruling. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to call the question to appeal ruling. The motion to uphold the Chair's ruling failed.

Sharon stepped in to chair the meeting. The body discussed the motion to rescind the endorsement of Larson. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. The motion to rescind the endorsement passed 20 to 6. The motion passed.

A motion was made to keep endorsement comments to one minute, per speaker. A speaker opposed the time limit said we need to have time to thoroughly discuss the candidates. Another speaker said the time limit was not intended to hinder speech, but to complete our agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to call the question. The time limit motion

passed.

Treasurer Report

Steady growth in donations and membership.

New Business

PCO Training. Joel has offered his home for the training in July or August.

Chair discussed a report by ROR subcommittee to explain the ROR. Micah read the findings.

A motion was made to adjourn to a specific time. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 pm