21st LD Democrats

Business Meeting

May 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

A quorum was established.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Agenda approved with a motion to change to reconsider to rescind Rick Larson’s endorsement.

Minutes for the April Business Meeting were approved.

State Senator Marko Liias announced he will be seeking the State Treasurer position.

The following guest speakers requested our endorsement.

Joe McDermott was introduced. He's running for Congress in the 7th CD. He spoke of the social impacts of student debts, and economic challenges. He spoke of his accomplishments in transportation, social justice and civil rights.

Karen Fraser, state senator running for Lt. Gov. spoke on her success as a State Senator. She has served for 23 years in legislature.

Chris Reykdal is running for Superintendent for state schools. He wants to find new funding sources for schools.

Erin Jones, candidate for Superintendent for public schools. International background, served in many schools around the country, has seen the discrepancy between the quality of schools based on economic status.

Karen Porterfield is running for Commissioner of public lands. She is hoping to increase revenues from the DNR.

Mike Lapoint candidate for congress in 2nd CD. Spoke of this union activism and past political activities. He wants to represent the working people.

Senator Cyrus Habib of the 48th. He is running for Lt. Governor. He spoke of his values of inclusion.

Christina Brown spoke on behalf of Jeff Sprung.

Hillary Franz candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands.

Other Announcements

Wilson introduced Joel Ware as the new Sgt. at Arms.

Brenton spoke on behalf of Lillian Ortiz-Self. He went over her extensive success in education and other issues.

Michael Russell was introduced and spoke on behalf Snohomish County Young Democrats.

Jan ?? from the 38th, he's asking for signatures and volunteers for an initiative to raise the minimum wage.

Monisha Harrell, representing the Washington Won't Discriminate. She spoke against I 1515. It would discriminate against transgender students. This would cost our state 4.5 billion federal dollars for violating Title IX.

Strom Peterson, spoke against I 1515. He's working with Brian Sullivan on some legislation common legislative issues. He's working with Sheriff Terney on heroin addiction programs.

Motion was made and seconded that the 21st LD rescind the endorsement of Rick Larson. A motion was made to appeal the motion. The motion was ruled out of order by the Chair. There was a discussion of the motion as follows.

For the motion: Larson is going against the will of the voters by supporting Clinton as a superdelegate. We need to take a stand against the status quo. Larson is not here. He should listen to the people of the 21st. Some feel that Larson does not support many of our values. He takes the most PAC money in the state.

Against the motion: Against the motion due to philosophical differences. We should support the process and not punish him for doing what the rules allow. Flip flopping on endorsements will discourage candidates from seeking our endorsement. Only five percent attended the caucus. His voting record shows his support for us and his disagreement on one issue is not worthy of rescinding the endorsement.

Point of clarification to explain what is involved to rescind an endorsement. Wilson said a two thirds majority is required according to our by laws.

For 21

Against 17

The motion failed.

Wilson said Larson could not come to our meeting tonight. Wilson will ask him to come to a business meeting and hear what people have to say.

A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to Rick Larson outlining the concerns.

We are having a forum with three of the 7th CD candidates. Wilson asked for volunteers. The forum will be at Edmonds Community College. June 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Wilson would like to do two business meetings in Edmonds. More info to come.

Mary Ellen Roberts spoke about the drain on our money and energy prior to the election and take away from work on campaigns. She made a motion that was seconded to have the Ex. Brd. reconsider the date of the Sept. fundraiser. The motion passed.

PCO Training: Filing as PCO due by next Friday.

A motion was moved and seconded to have the Ex. Brd. recommend dates. The motion passed. Mike Lapoint offered his coffee shop for PCO training.

A discussion was held about the timing and schedule of the upcoming endorsements.

Steve S. asked for the difference between and elected PCO and an Appointed PCOs. Only elected PCO can vote for 21st LD officers.

A motion was made to reconsider the chair's ruling that a two thirds majority to pass the motion to rescind Larson's endorsement.

A recommendation was made to allow the vote to stand and allow the E. Brd. to review the bylaws and determine the validity of the chair's decision. The chair ruled the recommendation is out of order.

The Secretary read Dick's resolutions. Dick moved we approve both resolutions. The motion was seconded. Dick spoke in favor of both resolutions. The resolutions failed.

A motion was made and seconded to extend the agenda to 9:15 pm. The motion passed.

Steve Schmalz and Mike Thompson were presented with plaques recognizing them for their contributions to the precinct and LD caucuses.

Officer and Committee Reports.

Sharon is still working on making the Paypal account work better. Will keep working with Christine to find ways to get information to stay involved.

Steve reminded PCOs to sign up by Friday.

Treasurer Report.

(Get amounts from Will)

Membership chair.

Bylaws Committee: Revisions in the works.

Joel Ware gave a report on the state party platform.

Good of the Order

A motion was made and seconded to have the Ex. Brd. meetings open for silent observation by members. The chair ruled the motion out of order, but allowed that the Ex. Brd. would put it on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.