

37th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS – November 18 Membership Meeting

(ROUGHLY 50 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE; PREPARED BY JOHN STAFFORD)

I. OPENING (Stephen Reed -- 7:05)

- Call to Order.
- Flag Salute.
- Comments on November Election.
 - Strong turnout from 37th LD.
- Approval of October Minutes.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jeanne LeGault – 7:08)

- The Holiday Party fundraising event is important, as we are becoming low on funds.
 - The current balance of the 37th LD Democrats is roughly \$4,500.
- Will be working on the budget soon and it will be presented in January (it will likely be sent out in advance).
- Brief discussion of LD Caucus (which will be used to select specific delegates).
 - We have requested a \$3,000 grant from the Washington State Democrats to help with costs for the LD Caucus.

III. PRESENTATION ON THE ANATOMY OF ORGANIZED HATE (Lonnie Lusardo – 7:13)

- Two parts to book:
 - Profiles of people that were involved in the movement.
 - How did these people get out of their movements?
- Hate group and hate crime statistics.
 - Lack of reporting from individuals who are victims of hate crimes.
 - Lack of reporting from police departments.
- Seven lessons from material.
- Questions and answers from audience.

IV. THE PRIMARY/CAUCUS HYBRID (Alec Stephens – 7:35)

- A few comments on hate groups.
- We will have a Presidential Primary instead of Precinct Caucuses in 2020.
- The number of delegates for the Democratic Party will be based only on the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary.

- Mail in ballot.
- Voters will choose which party ballot they will use.
- The actual individuals selected as delegates will be based on the Legislative District Caucuses, which will be held on April 26, 2020.
- Discussion on threshold requirements.
- The Super Delegates process has changed.
- State Convention: In Tacoma on January 13.
- Questions and Answers from Audience.

V. CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Jeff Winmill – 8:09)

- Running against Kim Wyman
 - Kim Wyman testified against 2019 Voting Rights Act (HR 1) which was progressive legislation to modernize voting rights law, and which would have enabled the state to receive funding.
 - Other criticisms of Kim Wyman.
- Questions
 - Supports paper ballots; wants to expand Automatic Voter Registration; wants to move toward more equality between counties in resources allotted; proposes other changes.

VI. RESOLUTION ON RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO RELEASE 5 YEARS OF TAX RETURNS (Jared Howe – 8:19)

- Explanation of Resolution.
- Questions from Audience.
- Vote taken and resolution passes.

VII. STATE OVERTIME STANDARDS (Jordan Waits – 8:24)

- Proposals to make changes to overtime pay laws. There are currently laws for hourly workers; these changes will introduce overtime pay for salaried workers.
- Questions from audience

VIII. HOLIDAY PARTY DETAILS (Tandy Williams – 8:29)

- There will be Holiday Party
 - Monday, December 9, 7:00 to 9:30 pm.
 - Angeline Sky Lounge: 4801 Rainier Avenue South.
- Tandy has collected \$1,250.
- Danny Welsh (saxophonist) will perform.
- Motion for Treasurer to cut check to Tandy for \$160 for expenses passes.

IX. SECOND VICE CHAIR OF EVENTS NOMINATION (Stephen Reed – 8:34)

- Kerry Barnes is nominated and elected.

X. NEW PCO – 1611: William Justin Baird (Stephen Reed – 8:36)

- William Justin Baird is elected.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER (Stephen Reed – 8:37)

- Several announcements

XII. ADJOURNMENT (Stephen Reed – 8:40)