

37th District Democrats Minutes: January 13, 2020 Membership Meeting
(Roughly 30 People in Attendance; Prepared by John Stafford)

1. Meeting Opening (7:02)

- November Minutes adopted.
- Comment from audience requesting that minutes be brought to the meeting (rather than just posted online) prior to vote for adoption.

2. Commissioner of Public Lands – Hilary Franz (7:06)

- The Position: Statewide elected official. The office generates funds for salmon recovery, environmental restoration, public schools, human services, seismic retrofits, forest firefighting, etc.
- Audience Questions: Budget, firefighting resources and strategies, Eastern Washington commitment to climate change policy, tribal communities, climate plans, firefighting plans, etc.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Jeanne LeGault (7:41)

- The 37th District Democrats Bank Account is positive, which is good news, given that the Holiday Party just occurred.
- Update on repayment for loss of funds to our prior online payment processing vendor.

4. Caucus Report – Tom Schmidt (7:45)

- There are needs for people to head the committees (e.g., rules, credentials, tally, platform, etc.) to operate the caucus.
- The caucus is on April 26, 2020 (Sunday) at Cleveland High School.

5. February 8 Voter Registration Drive – Tom Schmidt (7:52)

- Update.
- Audience comment that the 37th LD Facebook response to constituents needs to be more responsive.

6. Conservation District – Chris Porter (7:56)

- Chris is running for Conservation District Position Two.
- Votes are conducted via tablet or smartphone. The vote will occur between January 22 and February 11, 2020.

7. State Resolution on Overtime Standards (8:00)

- Overtime thresholds are in the process of being adjusted (for the first time since 1976).

8. Good of the Order (8:03)

- January 25, Labor Hall in Tukwila, Adam Smith Town Hall, 11:00 to 1:00 PM.
- Dawn Mason's Husband's Service at Mt. Zion Church (19th and Madison), this Saturday (January 18, 2020), and a Fish Fry Afterwards.
- Sue Lahti Lifetime Achievement Award Given to Gwen Rench.
- Mary Scanlon – Washington State Democratic Party will be hosting a lobby day, this Friday, January 17, all day, in Olympia (and 8:30 am to 1:00 pm).
- Emily Knudsen – Environmental Caucus Lobby Day on January 30.
- Monday, January 20 -- MLK Commemoration Day, and march to downtown Seattle. Garfield High School, 8:30 am to mid-day. Lonnie Lusardo will be doing a workshop on Hate Groups (based on his recent book). Hayward Evans will be involved in a hiring fair being conducted at the event.

9. Adjournment (8:10)