

37th DD meeting 11/14/2022 Meeting minutes

1. Call to Meeting at 7:01 by Carrie Barnes

2. Land Acknowledgement by Carrie Barnes

3. [Adopt October 2022 Meeting Minutes](#): Motion to adopt/seconded by Lynn at 7:03.

4. Congratulations to Senator Rebecca Saldana, Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, and a special congratulations to Chipalo Street as our new 37th LD Representative
Carrie introduced Chipalo Street who thanked members for electing him.

5. Elected Leader Report(s) from the Field Featuring: Sean Stewart for Adam Smith. 7:06
Sean said he was happy with the election results. "We're excited."

Alec Stephens: We should also congratulate Pramila Jayapal and Leesa Manion who won also.

6. Election Recap and Q&A, moderated by Andrew Ashiofu start at 7:10. Featuring: King County Democrat Chair Shasti Conrad and Washington State Committee Chair Tina Podlodowski
Shasti Conrad spoke first:

Was very excited for the "big wins across the state." "Especially noted the victory for Leesa Manion who was not supported by Adam Smith. Really great history making out of King County. Patty Murray specifically won because King County voted overwhelmingly for her.

Initiatives: King County Elections going to even-numbered years.

Ranked choice voting is ahead right now but won't know yet if it passed.

Talked about how organizing made a difference on election night.

Shasti ended by thanking everyone for their work.

Tina Podlodowski:

Thanked both Shasti and Carrie and noted that many of the people doing the work were women. Noted the background work for same day voting that helped King County numbers. She was also happy about ranked choice voting. "The difference comes down to people" about how we go out and win these races. From a one seat minority in 2018 to a nine-seat majority in the state senate. She also noted the diversity of the representatives in the house.

Women now outnumber men in the state senate. She talked about a "Three-legged stool" to winning: Data, communications, organizing. She talked about two additional races that are too close to call as well as some heart-breakers.

What happened nation-wide: Democrats held the Senate. Tina is hoping the Republicans fight among themselves for two years. Michigan got the governor and house and senate. She mentioned a few other races that have been in the news.

Tina disparaged the Republican representatives saying they were old white people whereas the democrats had diverse candidates.

Moderator asked "what's next" Shasti wanted people to remember that this is a marathon and to be ready for the battles ahead. Shasti also announced that she is not running for King County chair again and wanted to thank everyone in the 37th for showing her the ropes.

Susan Sherbina: Commented that not all activists are young people and there should be more respect for the work (and knowledge) of older people. Tina acknowledged her misstatement and said she supports and appreciates everyone's work.

Alec Stephens: Mentioned the advances that have been made in having more diversity in the state legislature.

Lem Howell: Tina has done an outstanding job and hoped that she would stay in the position.

The moderator ended the Q&A without taking questions from the membership.

7. Announcement of our Holiday Party: On Zoom December 12th, 2022

8. Good of the Order: Sharon Tomiko Santos: Former officer Charles Davis lost his partner Jonis Davis to cancer. If you are friends of Charles you can reach out.

Alec Stephens: Remembered Jonis Davis for bringing him into discussions in the Seattle Public Schools on issues of over-discipline of young men of color.

Alec also wanted to honor veterans.

Former chair Stephen Reed plugged a fundraiser for Hilary Franz at noon on Wednesday at the Hilton.

Bob Rosenberger: Noted that ranked choice voting doesn't always work out the way Dems might think and cited the recent election in Alaska in which ranked choice would have put a Republican in office instead of the elected Democrat.

Next month's meeting will be a party – December 12th.

Carrie motioned to adjourn at 8:07.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07