

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024, 7:00pm, Hybrid meeting

In person at the Ethiopian Community Center • 8323 Rainier Ave S., Seattle

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgment

1. Janice Van Cleve talked about the history of Veterans Day
2. Sex Trafficking – Mary Williams talked about the definition of sex trafficking, possible legislation and the way people are suffering. She showed a video, “What is Human Trafficking?” by the Blue Campaign from the Department of Homeland Security. Waseforward.org is the organization Mary works with. They are trying to unionize strippers.
3. Adoption of the Oct. 2024 meeting minutes
4. Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (wpsr.org), represented by Dr. Joe Berkson, is a 40+ year organization whose motto is, “We have to prevent what we can’t cure.” He had a slideshow about world nuclear inventories. What can be done about this? A main goal is to pursue global elimination of nuclear weapons. Harry Katz also spoke about the issues. They would like the 37th to ask the King County Council to endorse a resolution to abolish nuclear weapons. Mary Scanlon explained we could add our names to a resolution at the beginning of next year.
5. Seattle Public Schools Levies. Joanna Cullen asked to postpone discussion on the school levies until the schools come out with ballot info in February. We have December and January to decide, said Evan Smith, a volunteer with Schools First. Some discussion occurred. We have to know what the levy says, Alec Stephens said. Jamie Fackler said he thought that the levies are renewals and that as Democrats we need to support schools. The schools’ November 19th meeting will decide what the levies ask for. We voted to proceed with a vote on the levies with 18 in favor (8 present, 10 online). We will vote with a 48 hour window to support the measure, to oppose it or for no position.
6. Resolution in Support of City of Seattle Development of Low Income Housing on Surplus Fort Lawton Land Amy Hagopian spoke for this resolution. The executive board of the 37th LD Democrats recommends a DO PASS on this resolution. Other than brief statements by supporter(s) there will be no other presentation on the resolution during the meeting. Please plan to conduct your own additional research prior to the meeting. The 46th and 36th have approved it. A vote to pass the resolution: present in the room 15, 15 online. Against: 2 online. Resolution has passed.
7. Resolution in Support of Big 5 Legislative Priorities to Fully Fund Our Schools by Fixing the Unfair Tax Code Oliver Miska spoke about this resolution which was considered at our October meeting but the language has been refined and developed by a team comprised of Senator Rebecca Saldaña, Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, and Oliver. The Big 5 are

school administrators who want to increase funding (MSOC). The vote for the resolution: 15 in room, 28 total. Against: 1 in room, 1 online, so 28 to 2 means it has passed.

8. Approval of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Some of the proposed amendments are housekeeping edits. Others, such as proposed changes to board positions, are more significant. Discussion was postponed due to a lack of time for discussion and also because we lost a quorum.

9. Good of the Order: Mary Williams talked about November being Native American History Month.

9:06pm

Adjourned

Carla McLean, Secretary