General Membership Meeting, May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the chair.

Adoption of April 2025 Meeting Minutes

Kevin Warner was appointed as Appointed PCO of 37-1832.

The following candidates for election in November spoke:

Mayor of Seattle

Bruce Harrell, https://www.bruceforseattle.com/

School Board Position #5

Janis White, janisforseattleschools.com, <u>jwhite0756@gmail.com</u>, 206-349-7809 Vivian Song, <u>Vivian@songforseattleschools.com</u>, www.songforseattleschools.com, 206-821-0168

Seattle School Board Position #7

Jen LaVallee, www.VoteLaVallee.com, VoteLaVallee@gmail.com, (253) 271-9129 Carol Rava, carolraval@gmail.com and 206-854-0372

Washington State Treasurer, Mike Pellicciotti, talked about what the State Treasurer's office is doing, and answered questions.

Dionne Foster, candidate for Seattle City Council District #9, requested an early endorsement, and the Executive Board voted to put this vote before the membership. It was moved and seconded that we suspend the rules to allow the candidate to speak for 5 minutes and this motion passed 30 to 7, 49 members & PCOs attending. A motion was also made and seconded for no early endorsement. These conflicting positions will be settled by e-mail vote. *See addendum below for endorsement voting results.

The Executive Board recommended that we pass a ballot-measure endorsement of the King County Parks Levy, which will be decided during the primary election. It was moved and seconded that we do this as an early endorsement. Christie True spoke about the levy and answered questions. This passed 35 to 2, with 48 eligible voters in attendance.

King County Parks Levy Renewal – Yes on Proposition 1 Guest: Christie True from King County Parks for All veskcprop1.com

Chipalo Street & Sharon Tomiko Santos reported on the last session of the legislature. It was very difficult, due to all the financial issues. In response to a question about the ongoing effort to reform the state tax structure, Sharon referred us to the Gates Tax Structure Committee report of 20+ years ago: https://dor.wa.gov/about/statistics-reports/tax-structure-final-report. Oliver Miska pointed to the statewide focus report of 2023: https://dor.wa.gov/about/statistics-reports/tax-structure-final-report.

Bob Rosenberger & Mary Williams reported on the State Central Committee meeting. The new national chair came and said that they will be giving more money to the state. They passed the delegate selection plan for the next national convention.

Aloise Urness reported on the King County Central Committee meeting. June 14 there is a fundraiser for school board candidates:

https://secure.actblue.com/donate/20250405kcdluncheon

KCDCC is looking for volunteers to work on candidate research in high importance races.

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The fundraiser was a success and raised more than \$1000.00.

The bylaws meeting was successful and the proposed revisions & corrections of the bylaws were accepted.

Alec Stevens suggested that we have a special meeting with our legislative team to give everyone a chance to ask questions and recognize the effort and sacrifices made by our legislators on our behalf.

Contact Aram Falsafi if your want to get involved with the various Google chat platforms. active@aramfalsafi.com 206-245-0871; or with Rory O'Sullivan's campaign: https://www.mobilize.us/roryosullivanforseattlecityattorney/

Don't forget about the Zoom candidate forum tomorrow night.

We have free tickets for an event to support neighborhood clinics, Contact Mary Scanlon. From Lyn McKay, the link for the NO KINGS protest is:

https://www.mobilize.us/aft/event/786507/

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Addendum: Endorsement Voting Results

Balloting closed at 5pm on Wednesday, 5/14. Dionne Foster was endorsed by a vote of 89 votes out of 111 (80.18%).