

Pacific County Democrats  
General Meeting  
South Bend, WA  
October 12, 2009

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and led the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Pat Donnelly and Pat Gardner were added to the list of Guest Speakers. Diana Thompson moved to approve the amended agenda and Pat Gardner seconded. Motion passed.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair John Adams introduced State Senator Brian Hatfield and State Representative Dean Takko who discussed next year's state budget. Representative Brian Blake also joined the discussion. John introduced Pat Donnelly, Pacific County Democrat of the Year. Pat talked about feedback from several Seaside residents. John introduced Pat Gardner who talked about the election room and the election procedure. Over 13,000 ballots will be sent out October 14, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Doug Kess moved to accept the September 14, 2009 minutes and Diana Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Renee Goodin reported that income for September was \$195.00 and expenses were \$273.25. Total cash balance as of September 31 was \$17,452.66. Michael Spencer moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Diana Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary Marshall Tate distributed an email from Cindy Gibson outlining the various town hall meetings

Congressman Brian Baird has given. Members were encouraged to write Letters to the Editor supporting Baird.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marshall reported that we now have 78 members. The membership renewal drive starts December 1 with the goal of 100% renewal.

**CRAB FEED:** John reported that Bruce Walker will be the Crab Feed Chair. The 85<sup>th</sup> PCD Crab Feed will be held Saturday, March 13, 2010.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**PCO:** Marshall reported that here was a PCO picnic on September 19 at Karen Spackman's house in Naselle. Topics discussed were: the need to finish canvassing precincts, finding locations for signs and identifying Democrats who are willing to write Letters to the Editor.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** Michael Spenser reported that an online scholarship form has been created and will be posted on our website. Discussion on number of scholarship to be given out, communicating with the high school, and placing an ad announcing the scholarships. Doug Kess and Mark Huber volunteered to be on the committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Marshall reported that the next newsletter will be sent out November 1. Members were asked to submit articles for the January 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter. Marshall also discussed the website. The Committee reviewed the website and discussed updating it. Several local website companies were contacted for information. After discussion the Committee decided to continue with David Jackson as webmaster. Frank Wolfe has volunteered to help with web work. There was also a discussion on people not receiving emails from PCD. This may be due to bulk emailing. Members were encouraged to add [pcd@pondhouse.com](mailto:pcd@pondhouse.com)

to their email address book. Marshall will look into using an email service such as Vertical Response and will report back.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE:** Karen Spackman and Doug Kess reported on the State Committee meeting in Walla Walla. The big news was from the Rules Committee with changes in caucus (there will be no precinct caucus next year) and nominating procedure. The next State Convention will be June 16, 2010 in Vancouver. Doug also reported on the success of the Organizing for America Committee, which may be drawing funds away from the WA State Dems.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Marshall reported that he has contacted Davis Insurance and Strand Insurance companies about D&O insurance and Special Event insurance and will report back.

**NEW BUSINESS: ENDORSEMENTS.** Beverly Olson moved that we support "No on I-1033". Pat Gardner seconded. Motion passed. Doug Kess moved that we support "Yes on R-71" and send them a check for \$71. Karen Spackman seconded. Motion passed. Diana Thompson distributed and discussed a Public Option Resolution. Michael Spencer moved that we accept this resolution. Beverley Olson seconded. Motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pat Gardner gave a Joan King update and said that Barbara Sain was doing better.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Ballots will be sent out 10/14: VOTE!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectively Submitted  
Marshall Tate  
Secretary  
Pacific County Democrats