

Pacific County Democrats
General Meeting South Bend, WA
December 14, 2009

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Correction: Cathy Russ. Additions: under New Business: Selection of State Committeeman. Clay Harwood moved to approve the amended agenda and Pat Gardner seconded. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS: Chair John Adams introduced our guest speaker Cathy Russ, Director, Pacific County Economic Development Council who spoke on the organization and activities of the PCEDC.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Diana Thompson moved to accept the November 9, 2009 minutes and Rob Everitt seconded. Motion passed.

TRESAURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Renee Goodin reported that there was no income for November, expenses were \$790.63, and interest of \$12.02. Total cash balance as of November 31 was \$16,685.67. Beverly Olson moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Colleen Cohern seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVENTS: Colleen Cohern reported that the next event will be the Crab Feed in South Bend on Saturday, March 13, 2010

MEMBERSHIP: Secretary Marshall Tate reported that we now have 78 members. The membership renewal drive has started with the goal

of 100% renewal. Marshall asked members to help us achieve this goal.

CRAB FEED: Marshall reported that the revised Crab Feed manual is ready and presented the first copy to Beverly Olson. Email and phone calls have gone out asking people to volunteer for the 2010 Crab Feed.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Bill Grennan discussed the process used to develop the proposed bylaw amendment and the changes it would make. The motion to adapt will be made under New Business.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

PCO: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Michael Spencer discussed how information about the scholarship will be disseminated. He will be contacting the appropriate person at each High School in Pacific County. Also discussed was how to inform home-schooled students about the scholarship. Michael recommended placing ads in the newspapers and having an article on our website.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: The next issue of the newsletter will be mailed out January 1, 2010

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: Beverly Olson discussed the process of selecting a candidate to run for Congressman Brian Baird's office. At the January State Committee meeting, State Committeemen and women from the 3rd Congressional district will nominate a candidate. Then the entire State Committee may approve or select another candidate.

OLD BUSINESS: Marshall reported that after much digging he and Renee had determined that we do not have IRS nonprofit status and we are not incorporated. He has discussed this with the insurance

firms and they are sending new forms for Special Event and D&O insurance.

John distributed the letter written to Congressman Brian Baird expressing out disappointment at his vote on the Health Care Reform bill. John discussed Baird's response and recent events.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Grennan distributed the proposed Bylaw amendment and discussed what it was trying to do. Bill moved to approve the proposed Bylaw amendment and Diana Thompson seconded. There was much discussion about the proposed Bylaw amendment and two amendments to it were proposed. This was the first reading of the amendment and it will be voted on at the next meeting. There must be a 2/3 vote to approve and only current members whose dues are up to date can vote. Note: after paying dues new members must wait 30 days until they can vote. See attached copy of the proposed Bylaw amendment with two amendments.

John announced that Frank Logan has resigned his position as State Committeeman. Michael Spencer moved to appoint Doug Kess as State Committeeman and Clay Harwood seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Don Berger announced that there will be a reception for the Mayor and City Council of Ilwaco at the community center, 5pm, Monday, January 11, 2010. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

State Representative Brian Blake and State Senator Brian Hatfield discussed the state budget and possible candidates for Congressman Brian Baird's seat.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Colleen Cohern moved to invite Congressman Brian Baird to the 2010 Crab Feed and to award him a plaque in appreciation. Pat Gardner seconded. Motion passed

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Marshall Tate
Secretary, Pacific County Democrats

Proposed Bylaw Change

VIII. Candidates:

~~8.1 Pacific County Democrats may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, endorse ballot measures and Federal & State and local Democratic candidates for public office prior to the primary election. After the primary election, Democratic candidates may be endorsed with a simple majority.~~

~~8.2 Pacific County Democrats may ask any legally qualified Democrat to run for political office. The Candidates Committee shall recruit candidates to run for public office. The Candidates Committee will announce candidates and ballot measures to be voted on for endorsement. The Candidates Committee may also make recommendations to the body for endorsement.~~

~~8.3 Any member may take part as an individual in the campaign of any Democratic Candidate. Endorsement announcements shall be made at the regular meeting prior to the endorsement meeting. These candidates and ballot measures require a simple majority vote of the members present. Endorsements may also be proposed for candidates and ballot measures not announced in advance.~~

These will require a two-thirds vote for endorsement.

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Proposed amendments #1 to the Proposed Bylaw change

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Proposed amendments #2 to the Proposed Bylaw change

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Note: A friendly amendment was accepted to change the word "political" in paragraph 8.1 to "public."

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