

Minutes of the 34th District Democrats Board Meeting

March 20, 2024, held virtually on Zoom.

Attendees:

Graham Murphy, Rachel Glass, Jordan Crawley, Ted Barker, Bunny Hatcher, Chris Porter, Julie Whitaker, Steve Butts, Carla Rogers, Ann Martin, Hannah Cameron, Rebecca Rego.

7:07 pm – Call to Order by Chair Graham Murphy

- The meeting agenda was shown and approved without objection.
- Minutes from the February board meeting were presented and were approved without objection.

Resolutions – Ann Martin, Endorsements & Resolutions Committee Chair

Ann brought forth two resolutions for discussion:

- **Resolution Condemning Seattle City Attorney’s Filing of a Standing Affidavit of Prejudice against Municipal Court Judge Pooja Vaddadi**
 - Ann described the resolution.
 - PCO Kelsey Vanhee, is the sponsor and spoke to its necessity.
 - Ted Barker objected to personally calling out the City Attorney Ann Davison.
 - Chris Porter felt it didn’t go far enough in condemning Davison.
 - Chris moved to send the resolution to the membership for adoption with a “do pass” recommendation. Rachel Glass seconded.
 - The motion passed via a voice vote of 11 to 1.
- **Resolution in support of House Resolution 227 Recognizing the Sovereignty of Ukraine and the Unbreakable Spirit of the People of Ukraine**
 - Ann summarizes the resolution.
 - Carla Rogers sponsored the resolution and spoke in favor.
 - Rachel moved to put the resolution to membership with a “do pass” recommendation. Carla seconded.
 - The motion was passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Endorsements – Ann Martin

- Ann moved to present a block endorsement of State Reps. Emily Alvarado and Joe Fitzgibbon for approval at the April membership meeting. Bunny Hatcher seconded.
 - Motion passed via voice vote.
- Other endorsements to come later.
- Endorsements Committee members sat in as KCDCC interviewed Rep. Pramila Jayapal and State Attorney General Candidates Manka Dhingra and Nick Brown the previous Monday.

Membership Report – Hannah Cameron, Membership Chair

- As of the meeting, there were 144 members including PCOs. 93 individuals were dues-paying. (Not all elected PCOs donate, as they are automatic members.)

- Donations are down year to date from 2023. Hannah is creating a spreadsheet of past members who Board members will contact to encourage them to renew for 2024.
- There was a discussion about whether to ask PCOs to pay dues. Hannah felt that it was better to not force the issue, as PCOs are expected to be active in GOTV efforts.
- Hannah also expressed the opinion that it is better not to emphasize small monthly donations over a larger lump sum single annual donation. Others felt that may cause hardship on members unable to make a big donation all in one shot.

KCDCC Update – Bunny Hatcher

- Bunny is helping with work developing candidate questionnaires in preparation for candidate interviews.
- Governor candidate interviews will be conducted soon.

State Party Update- Ted Barker

- The state is working on delegate recruitment for the National and State Conventions.
- 14 people had signed up to run for delegate from the 34th at meeting time. Rachel Glass is doing ongoing outreach to bring in folks from across different demographics.
- The 34th gets 25 delegates and 10 alternates to State.
- More men are needed to register as delegate candidates.
- Other groups that need more representation are:
 - Asian/Pacific Islander
 - Disabled
 - Youth (18-36)
- Delegates will be selected by those who are 34th members as of March 31st. Hannah will supply a list to the State at that time.
- Chris is working on the State Platform committee to help make the Platform as concise as possible. He will let us know how best to submit platform planks.
- Resolutions submitted to the state by members will also be considered.
- Chris Porter gave tips on preparing one's online delegate profile.
- April 3rd at 6:30 there was to be a Zoom meeting at which would-be delegates could present their case.
- April 6 ballots go out to members to select delegates and alternates.

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- Ted said that his wife Heather was running for President of the Seattle Education Association.
- Chris felt that we should make an effort to ask PCOs to donate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.