

## **Minutes of the 34th District Democrats Board Meeting April 17, 2024, held virtually on Zoom.**

### **Attendees:**

Graham Murphy, Rachel Glass, Jordan Crawley, Ted Barker, Roxanne Thayer, Bunny Hatcher, Chris Porter, Jules Williams, Julie Whitaker, Steve Butts, Carla Rogers, Gina Topp, Hannah Cameron, Rebecca Rego.

### **7:03 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 approved without objection.
- Graham announced that the May membership meeting would be held in person, at the Fautleroy Church. He asked board members to sign up for various duties.

### **Endorsements – Bunny Hatcher**

Bunny reviewed the list of candidates on a proposed block endorsement slate to be presented to members at our May meeting:

- US Senator - Maria Cantwell
- Governor - Bob Ferguson
- State Treasurer - Mike Pellicciotti
- State Insurance Commissioner - Patty Kuderer
- State Auditor - Pat McCarthy
- State Supreme Court Pos. 9 - Sheryl Gordon McCloud
- King County Superior Court Pos. 26 - David Keenan
- King County Superior Court Pos. 39 - Joe Campagna

Hannah Cameron questioned why we didn't include President and Vice President on the slate.

- There was discussion as to reasons that we had not specifically endorsed Joe Biden in 2020 (nor Hillary Clinton in 2016) as an organization, yet included them on our doorbell literature. Consensus was that it was due to the contentious nature of the primaries in those years, and that there is some concern that the situation in Gaza may also present issues to some members.
- Hannah moved to include President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to the block; Chris Porter seconded.
  - Hannah spoke in favor of her motion.
  - Rachel Glass spoke against it.
  - Chris Porter spoke in favor.
- The motion passed 9 to 2 of board members voting.

Bunny moved to present the amended block endorsement to the members with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Chris Porter seconded. The motion passed by 9 votes of those present.

### **June Endorsements**

Graham said that a planning session would be needed for June endorsements. Carla Rogers, Hannah Cameron, and Ann Martin will attend with Graham.

### **34th District Democrats Platform – Jordan Crawley**

Jordan presented the final iteration of the district's platform, updated with the input from members since January.

- Several additional tweaks were made by board members.
- Jordan moved to submit the amended platform to members at the May meeting. Carla Rogers seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum – Graham**

Graham has been in collaboration with several other LD organizations in Seattle. The LDs are splitting up the task of holding candidate forums.

- The 34th will hold a forum for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- The location will be at the Youngstown Cultural Center.
- A group of University of Washington students is interested in helping; Chris Porter suggested we make them moderators.
- Graham is working logistics and contracting for the space.
- Ted Barker, Jordan Crawley, Chris Porter, and Hannah Cameron volunteered to help.

### **Candidate Interviews**

Ann Martin is looking into doing short interviews with candidates.

### **Membership Committee Report – Hannah Cameron**

- Membership stands at 167.
- Hannah asked board members who have yet to do so to contact previous members on their assigned lists; it has been effective in getting people to renew their membership.

### **June Fundraiser – Graham**

Arrangements are coming apace:

- Location will be at C&P Coffee.
- Sponsors are stepping forward.
- Ticket sales have started.
- Roxanne Thayer is accepting donations for a silent auction. She would like to receive items by May 20th.
- Rachel, Carla, and Graham's mother are among those also volunteering.

### **Fundraisers for Dow Constantine and Pramila Jayapal - Graham**

Graham announced that there may be 34th District Dems tables at these upcoming events.

### **State Convention Update**

LD Delegations are allowed to submit 2 resolutions and an unlimited number of amendments to the State Platform.

### **Good of the Order**

- Roxanne Thayer rose to express that she felt we should have held a debrief with our state representatives prior to endorsement.
- Steve Butts announced that we will have a booth again at the White Center Cambodian New Year Festival Saturday April 27th. An Adopt-A-Street work party will be on May 18th. He will post schedules on Slack.
- Ted Barker informed us that unfortunately his wife Heather did not win her campaign to be President of the Seattle Education Association.
- Roxanne returned to ask that people contact her first before obtaining a silent auction item to avoid duplication. She also had questions about submitting resolutions to the state convention.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.**