

## **Minutes of the 34th District Democrats Board Meeting**

**May 15, 2024, held virtually on Zoom.**

### **Attendees:**

Graham Murphy, Jordan Crawley, Ted Barker, Bunny Hatcher, Jules Williams, Julie Whitaker, Steve Butts, Carla Rogers, Ann Martin, and Hannah Cameron.

### **7:04 pm – Call to Order by Chair Graham Murphy**

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

### **Endorsements – Ann Martin, Resolutions & Endorsements Committee**

Ann presented the list of candidates chosen by the Committee to make a block endorsement slate to be presented to members at our June meeting:

- Lieutenant Governor – Denny Heck
- Secretary of State – Steve Hobbs
- Supreme Court – Sal Mungia
- King County Superior Court – Nikola Hecklinger

Julie Whitaker moved to include Paul Crisalli (King County Superior Court) to the block; Ann seconded. The motion passed via voice vote. The block was passed with a voice vote as amended.

Candidates in the following races may be brought forward for endorsement consideration my members at the June meeting:

- Commissioner of Public Lands
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Attorney General

There was discussion about whether to include Seattle City Council Position 8 on the June agenda.

- Bunny Hatcher noted that the King County Democrats had just held a forum for the race the day before. Alexis Mercedes Rinck was endorsed, with Saunatina Sanchez coming in second.
- Carla Rogers supported the inclusion of the race as we always endorse in Council Primary races.
- Hannah Cameron stated that it was the view of the Endorsements Committee that there wasn't enough time for members to learn about the candidates to make an informed choice in June; we should wait until after the Primary.
- Jordan Crawley cited the fact that we endorse judges with little education.

Ann moved to include Seattle Council Position 8 in June; Bunny seconded. The motion is carried via a voice vote.

Ted Barker moved that we add Chris Reykdal (Supt. Of Public Instruction) to the block endorsement list. He stated that his major opponent would likely not be acceptable to members, and gave the candidate's support of charter schools as an example.

- The motion passed via voice vote.

Graham said that the June meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

### **June 1st Fundraiser – Graham Murphy**

- 25 more tickets need to be sold; it would be helpful if each member sold one additional ticket.
- The goal is to raise \$10K.
- There will be a “raise the paddle” donation opportunity.
- Roxanne Thayer is managing a silent auction.
- Other fundraiser ideas could be implemented, however increased volunteer time would be needed.
- Graham has been asking candidates to attend.

### **April In-Person Meeting Review – Hannah Cameron**

Hannah asked for comments about the meeting organization at the meeting held at the Fauntleroy Church.

- Ted felt that alcohol should be provided as is our custom.
- Steve Butts thought outside signage would help direct attendees.
- Graham noted that there are tradeoffs; Fauntleroy is handy for Vashon, while the Masonic Hall was more convenient for Pioneer Square. Location consistency makes meeting setup easier.

### **Resolution in Support of App-based Worker Minimum Wage**

The Resolutions and Endorsements Committee sent the resolution to the board without recommendation.

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- Hannah provided the background information.
  - The Seattle City Council passed the increase earlier this year. App companies have added a service charge to cover it, and restaurants are complaining of reduced sales.
  - The Council was in the process of rescinding the increase.
  - The resolution would ask the Council to leave the higher wage in place, and that we urge members to contact them in support of the workers.
- Ann moved to send the resolution to the members with a Do Pass recommendation; Hannah seconded. Motion is carried via voice vote.

Given an imminent decision by the Council, discussion ensued over whether the Board should send the resolution directly without members endorsing it first.

- Carla moved to send it directly; Hannah seconded.
- Ted spoke in opposition.
- Hannah and Ann both spoke in favor.
- The motion was passed via voice vote 9 to 1.

### **Good of the Order.**

Steve Butts said that we had been accepted for the West Seattle Summer Fest. He also made mention of the large contingency of Murphys who had signed up for the Adopt-A-Street work party on May 18th.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM**