

Minutes of the Progressive Caucus meeting in Carnation June 16 2012

The quorum of ten members present was met. The minutes of June 1, 2012 were approved. The agenda was approved.

Video presentation

We watched the first 20 minutes of a presentation by Steve Lansing (UFCW organizer) on the Wisconsin recall and its implications for labor and community organizing. The outcome of the recall represents a failure of organizing in addition the funding advantage of the opposition due to the Citizens United decision. Initially the Wisconsin uprising had a very broad agenda, but later it got narrower. There was an overemphasis on collective bargaining rights, although Walker had initiated a very broad attack on all public goods. The movement featured not just anger, but creativity and fun. It was a serious mistake to divert this very broad movement into conventional electoral politics. The Democratic candidate Tom Barrett moved to the center, and did not talk about the important issues raised by the movement, but shifted to a vague and soft "let's all get together" message. . The video is available online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUfJkR6bGms>.

Candidate Endorsements

Chair Judith Shattuck read statements from the following candidates seeking endorsements.

Luis Moscoso, position 1, 1st LD

Brian Gunn, position 1, 31st LD

Roger Goodman, position 2, 45th LD

Dennis Dellwo, position 2, 6th LD

Eric Herde, state senate, 25th LD

DavidSpring, position 2, 5th LD

Paul Spencer, position 2, 14th LD

Rich Cowan, 5th CD

David Christie 9th CD (LaRouche Democrat)

John Roskelly. Spokane county commissioner district 1

Brian Gunn spoke on his own behalf. He is involved with Move to Amend, and in the interests of keeping interest group money out of his campaign he will not accept party, union or PAC money. There will be a limit of \$100 per donor.

Roger Goodman is a sponsor of a bill to enable the formation of Social Purpose Corporations, which would be allowed to consider stakeholder interests as well as the bottom line. He is a leader in reforming marijuana laws. Rich Cowan has formally stated his intention to become a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus if elected.

All candidates with the exception of Dave Christie were endorsed unanimously. Bob Hasegawa, running for senate from the 11th LD, appeared after our quorum had disappeared and formally requested endorsement. He has no primary opponent, so endorsement at our next meeting would work.

New Business

After lunch, guided by David Spring, we worked on learning how to post material to the Progressive Caucus website.

Websites of endorsed candidates

<http://www.electluis.net/>

<http://www.springforhouse.org>

<http://electdellwo.com/>

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<http://www.facebook.com/EricHerdeForStateSenate>

electgunn@gmail.com

<http://rogergoodman.net/>

<http://richcowanforcongress.com/>

<http://www.johnroskelley.org/>

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