

Minutes of the Progressive Caucus meeting in Vancouver 2-1-2014

Chair Judith Shattuck opened the meeting

The minutes of September 22, 2012 were approved. The agenda was approved.

Treasurers Report

Carolyn Potts submitted the treasurer's report, which was approved.

Beginning Balance 8/31/2013 \$1,532.94

Revenue:

9/23 Dues	\$160.00
9/23 Turncoat Tom	\$125.00
10/7 Turncoat Tom	\$150.00
10/14 Dues	\$ 5.00
10/14 Turncoat Tom	\$ 20.00
Total Revenue	\$460.00

Expenditures:

9/21 GoDaddy.com(B. Chaney)	\$107.88
9/21 Postage (J. Shattuck)	\$ 46.00
12/20 Postage & Parking (Judith S.)	\$ 58.00
Total Expenditures	\$211.88

Ending Balance 1/31/2014 \$1,781.06

(Turncoat Tom Fund balance is \$295.00 – With this amount removed the total WSPC fund balance would be \$1,486.06.)

Chair's report

We met in Carnation a year ago and decided to elect a progressive leader in the 48th LD in place of Rodney Tom. A number of progressives in that district are supporting lawyer Patty Kuderer. The state senate campaign committee has been dragging its feet but hopefully that will change. Patty hasn't announced yet.

Initiative 594 will be on the ballot. Write letters to legislators urging them to adopt it so it doesn't have to go on the ballot—although they probably won't.

WAmend

Alice Woldt reported on the new WA State initiative to overturn Citizens United. Petitions for I-1329 are now available. This will be an all volunteer effort—let's prove that people have the foot power to get this done. Pick up petitions at the WAmend table. We are aiming for 350k signatures.

CD reports

- 1st CD A number of churches are working on getting signatures for I-594.
- 2nd
- 3rd Bob Dingethal will be running for Congress against Jamie Beutler-Herrera He worked on Cantwell's campaign previously
- 4th Jay Clough might possibly be a candidate for the open seat vacated by Hastings. The new 4th CD is redder than the old one, though.

- 5th There is a very active Mump Cathy movement candidate. Joe Pakootas has worked with tribal leaders. He is a small business owner and community activist. There has been coverage of WAmend. Rich Cowan may run for state legislature in the 6th LD.
- 6th It would be nice to have a progressive candidate to replace Sheldon. A very far right republican has filed. Kilmer has succeeded with legislation to protect wild areas. It will be very hard to get rid of Jan Angel.
- 7th There is a very active movement in Seattle to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hr. in Seattle. Steve Zemke reported that legislation to create a Tax Expenditure Budget as part of the regular biennial budget appropriations process has been introduced. It would require new and existing discretionary tax preferences to be authorized every two years in a tax expenditure budget. It will add much needed transparency to the hundreds of exemptions and preferences. <http://www.taxsanity.org/author/steve-zemke/> He also proposed a bylaws change to get the State Party to take stands on issues. Martha Koester is trying to interest people in making extra effort to register voters in apartment buildings. Many managers are willing to keep voter registration forms in their offices.
- 8th Jason Ritchie, a small businessman with progressive values is running against Dave Reichert. The 8th CD organization has passed a resolution to remove big oil tax breaks.
- 9th –Rep. Smith has cosponsored the Strengthening Social Security Act of 2013
- 10th –

Progressive Caucus endorsement for State Party Chair?

Given that Dana and Jaxon got an evenly divided online vote from caucus members, we decided to let members comment on the candidates, but not take a formal position.

- Rick DeWitt and Rob Dolin said that they have already met with Jaxon to promote technical advances. Jaxon learns and adapts.
- Donna McClain said that Dana has the most strategic future-oriented plan and has done statewide fundraising with WinWin and Planned Parenthood.
- Walter Kloefkorn said that Jaxon was more likely to be progressive on economic issues.
- Karen Tennyson said that Dana was very helpful in getting a progressive candidate to run in the 48th LD.
- Al Garman said that Jaxon is more experienced and has a solid connection to DNC.
- Leroy Schoot said that Dana would bring a fresh, new perspective to the party.
- Judith Shattuck talked to candidates Jim, Dana and Jaxon. Dana immediately acted like a state chair and made an appointment with Patty Kuderer to meet with the senate campaign committee and also recommended campaign consultants.

Evening meeting

Adjourned to the hotel restaurant after the afternoon meeting for informal discussion.

Martha Koester
Secretary
February 3, 2014