

Minutes of the Progressive Caucus meeting in Olympia 2-2-2013

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

Treasurers Report

Carolyn Potts submitted the treasurer's report, which was approved. Our cash balance as of 2-2-2013 is \$1233.39.

Reorganization elections

Ann Martin served as temporary chair until the re-election of Judith Shattuck as chair.

Chair-Judith Shattuck—approved by acclamation
Martin Chaney—Washington vice chair—approved by acclamation
Coralee Brewer—Eastern Washington vice chair—approved by acclamation
Martha Koester—secretary—approved by acclamation
Carrie Potts—treasurer—approved by acclamation

A bylaws change motion to assign specific areas of specialization to at-large board members was approved by acclamation.

Jean Thomas—events (at large) —approved by acclamation
Becky Chaney—IT (at large) —approved by acclamation
Brian Gunn –membership (at large) —approved by acclamation
Walter Kloefkorn—fundraising (at large) —approved by acclamation

New Business

Walter Kloefkorn reported on the national Progressive Democrats of America meeting held in January 2013. Photos and videos of the panel discussions are at the following links.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/pdamerica>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PDAMERICA>
<http://www.pdamerica.org/>

PDA national meetings have been held for the last three years, attended by many members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus as well as members of the organization. PDA maintains direct connection with progressive legislators. Rep. Raul Grijalva is being talked about as Interior Secretary.

Cindy Ryu, state legislature representative from the 32nd LD, spoke about her candidacy to replace Bob Ferguson in King County Council District 1. She will defend progressive values given the bad legislation being proposed by the Senate. In the WA State legislature, members of color are underrepresented with respect to their numbers in the voting population. We must stay strong, together and strategic. She has served as mayor and city council member in Shoreline. She is the first Korean American elected to the House. Her voting record is 100% on labor and the environment, and she requested our endorsement. Endorsement was moved and seconded.

Sarajane Siegfried, running as a caretaker candidate with no intent to run for re-election in 2013, stated her opposition to motion. She pointed out that other LDs in the 1st district have endorsed Rod

Dembowski, and recommended that we wait on an endorsement vote until our next meeting.. It was moved and seconded to postpone consideration of endorsement until the next meeting. The motion failed 7 to 17. It was moved and seconded that we endorse Cindy Ryu for appointment to the King County Council. The motion passed 29 to 4. It was moved and seconded that we communicate the endorsement to the King County Council. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

Resolution Against SB 5291 and SB 5317 Requiring Ballots to Be Received by Election Day (WA State Progressive Caucus Resolution 2013-1) was proposed for endorsement. Endorsement passed by acclamation.

Progressives have teleconferenced with Patty Murray, asking her to stand firm on lifeline programs instead of more military spending in the coming budget discussions. She plans to meet with her constituents and is looking for stories to be presented there. Please write a letter if you can't come to the meeting, which will be held 2/22/2013 7pm at the Labor Temple in Seattle. Walter announced that Spokane voters will also be involved, and that PDA national had good meetings with both of our senators.

Sarajane Siegfried submitted a document on the changes in the King County Legislative Action Committee. Since there was no more time for discussion of business, this will be posted on the Progressive Caucus website. <http://waprogressives.org/>

Chair Judith Shattuck announced her intent to arrange a caucus meeting in late March or early April before the second WSDCC quarterly meeting.

Evening meeting

Adjourned to the Fish Tale Alehouse in Olympia after the afternoon meeting for informal discussion.

Martha Koester
Secretary
February 5, 2013