

Minutes of the Progressive Caucus meeting in Wenatchee 9-19-2015

The minutes of July 11, 1915 were approved. The agenda was approved.

Treasurers Report

Carolyn Potts submitted the treasurer's report, which was approved. David Spring has gotten the online transaction set-up to work, which will incur fees.

Beginning Balance 7/11/2015	\$1,526.88
Revenue	
7/10/15 dues	\$20.00
7/14/15 dues	\$40.00
7/15/15 dues	\$90.00
8/24/15 dues	\$20.00
8/26/15 dues	\$20.00
9/02/15 dues	\$80.00
Total Revenue	\$ 270.00
Expenditures	
Online transaction fees	\$9.07
Total Expenditures	\$9.07
Ending Balance 9/19/2015	\$1,787.81

Chair's Report

There is no discussion of the role of caucuses and no mention of them in the State Party bylaws. Supposedly making resolutions is the only authorized activity. There is extensive history of endorsements being made by caucuses before. The process should be done in a democratic manner. There are no current rules saying that we can't make endorsements, but we need to make it clear that endorsements are by our caucus only. No contributions to federal candidates are allowed because of party status with the PDC. We should clear it with the state party for making local endorsements. The Sanders is a very good way to build the party. Please write opinions of what you think that the caucus should be to post on our website.

IT committee

There have been no recent additions or changes to the website.

Membership committee

We have emailed former members requesting them to re-engage.

Fundraising committee

No report

Endorsements

Bill Bradburd is running for at large Seattle City Council Position #9 He would like to see developer impact fees implemented to support more affordable housing. The motion failed. 15-12

Vandana Slatter is running for Bellevue City Council Position #5. She is strongly in favor of light rail, and is running to make sure that many voices not heard now are heard in the future. Kemper Freeman does not own Bellevue. The motion was endorsed unanimously.

Carin Chase thanked us for our endorsement passed in July.

Bylaws

It was proposed that we remove the one month requirement for voting rights. Judith Shattuck recommended not passing this because the policy has protected us from meetings being stacked in the past. The motion failed 15 to 14.

New eboard member

No one was nominated for the position vacated by Richard Champion, who is moving to Iowa to go to law school.

Resolutions

Steve Zemke proposed that we endorse the resolution on defending Planned Parenthood proposed by the Women's Caucus. It was endorsed unanimously.

Other business

Jaxon Ravens introduced the new political director for Jay Inslee's campaign, who is looking forward to working with us. The State Party does not endorse municipal candidates, and it needs to provide more structure for such processes. The State Party will not endorse a presidential candidate because we need to welcome supporters of all candidates to the caucuses.

Steve Zemke pointed out that Initiative 735 still needs help getting signatures, and warned us about the new Eyman initiative.

Martha Koester
Secretary
September 19, 1915