

Jefferson County Democratic Party General Membership Meeting Draft Minutes
Quilcene School Auditorium
May 16, 2019

PROGRAM

Mr. John Nowak, Executive Director, Jefferson Health Care presented an informative report on the Jefferson County Community Health Improvement Plan.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order. The Vice Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019. John Collins moved to approved the minutes. M/S/P (moved, seconded, passed).

The Vice Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda. Bruce Cowan moved to approve the Agenda. M/S/P

REPORT OF VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair gave an overview of the Roberts Rules of order for conducting meetings:

Every member has a right to speak once to an issue, for one minute until all wishing to speak have spoken. If there is sufficient time a member may be recognized to speak twice. The Secretary is official time keeper for the meeting.

Every member has the right to know what is going on at all times. Please be courteous and not speak while another member is speaking. Do not interrupt another member that is speaking. We will discuss one issue at a time.

A member asked a question about privileged motions: points of order, points of personal privilege. The Vice Chair confirmed that each member has the privileges, however the speaker must be recognized by the Chair.

The Vice Chair gave a report of the previous Eboard meeting. The Vice Chair apologized for the confusion regarding two initiatives that were passed in the legislative session, which are up for endorsement by the JCD. According to the bylaws, the JCD must give sufficient notice to the members of a decision on endorsements. The JCD will address the initiative campaigns at the June Meeting. The notice and information are in the newsletter, with links to further information. The vote that will be held in June will be on the information presented in the newsletter.

The Washington State Democrats passed a resolution in support of HR 108. The Green New Deal proposed resolution was published in a corrected newsletter, for consideration by the JCD. The proposed resolution has other actions in addition to support of HR 108. Otto Smith, the resolution author, attended an ad hoc resolutions committee meeting to fulfill the JCD bylaws requirements for passing resolutions. The resolution was amended and passed forward by the Ad Hoc committee to the members for a first reading.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORT FOR GREEN NEW DEAL (1ST READING)

Otto Smith read the first reading of the amended resolution “Support for Green New Deal”. The resolution was reviewed by an ad hoc resolutions committee, according to the rules. The Vice Chair commended the resolution to the membership and thanked Otto Smith for the resolution.

The resolution will come up for a vote at the June membership meeting.

E-BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Membership

The Membership Committee Chair, John Hamilton, gave the meeting credentials report. JCD membership is 481 members currently. There are 32 members present; there is one new members tonight 1, and 2 renewals. Also attending the meeting are elected officials: Joe Nole, Sherriff; James Kennedy, Prosecutor.

John announced that the JCD will participate in the Port Townsend Rhody Parade on Saturday May 18th. John asked Linda-abott Roe and Hill Hamilton to report on "Fun with Dems" fundraising events. Any JCD member, guests and friends can take part in the events. The next JCD social event Dems Dine Out is June 12th, Please RSVP.

Members David Griffiths and Bethel Prescott raised a point of order and information about the accessibility assessment of the event venues, per the resolution passed by the JCD, to have the JCD Ad Hoc Affirmative Action Committee vet venues for accessibility. George Yount moved that we ask the Affirmative Action Committee to evaluate the Mexican Restaurant venue, and come back with their recommendation. The motion was seconded. Bruce Cowan moved to table (postpone) consideration of the previous motion indefinitely, and give the EBoard and the Affirmative Action Committee the opportunity to address the issue. M/S/P

Operations

Tony Petrillo, Operations Chair reported that the meetings of the JCD are reserved and posted on the calendar through June. The Operations expenses are on budget for the year.

Annual Fish Feast (Sunday, August 25th)

Clair Roney, Chair of the Fish Feast, reported that the date for the event is August 25th at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds. The Committee is working on a theme the accessibility issues, recruiting volunteers. Larry Dennison has helped with the barbeque for 25-6 years, and deserves a medal of honor for his volunteer efforts. Chelsea Provonost, Chair of the Young Democats, is working on the Young Democrats participation for this year. Governor Inslee has been invited as the key note speaker. Claire asked for members to volunteer, her contact information 360 531 1177, clairesmithroney@yahoo.com.

Political Action

Diane Jones, Chair of the Political Action committee are working on canvassing in Jefferson County. Please let Diane know if you would to help.

Elections

Jean Ball, chair of the Elections Committee reported that there are 57 non-partisan races in Jefferson County open for election. Filing began on Monday, and ends Friday. Please be in touch with Jean if you are interested.

Programs

The Vice Chair reported that the Communications Committee will do an interactive presentation

on the program for the June membership meeting. The Jefferson County elected officials will do a "State of the County" report. Reps. Mike Chapman and Steve Tharinger will report back to the members. The July program will be about the issues before the Port of Port Townsend. The Vice Chair reminded the members that there is no member meeting in August, which is the Fish Feast month. The September program will be about access to health care.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Melinda Byrnes announced a petition that is being circulated about the levy for the Port. The Port is hoping to raise \$15 million, intended to purpose for Port Townsend. Melinda asked members to become informed and weigh in on the petition.

David Griffiths thanked Claire Roney for working with the Affirmative Action Committee, to make the Fish Feast even better. David also thanked Tony Petrillo for cooperating with the Affirmative Action Committee to implement the resolution at JCD meetings. David feels it's a process to implement the resolution effectively, and some things may fall through, but we can all move forward to have events and also make sure everyone can get into the event.

Bruce Cowan, Chair of 24th Legislative District Democrats, announced the upcoming LD 24th Democrats meeting in Ocean Shores on June 2nd. The meeting includes lunch, a presentation by the 24th District elected officials (Tharinger, Chapman, Van de Wege), beginning at 1 PM.

Chelsea Provonost, PCO in 203, and Chair of the Jefferson County Young Democrats, is going to WA DC with the "Move to Amend" group. Please be in touch with Chelsea with advice, financial support. Chelsea also reported that she is actively working on aerial spraying of herbicides and pesticides the local area forest operations. Scientists have reported a causation between the spraying and the closure of Anderson Lake due to toxic blue green algal bloom. There is a meeting on the topic on Wednesday, . meeting Port Hadlock Library at 6 PM.

The Vice Chair thanked everyone working behind the scenes on JCD events and initiatives. Alise reported that the Eboard decided, the JCD will acknowledgements to our members who are ill, or who may have family tragedy. If you know of any member, please send an email to the Membership Committee and Alise.

ADJOURN

Tony Petrillo moved to adjourn. M/S/P 8:06 PM



Patricia A. Jones, Recording Secretary
(As approved by the Membership on 6/20/19)