

**Jefferson County Democrats
Membership Meeting June 20, 2019
Port Townsend Community Center
MINUTES**

The Program “State of the County and State” was presented by local county elected officials: Rose Ann Carroll (Auditor), Jeff Chapman (Assessor), Ruth Gordon (Clerk), Stacie Prada (Treasurer) and 24th Legislative District Representatives Mike Chapman and Steve Tharinger. The elected officials gave inspiring news and updated the membership on the recent legislative session and the changes in law and policy affecting Jefferson County.

The Chair called the Jefferson County Democrats business meeting to order (7:38 PM).

John Collins moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2019 as presented. M/S/P (moved, seconded, passed).

John Collins moved to approve the agenda as presented. M/S/P

Membership Chair John Hamilton gave the credentials report: 65 current members signed in for the meeting; 10 new members signed into the meeting. There were 75 total Jefferson County Democrats members attending.

VOTE on Initiatives (No on I-976 and Yes on I-1000)

Political Action Chair Diane Jones moved that the Jefferson County Democrats membership take a “no” position on state initiative I-976, which would defund state mass transit. M/S/P. Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Jones moved the Jefferson County Democrats membership endorse a “yes” vote for Initiative 1000. I-1000, would bring back affirmative action to Washington State. The legislature passed the legislation, however there was a campaign to require the issue to go to the ballot. The JCD E-Board and Political Action Committee recommend a yes vote, in case the initiative does come to the ballot. I-1000 would allow affirmative action without quotas in Washington state, when considering a person for education and employment opportunities. The initiative would remedy documented discrimination in this state. M/S/P, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORT FOR the GREEN NEW DEAL

Otto Smith moved acceptance of the resolution as read at the last [May] JCD membership meeting, as presented. M/S/P unanimously. The Chair asked that the mover of the motion accept that the JCD also send a copy of the resolution to Representative Kilmer. Mr. Smith agreed.

RESOLUTION – 1ST READING – NUCLEAR WEAPON BAN TREATY

Gail Chatfield and Otto Smith read the resolution as presented in the newsletter on support for the nuclear weapon ban treaty. The resolution will be voted upon at the next meeting of the JCD membership in July.

PETITION RESOLUTION – CLIMATE CHANGE DEBATE

Cindy Jayne read a resolution by petition to the membership. The resolution concerned asking the DNC to take all possible action to allow a debate focused solely on climate change, of the Democratic candidates for President of the United States, and to support any other organization to sponsor such a debate. Cindy Jayne moved acceptance of the motion. M/S/P.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Debate Watch Parties in the County

A member rose to ask the body if the JCD has arranged for debate watch locations in the county for the DNC sponsored debates of the Democratic Candidates next week. The Chair called on members to announce debate watch events. Members rose to announce the following:

- Debate watch at the Pour House, starts at 6 PM.
- if there is an over flow of people, Bruce Cowan and Deborah Pedersen welcome members to the Tin Brick to watch the debates.
- The debates will be carried on national TV, NBC, MSNBC. The dates are the 26th and the 27th of June.
- A member rose to announce there is a debate watching party here in the Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler Street, both nights at 6 PM.
- Chris Llewellyn, 3rd District Rep, rose to report will be a debate watch in Quilcene, at 101 Brewery. Starts at 6PM. Tom Meyers and Linda Sanders hosting.
- Member and Alise Moss Vetica rose to announce there is a debate watch party at Kala Point, at the Club House, for Kala Point residents. PCO Linda Brewster is hosting the event.

Elizabeth Warren Campaign

Susan Uballe, community coordinator for support of the Elizabeth Warren campaign, is holding a phone bank event Sunday June 23rd, sign up and contact Susan if you would like to help on the campaign events. Contact Susan (with permission) at 906-236-1660, susuballe@gmail.com. In July the group will hold debate watch event for the debate when Sen. Warren participates. Susan will give interested JCD members information - please sign up with Susan, go to ElizabethWarren.com, to learn about more local events.

24th Legislative District

Bruce Cowan, Chair of 24th Legislative District Democrats, membership is free. If you live in the 24th District, you may sign up. As a member, you will receive few emails, only emails about quarterly district meetings and district events. The District just held a successful meeting in Ocean Shores with our elected officials, and members from all three counties. Please sign up on the clip board with Bruce, on the web site, or be in touch with Bruce.

Gun Range Operating in South County without Permit

Peter Newland, PCO Coyle 200, rose to thank the JCD Central Committee (CC). The CC requested the County Board of Commissioners (BoCC) to live stream the Washington Growth Management Board appeal hearing [on the shooting range ordinance]. The JCD Chair Marty did great work to ensure that the live streaming happened. A quick update on the situation in South County: on the handout table are copies of the Tarboo Ridge Coalition recent communication to the BoCC. In 2018, the Coalition brought evidence to the County that the gun range was under construction, wetlands being filled, changes being made to the site without the proper permits. In March, the BoCC, and the Dept. of Ecology, toured the site and viewed various violations (illegal inadequate sewerage tank, filling of wetlands, outbuildings constructed). On June 17th the Coalition asked the BoCC to issue a stop work order to the owner, not only because of the violations, but also the fact that a 50 yard pistol range has been constructed, is currently in use illegally, there is training under way, shots are being fired, all with no permit. The Coalition

asks the BoCC to issue a stop work order. Please contact your Board of County Commissioner and give them your views on the matter.

Candidate for Port Commissioner Pam Petranek

Pam Petranek, rose to greet the members. Pam is running for Port Commissioner District 1. Pam is a Washington resident for her whole life, is interested in jobs with living wages, that Port facilities remain accessible to all Jefferson County residents. Pam is running for many reasons, updating and transparent reporting on Port finances, and decision making on accurate facts. Pam is a Citizen advocate and serves on Board of Marine Trades. Pam helped to coordinate the Jefferson County Marine Trades economic study – 20% of living wage jobs are supported by Marine Trades in the County. Pam coordinated a rate study on the Boat yard. Support from experts like you. Collaborative spirit. Appreciate your support to maintain this awesome maritime community that generates tax receipts, jobs, into our economy.

Iran Sanctions

Pete Von Christierson, member rose to express concern about the US Sanctions against Venezuela and Iran. The sanctions are illegal under international law, under the Charter of the OAS, the UN charter, and domestic US law. The US sanctions law requires, are based on an emergency. There is no emergency. However people are being killed. 40,000 people thus far due to sanctions. We are allowing people to die of preventable disease, malnourished, living in poverty. There is no opposition in the US, including the Democratic Party. What doc can members do? We can develop a resolution to be put before the membership and go to the national party.

Immigrant Rights Events

John Collins, PCO 707, is working with Jefferson County Immigrant Rights group: 1. We are working together with World Relief to provide back packs for children for school this fall. There are two types of backpacks, one for younger kids, and older kids. We are asking people to go to the store and purchase the equipment, and turn the backpack in. Cost is about \$50. 2. We have a rally planned on Saturday, to protest tweeted policy of mass arrests. 11 AM Saturday June 22, right outside the Port Townsend Community Center. Please come give support for our immigrant neighbors.

Climate Change Town Hall Proposal

Shelley Jaye, new member and new to Port Townsend, rose to speak about a proposal to hold a local town hall event on climate change. She proposed that Rep. Kilmer hold a town hall in Jefferson County on the issues of climate change. It would be great if the JCD might consider supporting that request, as she asks the scheduler for time of Rep. Kilmer.

ADJOURN

George Yount moved to adjourn. M/S/P (8:23 PM).



Patricia A. Jones, Recording Secretary
(As approved by the Membership on 9/19/19)