

Jefferson County Democrats Membership Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
September 19 2019
Port Townsend Community Center

The Chair, Marty Gilmore, called the attention of the Jefferson County Democrats to the Program and speakers. Mr. James Kennedy, Jefferson County Prosecutor gave a very informative report about the work of the Prosecutor's Office in establishing new systems, clearing the backlog of cases, updating their procedures, and training staff in several areas, including domestic violence and abuse and neglect cases, the Opioid litigation, code enforcement, and nuisance ordinances. The Jefferson County Democrats Communications Team, Gary Larson and Pam Rogers, presented information about the JCD communications efforts, and an interactive workshop on the new JCD web site features.

The Chair, Marty Gilmore, called the JCD Membership meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Ron Hayes moved to approve the agenda as published. M/S/P.

George Yount moved to adopt the minutes of the June 20 2019 Membership Meeting as published. M/S/P.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

The Chair called on the Finance Committee Chair to present the recommended changes to the JCD Travel Policy. Deborah Pedersen, the Finance Committee Chair made a motion to adopt the changes to the policy as published. Martin Ivers, Treasurer, seconded the motion. Deborah briefly reported to the members on the changes. Members briefly asked questions and discussed the changes. M/S/P.

Resolutions

The Chair called the attention of the members to the discussion of resolutions to be considered by the membership.

Nuclear Weapons Ban

Doug Milholland rose to move the resolution on Nuclear Weapons Ban submitted by Gail Chattfield, and read to the members at their June 20 2019 meeting and published. Members spoke in favor of the resolution. M/S/P unanimously.

Lift Sanctions Against Venezuela & Iran

Peter von Christierson moved to approve the adoption of the resolution to lift sanctions against Venezuela and Iran as published. Members asked questions and spoke in favor of the resolution. M/S/P with one vote opposing the resolution.

Suction Dredge Mining Resolution

Al Bergstein moved to adopt the resolution on opposing suction dredge mining presented by Fayette Krause and published. Members asked questions and spoke in favor of the resolution. M/S/P.

JCD Bylaws Revision

The Chair reported on the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee efforts to review and recommend to the Jefferson County Democrats Central Committee a set of bylaws revisions proposed by members. The Chair acknowledged the good work of the Chair John Collins and all the members of the Committee in

reviewing all the proposed revisions and consult with members, PCOs, and officers to adopt a full revision of the JCD bylaws. Bruce Cowan explained that the revision of the bylaws undertook to review the backlog of proposed bylaws changes as a complete package. The Chair reported that the adoption process will focus on the bylaws revisions submitted by members. Wilma Hackman asked about the progress being made toward addressing the needs of the members in the West End of the county to participate in JCD activities, meetings and decisions. The Chair reported that the matter of electronic meetings, and voting by proxy have not yet been addressed. Deborah Pedersen, a member of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, asked the members if any member had the chance to read the revision. Deborah reported that the Committee worked very hard to consider how the bylaw revision would work in real life and were able to achieve consensus. The Chair reported that the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee hopes to provide the opportunity to the members to be heard on the Bylaws revision at the next meeting, and clarified that the Central Committee has the duty to adopt Bylaws changes for the Jefferson County Democrats. The Central Committee will consider the Bylaws Revision at their meeting on October 30th.

Good of the Order

John Fabian rose to report to the membership that there are strong indications that the “Pit to Pier” project will come back to life. The Pit to Pier project was opposed by the JCD. There is not yet much information other than the Navy does not support the project. John will report back to the members on developments.

Bruce Cowan, Chair of the 24th Legislative District, reported to the members on the recent 24th LD members meeting. The 24th LD have endorsed candidates for office (Mar Ozias for Clallam County Commissioner and Maury Modine for Port of Port Angeles Commissioner) and votes on state measures on the ballot: No vote on I-976; Affirm R-88 (I-1000), and Maintain all advisory “votes”. The 24th LD passed a resolution that would require Presidential Tax Transparency. Bruce reported that Senator Kevin Van de Wege provided background information on the tax transparency bill, which he co-sponsored, and on R-88, which is a referendum for affirmative action.

A member announced the climate justice vent organized by the students of Port Townsend High School for Friday, Sept. 20th at 10 AM, and asked members to support the students.

Chris Llewellyn announced the District 3 PCOs meeting, potluck at 5 PM and public forum at 6:30 PM, at the Quilcene Community Center.

Bethel Prescott announced a “Right to Life” forum on Sept. 20th, 6 PM at the Chimacum High School.

Cindy Jayne announced that the Regional Transport Planning Board have a draft out for review. Cindy encouraged members to look and the draft and provide comments.

Claire Roney thanked the 100 great volunteers who helped with the Fish Feast event this year. Claire thanked all the members who bought tickets. Claire announced that the 2020 event will be on August 23, 2020. The event will have changes and Claire asked the membership for their ideas of a theme for the event.

A member moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18. M/S/P