

Washington State Democratic Central Committee Meeting January 28, 2017

Washington State Federation of Democratic Women Minutes

The meeting was called to order by WSFDW President Donna McLain at 11 am.

Tina Podlodowski, candidate for Washington State Democratic Chair, was introduced and spoke to the group briefly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Donna explained how the Federation was structured including county organizations, who is on the E-board - President, Vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, National Representative and Club Chairs. Any member of E-Board will be eligible to run for WSFDW President when Donna's two-year term ends; elections will be held in Sept. 2017 at the WSDCC Meeting. Delegates from the clubs are determined by membership (1 vote per 10 dues-paying members.) The WSFDW President has a voting membership on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee E-Board.

The Secretary, Ann Martin, stepped down because she is no longer a State Committeeperson and will not, therefore, be attending the state meetings. Her service was applauded, and she was presented with a jewelry pin. Three individuals were nominated to run for WSFDW Secretary:

- * Megan Richie – Former Secretary & Current Vice-President of Cowlitz County Democratic Women (CCDW).
- * Teresa Purcell – Worked for Patty Murray and has promoted women candidates her entire adult life.
- * Candy Bonneville – Former Chair and is now Vice-Chair of the Clark County 18th L.D.

Megan Richie was elected WSFDW Secretary.

Donna McLain- President, talked about the role WSFDW played in the Re-organization of the Clark County Democratic Women, and introduced the new President Katie Archer (See the Clark County club report at the end of these minutes and the WSFDW website for a photo of their officers.) Donna reviewed the WSFDW 2016 accomplishments and the 2017 goals (see attached.)

Carin Chase talked about organizing the Women's Sister March in Seattle and the turnout of that event was huge! We need to continue the momentum and the next date to do something is March 8th, International Women's Day. She is asking for everyone to go out and participate

on this day, either coordinate a march or attend one. Lobby or call our legislature to promote women inclusivity.

Several other members talked about their sister marches in their areas and we had a conversation about things we can do to continue to show our support for women equality. Paul McLain, WSFDW Treasurer, distributed and explained the Treasurer's Report and submitted it for our records. He talked about how a portion of our dues goes to the National Federation membership and that he had already submitted the balance owed for this year. Dues are due on January 1 and are delinquent after May 1 of each year. Paul submitted a draft WSFDW 2017 Budget for further discussion at our next meeting. See attached.

No club reports were given because of the otherwise full agenda, but any furnished will be forwarded out with these minutes.

Our next meeting will be held in Walla-Walla on April 22, 2017.

Adjourned at 12 p.m.

Submitted by WSFDW Secretaries,

Ann Martin & Megan Richie

Affiliated Club Reports

Whatcom County Democratic Women

We recently chartered three full buses to participate in the January 21st Seattle Woman's March. Due to our activism, we were successful in signing up 148 new members to our local WCDW organization, and we haven't even held our yearly membership drive yet. We have at least eight events in the works this year based on the theme of "My Family, Your Family, Our Families." One of our events will include potential candidate training on running for political office. We will also be chartering a bus to the Women In Blue Lobby Day just as soon as we have the date. This year our goal is sustained engagement through every available means as well as increased membership.

In Solidarity,

Denise Marshall, Chair

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Clark County Democratic Women

On December 17, 2016, the Clark County Democratic Women held its biennial re-organization meeting with record attendance of more than 120 people. The President and Vice President seats on the Executive Board were contested races between four very strong, qualified women. In a show of moving solidarity, the two candidates for Secretary agreed to share the position as

Co-Secretaries, and in the Treasurer's race, one candidate conceded her candidacy in a vote of confidence for the other. Katie Archer Jolma was elected President. She is a local attorney with expertise in public affairs, political consulting, and campaign management. Melissa Valo was elected Vice President. Melissa owns a local graphic design business, which specializes in design work for Democratic candidate campaigns and non-profits. The two Co-Secretaries are Heather Beaupre Lindberg and Jennifer Griffin. Heather is a substitute teacher and an active parent volunteer. Jennifer Griffin specializes in the area of organizational psychology for an international consumer-based spending company and authors a blog focused on local politics. Terah Pitchford was elected Treasurer. Terah works for a local solar-panel manufacturer and is an experienced campaign treasurer.

Katie Archer Jolma

Newly-elected President of the Clark County Democratic Women

Cowlitz County Democratic Women

Cowlitz Democratic Women had 53 paid members in 2016, and paid the maximum \$250 to NFDW. The CCDW Past President Donna McLain is President of WSFDW. Its Treasurer Paul McLain is WSFDW Treasurer. Its VP Megan Richie is the newly-elected WSFDW Secretary. The current CCDW President Sherry Davis and her E-Board are planning the 16th Annual Suffragette Tea & Fashion Show to celebrate women suffrage. With its April 1st date and "Suffragettes through the Looking Glass" theme, we expect a party that will rival the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Longview had its own version of the Women's March at it Civic Circle, organized by Megan Richie. We supported Education Lobby Day and Planned Parenthood Rally at Olympia. Megan Richie recently shared her Planned Parenthood story at Washington D.C. with Washington State legislators. Other fund-raisers being planned by CCDW include selling pink, knitted pussy hats, and sponsoring a painting party experience led by Carla Estevane.

Donna McLain

CCDW Past President

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