

Minutes for the meeting of the 46th LD Democrats

October 20, 2021 7:00pm



District Chair Julie Anne Kempf called the meeting to order 7:04pm.

The chair asked Hunter Brown to provide the Land Acknowledgement.

The Agenda was adopted.

1. 2022 Membership Drive: John Finelli, Membership Chair, provided details of the 2022 Membership Drive. Brand new members joining now will receive both 2021 membership for the last few months of the year, but also a full year of 2022 membership. The Membership Chair reported that we are working on a program to transfer the membership dues of any member who ends up drawn out of the district in redistricting, so members are urged to renew your membership with confidence that if you are districted out, you will be a member in your new district.

2. Resolutions report: Hunter Brown provided an update on resolutions, and without objection deferred action on resolutions to November in the interest of properly focusing on GOTV and the DEI Program this month.

3. GOTV and Elections: District Vice Chair Andrzej Montano gave a detailed rapid report and update on the Get Out The Vote efforts underway for the November election. Anne Udaloy assisted with details for LFP and Kenmore. Actions include canvassing, mailers, phone banking, texting, and postcarding in various numbers and targets. PCOs who can, are asked to canvass their precinct (masked of course). PCOs who have health or other concerns about canvassing may have their walk piece mailed to their targeted households. We are also mailing vacant precincts. IF a PCO can afford to, we ask them to contribute postage. But those who cannot simply need to let Andrzej know privately, and we will mail into any PCOs precinct, no questions asked. Andrzej will take questions on GOTV following the program.

4. Inequities in Health Care Program (DEI Series) – 90 minutes

Panelist: Dr Michele Andrasik: (she/her) is a clinical health psychologist working to build and enhance partnerships with marginalized communities in clinical research, with a focus on ongoing vaccine trials for HIV and COVID-19. She is the Director of Social Behavioral Sciences and Community Engagement for the Fred Hutchinson-based HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) and the COVID-19 Prevention Network, Senior Staff Scientist in the Fred Hutchinson Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division and an Affiliate Clinical Professor in the Departments of Global Health and Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Washington. Dr. Andrasik received her PhD in Clinical Health Psychology from the University of Miami. She also has Masters Degrees in Health Education and Psychological Counseling from Columbia University. Dr. Andrasik brings expertise in implicit bias and historical trauma and the utilization of Community-Based Participatory Research approaches and Qualitative Research Methods.

Panelist: Christina Diego, Nimiipuu, Diné, MSW, MPA. - Christina is a Policy Manager with the Seattle Indian Health Board where she advocates for the health and wellness of urban American Indians and Alaska Natives on a local to federal level. Her work today uplifts the voices of community, supports traditional ways of knowing, and utilizes research to advocate for the needs of Indian Country. Christina is also an advocate for community based initiatives that support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Her work has supported relief efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-19, increase resources for the Indian healthcare system, and ensure trust and treaty obligations to Native people are upheld.

Panelist: Rokea Jones, MPA - Rokea has been a birthworker/doula for over 14years, she is certified as a lactation educator and peer counselor. Her experience includes being an infant mental health specialist and childbirth educator. Rokea has her Masters in Public Administration. She is a policy advocate, has spent four years volunteering on the Seattle Women's Commission. She joined with King County Public Health to address the health inequities for families of color during the

Covid 19 Pandemic as a Community Navigator. She is also an alum of Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute and a Leadership Tomorrow alum. Rokea considers herself a wholistic health practitioner and inside of this work, she sees policy change as part of the healing our communities need.

Nahom Daniel: Nahom Daniel is a Community Health Navigator at the YMCA of Greater Seattle. He evaluates health outcomes of East-African Immigrant communities to increase the knowledge base on health disparities related to COVID-19. Nahom is also assisting with HIV research using mixed method techniques to address intersectional stigmas and HIV testing in African immigrant communities in King County. A member of the CFAR Community Consultative Group at the Office Of Community Engagement (UW/Fred Hutch), Nahom provides consultation to CFAR researchers regarding community considerations and design of research proposals and projects; facilitates and evaluates community outreach activities/events and collaborates with community-based organizations and groups in the Seattle area. A recent graduate from the University of Washington, he intends to pursue a master's degree in Public Health in epidemiology to continue his work with East-African communities.

Moderator: Genya Shimkin: (she/they) is an Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the UW School of Medicine. In this role, Genya develops curriculum and programming for medical and other health sciences students interested in care of underserved and historically marginalized communities. Genya is also Associate Director of the Community-Oriented Public Health Practice Program in the Department of Health Systems and Population Health at UW School of Public Health. Genya's particular areas of focus include LGBTQ+ health, harm reduction, health justice, and anti-oppression frameworks for health promotion.

8:32 Julie Anne experienced technical difficulties (computer froze – meeting handed off to vice chair as host, chair left meeting temporarily to change laptops.)

5. GOTV question period: While the chair was out of the meeting due to technical difficulties, Vice Chair Andrzej Montano took detailed GOTV questions from PCOs and other members who wished to volunteer to help. Some folks were asked to stay after the meeting for personalized assistance.

6. Treasurer's Report: The 21-day October 2021 PDC report is on the PDC website for anyone who wants to view it. The 7-day report (7 days before the election) is due on October 26th, and the PDC has become better about posting reports within a couple of hours of their submission. The current bank balances are:

- 46th LD Operating Fund: \$3,605.88
- Cole operating fund: \$8,366.49
- Cole Reserves (CDs): \$15,943.18

We currently have expenses paid out on our mailer and sample ballot printing and postage, while the ad payments are only partially back for the piece at this time, if the operating fund seems low. We are mid-month in the accounting. We have discussed borrowing short-term from the Cole Fund if needed to pay our second mailing of the mailer costs on time before the ad billings all come in.

Good of the Order: Several events were announced by members, and the Northshore School District Phone Bank details were given for those who wished to volunteer for that activity.

After meeting: Interested PCOs and members were invited to stay after the meeting adjourns for personalized GOTV questions, conversation, and individual action plans with Andrzej and other election effort leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Just 13 Days to Election Day!