

# Minutes of the Meeting of the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats

January 19, 2022 7:00pm



The district chair, Julie Anne Kempf, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

The chair called upon Hunter Brown to present the **Land Acknowledgement**

1. The chair reviewed **Meeting Etiquette, Norms and Parliamentary Procedure**, and reminded the membership that the past few years have really taken their toll on everyone. From Trump to Covid, people's nerves are all a little raw and we are all a little broken. It is important to remember that while we disagree from time to time, we are friends and allies, and a little kindness toward each other will reap many benefits.

2. **School Levies and Bonds on the Ballot February 8, 2022:** Shoreline School Board Member Sara Betnel reminded us of how we may help pass these levies in all three School Districts that we cover, and the Northshore Bond.

- We endorsed all six measures in the three School Districts at our November 17 meeting.
- The Northshore and Shoreline Schools both have phone banks – please take a shift or three!
- Ballots are in the mail today – should be in your mailbox by Friday, January 21

3. **Guest Speaker:** Senator Patty Murray's Political Director, Kate Baumgartner

4. **Featured Presentation: Local Historian, David Buerge**, Author of "**Chief Seattle and the Town That Took His Name**" on the early history of the land of the 46th District, and the indigenous people who lived here.

5. **Chair's report:**

- Busy calendar for this spring – be thinking about running for state convention delegate
- As noted in November, a letter was sent to the Duwamish organization identifying the plank in the 2018 Platform related to Duwamish recognition.
- Video Roll Call for the KCDCC Event – call for volunteers to participate.
- What's Up with Redistricting? Presentation

6. **Meet the Candidates - 46th LD House Pos. 2** - the candidates were introduced

- Nancy Connolly
- Darya Farivar
- Nina Martinez
- Lelach Rave
- Melissa Taylor

7. **Physical vs. Virtual Meeting Update:** Covid is still spiking, and so the district will not be looking at moving back to in-person meetings until after the May endorsement meeting, so there can be some pre-determined scheduling stability.

8. **2022 Mid-term Caucus and Convention cycles** – The chair and vice chair urged members to consider running for convention delegate in March, as under the DSAAP (Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan), we have 35 delegate, and 18 alternate seats to fill. The district has specific DEI goals, and are reaching out to youth and various community organizations to recruit delegates and meet the DEI goals.

## 9. 2022 Budget (Treasury and PDC report included)

PDC: As always, the PDC report was filed on time, and is available for viewing at [pdc.wa.gov](http://pdc.wa.gov)

Budget: The budget is found on the home page of the district website currently and was linked to your emailed call to meeting. Please keep your own copy, as the budget is not ever permanently posted to the website or any other online access. We will be voting on the budget in February, so please review it over the next 30 days, and feel free to ask your questions.

### Treasurer's Report

- 46<sup>th</sup> Operating fund bank balance : \$2,897.96
- Cole operating fund balance (savings + CD): \$8,374.71
- \$2500 borrowed as a bridge for GOTV in 2021 repaid
- Fidelity Cole balance: \$16,103.58

## 10. Protecting the Raymond T. Cole Fund

The chair discussed the potential for losing control of the Raymond T. Cole funds, if something odd happened with redistricting, such as a wholesale re-numbering of the districts, or an extreme change to the boundaries. The PDC policy is that the bank account for each LD moves with that numbered LD, regardless of the boundary lines. Jeff Smith moved for the district chair to put together a plan to separate the Cole Funds and the 46<sup>th</sup> LD funds for presentation at the February meeting /s/passed by unanimous consent. The chair entertained a motion to determine the membership who would have voice and vote on Cole Fund matters, moving forward. Jeff Smith moved that those members in good standing between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021 would be the permanent Cole Fund membership for the purposes of decisions about the Fund's funds/s/passed by unanimous consent.

## 11. Vacancies on the Executive Board

- State Committee person who is not male-identifying
- KCDCC Alternate who is not female-identifying
- Treasurer (we have a ministerial treasurer, and there is no problem with the PDC reporting or the district accounting – we would simply like someone in the position)
- We may have some officers leaving, and other people coming in from the parts of the district new to our maps, if the boundaries hold, after court review.
- The chair asked for the consent of the body to hold the vacant positions open until March, when the new boundaries - if we have new boundaries - will be in place.
- There are alternates to cover both voting bodies (the WSDCC and the KCDCC), so the 46<sup>th</sup> LD will not lose any voting representation while the positions are vacant.
- Without objection, the body consented to hold the vacancies for an election when the new cohort of members are in place after redistricting is determined (specifically, the March meeting)

12. Jeff Smith moved to adjourn/s/objection to unanimous consent, on red button/green button Zoom vote, the ayes were clearly in the majority. The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:23pm

*Informal Good of the Order commenced after the meeting was adjourned.*