

34th District GOP Meeting Minutes for August 19th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by District Chair Chuck Rangel. Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Chair Steve Schmidt.

July minutes presented, and approved.

Executive Board Update from KCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair Courtney Lyle: Teri Hickel's race for State Rep in LD30 is a priority for the KCGOP. Upcoming KCGOP events: August 25th fundraiser for Teri Hickel. August 29th Coffee with the Chairman. KCGOP Candidates Committee is in progress: Phase I = identify potential candidates; Phase II = create a "campaign in a box" e.g. find out if candidate has a campaign plan, if they have any endorsements so far, who are their contributors, what is their biographical info/background/political involvement → help customize the campaign so it is relevant to the individual candidate. KCGOP is committed to avoiding pre-primary favoritism. Mike Stall has created a District specific canvassing app; we will have access to this soon (look for an email from Courtney), and we will have a speaker to educate us on the app at an upcoming meeting.

Report from District Chair Chuck Rangel: KCGOP has asked each LD to pick a weekend to send out doorbellers for candidate Teri Hickel in LD30; contact Chuck if you can volunteer to help.

Newsletter Committee Report from Vice-Chair Steve Schmidt: let Steve know if you have any articles you would like linked in the newsletter. Noted that the recent WA Supreme Court decision re: funding K-12 education per the McCleary decision may be used by Governor Inslee as another reason to increase taxes; Teri Hickel's race is extremely important to getting a Republican majority in the House to prevent such tax increases.

Treasury update from District Chair Rangel: our Treasurer Jim Clingan is on the mend from an illness and while recovering has agreed to request that Chuck Rangel be approved as a second signatory for the 34th District GOP checking account. Bank of America stated that we need to have minutes recording the body's approval of this. Craig Keller motioned for Chuck Rangel to be the second signatory on the Bank of America checking account for the 34th District GOP, as current Treasurer Jim Clingan is ill and unable to currently fulfill the Treasurer duties. Motion seconded by Mark Foley. Motion passed unanimously.

West Seattle Regional Chair Report from Craig Keller: no August meeting was held. Meeting will resume in September, and may be converted into a doorbelling event for Burien City Council candidate Darla Green. The White Center Jubilee Days event was a great success, special thanks to everyone who volunteered to help.

Website Committee Report from Molly Connelly: we now have an Instagram account - <https://instagram.com/34thgop/>. Please send pictures to Molly if you would like them to be posted.

Events Committee Report from John Denault: LD34 picnic will be held on Sunday August 23rd at 3pm; please RSVP ASAP so we know how much food and supplies to bring. Due to time and schedule constraints, John is resigning from the Events Committee as of today.

Chuck Rangel noted that the Freedom Foundation has published an excellent template of questions for School Board candidates <http://www.myfreedomfoundation.com/blogs/liberty-live/informed-voters-guide---school-board-2015>. Craig Keller agreed that this could be a powerful tool and encouraged LD34PCOs to come up with questions for Seattle and Highline School Board candidates; contact craig@craigkeller.us if you can help with this.

Darla Green spoke to her candidacy for Burien City Council: intends to be a fiscally conservative voice for Burien. Needs donations, doorbellers, and fundraising help! Check out darlagreen.com for more info. Opponent has raised 10K, of which 90% is from Seattle donors. It was noted that Burien City Council races often come down to narrow margins of <300 people = we need to get out and doorbell!

Discussion on LD34 Policy for Candidate Endorsement Procedures:

Discussion followed up on July meeting's discussion on endorsement procedures (see July minutes/documents). Sam Danziger proposed a friendly amendment to the quorum requirement, and motioned to allow proxy votes if the proxy voter was confirmed by email by the PCO they would proxy for, and cced the District Secretary; this would help us get enough voters present to conduct District business. Chuck Rangel stated that KCGOP Bylaws do not allow proxy votes. Molly Connelly stated that KCGOP Bylaws Section 15.1 only pertains to proxy votes for the biennial organizational meeting, and does not pertain to proxy votes for District business. Chuck Rangel noted that 1. historically, proxy voting was used when members had obstacles such as great geographical distances, and 2. email confirmation of a proxy voter is not sufficient, and it must be done in paper. Craig Keller offered a friendly amendment to Sam's amendment to allow a proxy vote status to be confirmed by writing on paper with the PCO's signature on it. Sam noted that email has the same permanency as writing on paper, and that some PCOs face geographical obstacles to getting to the meeting, e.g. Vashon PCOs. Courtney Lyle noted that we have elderly and infirm PCOs who have physical obstacles to getting to the meeting. Sam accepted Craig's friendly amendment. Sam motioned to accept proxy votes if confirmed by signature of the PCO on physical mail. Molly Connelly seconded. Motion passes.

Sam Danziger motioned to change passage of endorsement vote from 2/3 vote to 50%+1. Discussion ensued. Molly Connelly noted that historically in LD34 we have used a simple majority for endorsement. Motion to change endorsement vote requirement from 2/3 to a simple majority. Seconded, and passed. Motion to approve Policy for Candidate Endorsement Procedures. Seconded, and passed as written:

1. Endorsements can be for Initiatives, Republican candidates or candidates for non-partisan offices; endorsements cannot be made for other than Republican Party candidates in partisan office contests.
2. Candidates to be considered shall be initiated a Motion and second.
3. Endorsement notice shall be made in writing to all PCOs a minimum of two weeks before the vote.
4. Endorsement vote shall require a quorum present. Proxy votes are allowed if the PCO confirms the proxy voter in writing, on paper.
5. Endorsement vote shall pass with a simple majority.
6. Endorsement takes effect immediately after the vote and endorsed candidate can use the phrase "Endorsed by the 34th Legislative District Republican Party" in their campaign literature.
7. Chair cannot make endorsements for the District. Only a quorum of the PCOs can endorse candidates.
8. Individual PCOs can make endorsements as an individual, but not on behalf of the 34th Legislative District GOP.

8:25PM Meeting adjourned.

