

34th District GOP Meeting Minutes for March 16th, 2016

Pershing Hall, 3618 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA 98126

Meeting called to order at 7:09PM by District Chair Chuck Rangel. Pledge of Allegiance led by District Chair Chuck Rangel.

Executive Board update from KCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair Courtney Lyle: King County GOP Convention will be held on April 16th, 2016 at the Bellevue Hilton; \$50 payment in advance includes boxed lunch, \$55 payment at the door does not include lunch. Electronic caucus voting will be an ongoing topic of discussion within the Exec Board.

Report from Vice-Chair Steve Schmidt: expressed gratitude to all those who volunteered to help with the LD34 caucus.

Treasurer Report from Molly Connelly speaking on Myke Wilken's behalf: current balance in our account is \$3,539.06.

Report from District Chair Chuck Rangel: Richard Sanders will assume duties of Vashon Regional Chair from Cindi Vance.

Fairs and Events Committee Report from Becky Nicholas: summer is coming soon, and we need to decide which festivals we will participate in; West Seattle Summer Fest, White Center Jubilee Days and Burien Wild Strawberry Festival are three options. Craig Keller volunteered to help with the street fairs and noted that it's a big year for elections and people will be looking for us to have a presence.

Report from King County Convention Platform Committee member Steve Schmidt: Phil Irvin is out of town; contact Steve Schmidt at steven.alan.schmidt@comcast.net if you have input for the King County Platform Committee. Courtney Lyle will find out if the KC Platform online survey results will be made public.

Report from King County Convention Rules Committee member Craig Keller: expressed concern that the 2016 LD Caucus rules were not available for viewing until the morning of our LD34 caucus. Expressed concern that in the past WSRP has printed a campaign slate option on bubble sheet ballots, which allows campaigns to influence outcome of national election.

Report from King County Convention Credentialing Committee member Molly Connelly: apologized for the delay in the Caucus Credentials Report during our LD34 Caucus. Expressed concern that the official LD34 delegate list from KCGOP was not available for viewing until the morning of our LD34 caucus, which was inadequate time to rectify credentials challenges and contributed to the delay and confusion during the LD Caucus credentialing.

Steve Schmidt motioned to allocate funds for LD34 to sign up for a booth at all three of the street fairs mentioned in Becky's fairs and events report (West Seattle, Burien and White Center). Seconded by Darla Green. Vote on motion, motion passes.

Steve Schmidt motioned to allow businesses to purchase advertising space in our monthly LD34 newsletter for \$20/month as a means to fundraise for LD34. Seconded. Craig Keller motioned for an amendment to not allow businesses to advertise for marijuana, alcohol, or escort services. Discussion ensued. Bob Stewart asked if we would be obliged to accept any advertiser that satisfies the rules we set. Susan Stahlfeld noted that if we aren't extremely specific with our rules, we may leave ourselves open to legal challenges to having to accept something that hasn't been specifically prohibited. Sam Danziger spoke against Craig's amendment and in favor of businesses being able to advertise for the sale and consumption of alcohol. Vote

on the amendment: 5 in favor, 7 opposed; motion fails. Vote on initial motion: 10 in favor, 1 oppose, 1 abstaining; motion passes.

Steve Schmidt motioned that LD34 pay for the filing fee for any candidate that wants to run for LD34 Representative. Seconded. Discussion ensued with questions about limit on number of candidates, requirements for vetting candidates as legitimate conservatives. Steve Schmidt withdrew the motion and will present it with more details at a future time.

District Chair Chuck Rangel reported on the LD34 caucus results. List of elected delegates and alternates will be published on 34thgop.org. Discussion on how to improve LD caucus in the future. Consider having a group selling coffee and donuts (e.g. high school cheer squad, Honor Society etc.). Craig Keller voiced support for keeping paper ballots (versus electronic), and noted that our GOP platforms have long supported paper ballots; also requested that we clarify how decision making occurred within the Exec Board re: choosing to use electronic balloting for the LD Caucuses. District Chair Chuck Rangel responded that a telephone survey re: electronic balloting was done with the District Chairs prior to the LD Caucuses. Craig Keller requested a copy of the paper tally sheets from the Caucus to be publicized. Courtney Lyle responded that she can request a copy of these tally sheets and can request a copy of the minutes of the Exec Board meeting where/if electronic voting was discussed.

8:25pm meeting adjourned.

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