

34th District GOP Meeting Minutes for April 20th, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by District Chair Chuck Rangel. Pledge of Allegiance led by District Chair Chuck Rangel.

Report from the Chair: expressed thanks to Phil Irvin, Craig Keller and Molly Connelly for serving on the King County Convention committees, and to all who volunteered to help make the Convention a success. South Sound Republicans Dinner will be held on April 30th in Auburn with speakers including gubernatorial candidate Bill Bryant, and State Representatives Drew Stokesbary and Melanie Stambaugh. Contact Bob Stewart for Ted Cruz yard signs, and Craig Keller for Donald Trump yard signs.

March minutes presented, and approved.

Treasurer Report from Myke Wilken: current balance in our account is \$3673.06. Net proceedings from the Caucuses was \$1081.37. We will have additional money coming from the LD34 portion of the KC Convention fees.

Craig Keller reminded the body that filing week for PCOs is Monday May 16th, 2016 – Friday May 20th, 2016.

Fairs and Events Committee Report from Becky Nicholas: we need volunteers for the Burien Wild Strawberry Festival, June 18th-June 19th; contact Becky if you can help. Discussion ensued on participating in the West Seattle Summer Fest; we didn't have enough reliable volunteers commit before the April 1st application deadline; Craig Keller has now volunteered to staff all 3 days; Becky will inquire about late registration.

Guest Speaker: Michael Waite, spoke to his candidacy for WA State Treasurer. Finance professional, not a professional politician, will responsibly manage one of our state's most precious resources – our taxdollars. Headed up Accounting for the Gates foundation and managed a portfolio of over \$70 billion. Will be an advocate for the taxpayers. Washington state has the 6th highest debt in the country. \$2 billion of our state budget goes towards paying off the WA state debt obligation every year – this could fund the salaries for 18K teachers. Treasurer should use the statewide office to be a voice of fiscal responsibility: 1. educate legislators on the true cost of programs and outcomes, and 2. make sure voters get the information as well so they can apply the pressure that's needed on the legislators. We've had a Democratic Treasurer for 60 years, we need a change. In 2008 we only lost the Treasurer race by 60K votes – this is a winnable race for us in 2016! For more info go to hiremichaelwaite.com, and/or find the campaign on Facebook.

Phil Irvin spoke about the Just Want Privacy initiative to enable schools and businesses to ensure safety and privacy in bathrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms etc. For more info go to justwantprivacy.org.

Bob Stewart voiced that we need to be displaying more Republican yard signs to let people know that Republicans have a presence in the 34th District, and that we are offering candidates who deserve their consideration.

Meeting adjourned.