

34th District GOP Meeting Minutes for August 17th, 2016
White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, Seattle, WA 98146

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by District Chair Chuck Rangel. Pledge of Allegiance led by District Chair Chuck Rangel.

July minutes presented, and approved.

Report from the Chair: law enforcement and the Liquor Control Board will be investigating the crowd aggression incident that occurred during the Burien Independence Day Parade.

Treasurer Report from Myke Wilken: current balance in our account is \$4737.48

Executive Board update from KCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair Courtney Lyle: KCGOP Exec Board has finalized their endorsements for the primary. A second round of endorsements will happen at a future date TBD. Members of the Candidate Committee created the endorsement slate that the Exec Board voted on. There is supposed to be a member on the Candidate Committee from each Legislative District. There was no representative on the Candidate Committee from LD34. Question – who is responsible for appointing the LD representative? Answer: County Chair Lori Sotelo. PCO Molly Connelly observed that our LD34 Republican candidates (Craig Keller for US Congress, Matthew Benson for LD34 State House Pos. 1, and Andrew Pilloud for LD34 State House Pos. 2) have been running active, visible campaigns for months, and yet none of them were endorsed by the KCGOP Exec Board; and stated that it's very concerning that LD34 had no representation on the Candidate Committee.

General discussion: Discussion ensued about Governor candidate Bill Bryant's public repudiation of the Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. Some spoke in favor of withholding LD34 endorsement from Bill Bryant and requested that KCGOP withdraw its endorsement; others spoke against this and noted that it would cause negative media coverage, and asked that we put aside our personal feelings for the good of the state and the country.

Endorsements of candidates and measures for the Nov. 8th, 2016 general election:

Governor: Craig Keller nominated Bill Bryant; Molly Connelly seconded the nomination. Motion unanimously passed.

Lt. Governor: Craig Keller nominated Marty McClendon; Courtney Lyle seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Auditor: Courtney Lyle nominated Mark Miloscia; Molly Connelly seconded. Bob Stewart noted that Senator Miloscia supports the carbon tax initiative, which conflicts with our GOP Platform. 93% Yea, 7% Nay; motion passed.

State of Washington Initiative Measure No. 732: Craig Keller motioned that we endorse a "No" vote on this measure; JoAnne Butzerin seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer: Craig Keller nominated Michael Waite; Courtney Lyle seconded; Molly Connelly offered a friendly amendment to make a dual endorsement of Michael Waite and Duane Davidson; amendment was rejected; 91% Yea, 9% Nay vote; motion passed. Discussion ensued and it was noted that while it is not ethical to do pre-primary endorsements in races with more than one Republican, it is appropriate to endorse the best Republican candidate once we get to the General election; and it is also possible for us to do a dual endorsement with separate motions. Jim Clingan then nominated Duane Davidson; Molly Connelly seconded; 55% Yea, 45% Nay vote; motion passed.

WA State Supreme Court: Chuck Rangel nominated David DeWolf (Pos.1), Greg Zempel (Pos. 5) and Dave Larson (Pos. 6); Craig Keller seconded; motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner of Public Lands: Molly Connelly nominated Steve McLaughlin; Craig Keller seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Secretary of State: Craig Keller nominated Kim Wyman; Molly Connelly seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

KC District Court, SW Pos. 1: Molly Connelly nominated Laurel Gibson; Courtney Lyle seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

LD34 Representative Pos. 2: Courtney Lyle nominated Andrew Pilloud; Craig Keller seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

LD34 Representative Pos. 1: Craig Keller nominated Matthew Benson; Molly Connelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

US President: Phil Irvin nominated Donald Trump; Craig Keller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

US Senate: Molly Connelly nominated Chris Vance; Courtney Lyle seconded. Molly Connelly spoke in favor and observed that Vance's positions are not perfect but are far more aligned with the Constitution and the GOP Platform than Patty Murray's; and noted that since we are planning on distributing a voting recommendation flyer via doorbelling it would appear unprofessional and incomplete to not have a recommendation for US Senate. 55% Yea; 45% Nay; motion passed.

Molly Connelly motioned that we donate \$500 to Matthew Benson's campaign and \$500 to Andrew Pilloud's campaign; Courtney Lyle seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Molly Connelly motioned that we donate \$500 to Bill Bryant's campaign; Courtney Lyle seconded. 60% Yea; 40% Nay; motion passed.

8:30 PM Meeting adjourned