

General Meeting
Thursday, February 19th

Sign-in:
7:00pm

Meeting:
7:30pm

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Call to order 7:30

**Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th St**

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Agenda for February 19th, 2015
Membership Meeting - 7:30PM

- ◆ Call to order
- ◆ Flag Salute
- ◆ Approval of agenda
- ◆ Approval of minutes
- ◆ Chair's Report
- ◆ Program:
 - How do we solve a problem like marijuana?
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- ◆ Committee reports
 - ◆ Platform & Resolutions
 - ◆ Elections
 - ◆ Finance
 - ◆ Treasurer's Report
 - ◆ Rules, Bylaws & Tally
 - ◆ State Committee
 - ◆ KCDCC
 - ◆ Cole Committee
- ◆ Old Business
- ◆ New Business
- ◆ Good of the order
- ◆ Adjourn

A Word from The Chair

Phillip Duggan

I'm very honored by the results of our January re-organization meeting and the trust placed in me by the PCO's as well as the current and new board members. I'm excited for all the challenges and opportunities ahead and I am eager to work with the membership and the executive board over the next two years.

First off, we still have an open position on the board for Secretary. This position is very important to the organization running smoothly. It's also not nearly as intimidating as people think, especially keeping minutes. It mostly involves keeping a record of the votes and actions taken, not recording everything that is said. If you are interested in learning more about the position, please let me know at chair@46dems.org. I would be happy to talk about what it entails.

There will be plenty of other opportunities to get involved too. There are committees working on the program, legislative action, outreach, and more. Your issues could become a

program to present to the membership, part of our platform, or a resolution passed by the District. We have some fantastic new members on the board this year but we are all volunteers and there are only so many of us. Our strength is in our membership and I hope you will join us to rally around what you're passionate about. I want us to build the strongest Democratic party we can but we will need your help.

To support our volunteers I plan to focus on outreach and communication this year. We are going to share more, communicate more often, and hopefully collaborate with the membership more. As the board plans for the next couple years I want to hear from you on what has worked and what hasn't worked. I can't promise that I will be able to solve all the problems our organization has faced but I can make sure we're aware of them as we make decisions. My email is chair@46dems.org and I look forward to hearing from you and working with you.

Treasurer's Report

46th District Operational Fund:

Balance as of January 15, 2015	\$ 7,899.50
Outstanding Revenue (Holiday Party refund)	375.00
Adjusted Balance	\$ 8,274.50

Raymond T Cole Fund:

Savings	\$ 1,136.26
Certificates of Deposit (5)	<u>\$53,249.90</u>
TOTAL: COLE Funds	<u>\$54,386.16</u>

Submitted by Betty Means, Treasurer

Program Committee Ideas?

Sarajane Siegfriedt

The Program Committee is newly forming and is looking for program ideas for the balance of 2015. Since we don't meet in July (picnic) or December (party), and we do endorsements in May and August, we are responsible for eight meeting programs a year. We passed around a clipboard at the January Reorganization meeting, but if you'd like to add your idea, please send it to 46th Chair Phillip Duggan chair@46dems.com. We prefer programs that are related to specific questions being decided by our elected officials. We may also be sponsoring candidate forums for Seattle City Council Districts 4 and 5, partnering with other LDs, at times other than our meeting night.

How Do We Solve a Problem Like Marijuana?

Initiative 502 didn't address the issue of medical marijuana; it simply established a system of highly regulated farms, distributors and retail stores. The intent was to eliminate the black market, but that hasn't happened. Meanwhile some 300 unregulated medical marijuana stores are flourishing here in Seattle.

Medical marijuana outlets or cannabis dispensaries, as they prefer to be called, readily admit that not all their customers--as few as 25%--are diagnosed medical patients, especially if you discount "stress" or "aches and pains." Nonetheless, the needs of legitimate medical patients are significantly different from recreational users. They prefer a clinic-like dispensary atmosphere, rather than wild decorations, some unwanted incense (allergies) and wild music. More important, they need advice from a person knowledgeable about different strains of marijuana and their application to different diseases, in different doses and with different products as delivery systems.

Doctors are forbidden to give advice, for fear of losing their medical licenses. If the medical needs are real, shouldn't the cannabis system be regulated by the Department of Health? What about the commercial aspects? If state law limiting locations to those not within 1,000 feet of schools, parks, daycares, etc., etc, eliminated 93% of the locations (as in Kirkland), is this too restrictive? How about 500 feet? Should cities and counties that forbid any marijuana locations be nonetheless allowed to collect a pro rata share of the taxes? There are 19 bills in the legislature attempting to solve this puzzle.

Our program for Feb. 19th attempts to unravel this knotty problem from the point of view of a cannabis dispensary owner, a recreational store owner and a legislator. What would you recommend?

Volunteer for Legislative Action Committee?

Sarajane Siegfriedt

Our experienced advocates Sarajane Siegfriedt and Steve Zemke have recently been (re)named co-chairs of the King County Democrats Legislative Action Committee.

Meetings with legislators are the third Sunday afternoon, starting in March. The annual Lobby Day is on President's Day February 16th and we will be carpooling. Please save the date! It coincides with the State Party's Crab Feed 5 p.m. in Lacey WA.

King County Democrats are looking for a delegate and alternate from the 46th to attend these events and report back to the 46th. If you are interested, contact 46th Chair Phillip Duggan. For legislative priority issues, see the KCDCC [Draft Legislative Agenda](#) (<http://www.kcdems.org/2015-legislative-agenda>).

In addition, all are welcome to volunteer for the 46th Legislative Action Committee. We will work on local as well as state issues consistent with our platform, hold monthly meetings with guest speakers of all sorts, and seek to involve more Democrats in issues before the public. The meeting schedule will be decided by those who express an interest. We are seeking a Chair for this committee who would also attend the King County LAC meetings. Please contact Phillip Duggan chair@46dems.com to volunteer for either or both.

We are also offering [a list of 2015 Lobby Days events sponsored by kindred organizations](#) (<http://www.kcdems.org/2015-olympia-lobby-days> (<http://www.kcdems.org/2015-olympia-lobby-days/>), consistent with both our platform and the KCDCC Draft Legislative Agenda, the first of which will be the Martin Luther King Lobby Day, this Monday.

Even if you have never been to Olympia, you will have enough information to be an advocate to our 46th LD legislators at these very well organized issue-specific events. You will be amazed at how empowering it is, and our legislators are waiting to hear from you.

Questions? Sarajane Siegfriedt sarajane3h@comcast.net or 206-440-5829.



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