



Monthly General Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2025, 7 PM – 8:30 PM

[Online via Zoom](#)

Meeting Announcement for Next Month: All General Meetings Are the Second Monday of Each Month at 7PM

Present: Donna Sinclair, Leah Perkel, Patricia O’Bannon, Heidi Steigmann, Bob Carroll, Donald Auguston, Andrew Brewer, Judy Weber, Jessica Smith, Richard Kolberg, Carol Hostetler, Susan Schwartz, Dinah Pittioni, Mark Gutman, Candy Bonneville, Jackie Lane, Mike Pond, Jim McRae, Amy Wagner, Marcia Roi, Marge Davis, Ben Christly, Bob Battey, Peggy & Lyle Ellis, Michael Zinni, Dave Terry, Brent Hennrich, Susan Gibson, John Latta, Mark Dickey, Erin Zinni, Rita Gill, Henry Marion, Kathryn Salmon & Carlos Grenada, Ken Brown, Mackenzie Pfiefer, Jacob, Karla, Mark Robinson, Eric, Isaiah, Jen

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING: Expect an efficient meeting to cover many updates and decisions quickly.

1. **Call to order** (Donna)
 - a. Welcome everyone and Pledge of Allegiance (Donna)
 - b. Land acknowledgment; review expectations (Patricia)

2. **Approve this meeting’s agenda and prior meetings’ minutes** (Donna)
Motion: Susan Schwartz 2nd: Brent Hennrich Passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Recognize elected officials and new guests** (Donna)
 - a. New guests, please enter your name and email in the chat and we’ll stay connected!
No elected officials; many new people!

4. **Approve PCO Appointments** (Donna)
 - a. Legislative District Chairs, please make sure all potential nominees have read our [Voter Contact Expectations Policy](#), which states:
“To help us all work toward victory as an organized team, every new PCO recruited will be invited to participate when seeking confirmation at the Clark County Democrats General Meetings. This helps to ensure we are all working together as a team toward the same goals.”
None.

5. **Time sensitive planning:** Plan to attend possible Kiggins Event March 24 (Holly)
<https://clarkcountydems.com/2025/03/ag-nick-brown-in-town/>

6. **ACTION:** Seek a motion to adopt and send this request to Washington's Democrats in Congress
As the [budget continuing resolutions are considered in March](#), please vote no unless the following provisions are included.
- a. *Save 20 million HIV victims by giving them their medicine back. MAGA leadership took their life-saving medicine away, without which these 20 million human beings will die of AIDS. Restore this funding and all USAID funding.*
 - b. *Make it clearly illegal for any member of the executive branch to interfere with the U.S. Marshals carrying out their sworn Constitutional obligation to enforce court orders and protect the checks and balances established by the United States Constitution.*
 - c. *Re-affirm and strengthen the existing law that the executive branch cannot suspend elections.*
 - d. *Establish a two-year moratorium on any changes to election laws, including the SAVE Act and any other attempts to change the rules of elections before the 2026 midterms.*
 - e. *Protect America's middle class by requiring Congressional approval for executive actions that would hurt middle class jobs and affordability, including tariffs, trade wars, pulling billions out of local economies, laying off thousands of local workers, and taking medical benefits away from working Americans.*
 - f. *Make it clearly illegal for the executive branch to declare martial law.*

Motion: Lisa Henry 2nd: LaDonna Kirkpatrick

-eliminate word "victim" and replace with "20 million persons diagnosed with HIV"

-replace "human beings will die of AIDS" with "may die from complications related to AIDS"

-remove "MAGA" and put "current administration"

-strike "middle class" and change to "Protect Americans"

-strike Section F, "Marshall law" section

-secretary also can change grammar as necessary

Motion passes by a voice vote.

-Source for Elon's bodyguards are now US Marshall's <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/elon-musk-private-security-detail-deputized-by-us-marshals-service/>

-I think a press release is a great idea when it's final! We HAVE to get our message out!

-If we have a Democratic congress in 2 years we can pass the John Lewis voting rights act.

7. **ACTION:** The Executive Committee unanimously recommends that the General Membership **endorse IAFF Local 2444 Camas/Washougal's [proposition](#)** for the April 22 election, "City of Camas and City of Washougal Proposition No. 1 – Creation of Camas-Washougal Fire Authority."

-This will also negatively impact emergency services to East Vancouver if it doesn't pass

Motion: Leah Perkel 2nd: Susan Schwartz Unanimously passed by voice vote

8. **ACTION: Seek volunteers to be Community Liaisons.** Choose a local group and attend at the representative of the Democrats. Listen, learn, and show our support. Pins and shirts will be available.

9. **June 14 Ogden Dinner update** (LaDonna)

10. **Office re-opening update** (Donald)

-New Office Address: 237 NE Chkalov Dr - #108, Vancouver, WA

-If you would like to volunteer in the office, call Donald Auguston (360) 984-6416 or Donald.Auguston@outlook.com
-Volunteers will be updating VoteBuilder

11. Hill visits report (Leah)

- a. Supported our 5 endorsed bills: the Affordable Housing Action Bill, the Foster Youth Bill of Rights, the Washington Healthcare Trust, a bill preserving manufactured housing, and the ranked-choice voting bill: SB5587, SB5620, SB/5233/HB1445, HB1768, and HB1448, respectively.

12. Reports:

- a. First Advocacy Meeting as the SCM (Leah)
- b. State Committeepersons (Steve Perkel)
 - Next state meeting in Tacoma and then Vancouver later
 - “Caucuses” being changed to “councils.”
 - Pacific County Crab Feed this Saturday
- c. **Treasurer (Patricia)**
Remove Dorothy Gasque and Cassandra Bessert from our bank account and add Candy Bonneville and Matt Dittrich, and make Candy Bonneville as our Deputy Treasurer.
Motion: Patricia O’Bannon 2nd: Heidi Steigmann Passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. **Election Observers Committee Chair (Vacant—need a volunteer)**
Needs to be a Certified Elections Observer and cannot be new. Next training in June.
- e. **Forward Friday** Donna will follow up on where it will be held March 28th, 6pm, 17th LD

13. Announcements and good of the order

-**Pride in the Park** July 12 --talking about it at the 49th meeting this week

-**The Young Democrats of Clark County** invite folks under 36 to our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18th, at 6:00 PM at the Vancouver Community Library (downtown). This is a great opportunity for young folks to connect with fellow Young Democrats, discuss upcoming elections, and get involved in local progressive organizing. We’d love to see you there!

When: Tuesday, March 18th, 6:00 PM

Where: Vancouver Community Library, Skamania Room (901 C St, Vancouver, WA)

Questions? Please reach out to me at ydclarkco@gmail.com. Our website is also ydclarkco.org

-**Clark County Democratic Women Candidate Training**—nearly 90 open seats throughout the county this year; Elias will be giving an awesome presentation with Counselor Wil Fuentes on running local races. Sign-up for sure!!

-**Fundraiser for Mayor Anne** at Cathedral Tapatio in East Vancouver March 12, 2025

-**The Clark County League of Women Voters** reports are available on their website under “Blogs.”

-Contact reps **HB 1217 - 2025-26**. Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant

-HB1399 "Sheriff's Law" **HB 1399** affects our Klickitat Dems and they are in support of this bill. It would be great for us to show our support for 17th LD and county neighbors. If anyone has questions about this bill and action items please email Jessica.smith10@wsu.edu

-Some positive from Andrew: DOGE subject to transparency laws; judge ordered USAID money to be released

-Do we have plans as CCDCC to primary Marie Gluesenkamp Perez?

-Indivisible Greater Vancouver—Protests, Facebook

14. 8:00 **CHAIRS' ROUNDTABLE**: Reports from the Legislative District Chairs and brainstorming with the members

-**18th LD** is having a volunteer event on Friday the 14th and Round Table Pizza in salmon creek at 6pm. We are providing food and drink.

-**18th** meets third Wednesday of every month currently on Zoom, but hope to eventually meet in person.

-**49th LD** Meeting Thursday March 12th 7PM, 4505 E 18th St, Vancouver, WA 98661 Unitarian Universalist Church

15. **Adjourn** at 8:39

Motion: Andrew Brewer 2nd: LaDonna Kirkpatrick Passed by a unanimous voice vote