

Monthly General Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025, 7 PM – 8:30 PM

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Unitarian Universalist Church

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

Present: Donna Sinclair, Matt Dittrich, Patricia O'Bannon, Heidi Steigmann, Leah Perkel, Steve Perkel, Jess Durfee, LaDonna Kirkpatrick, Judy Weber, Bob Carroll, Sarah Mittelman, Bill Whipple, Donald Auguston, Adrian Cortes, Sharon Wylie, Monica Stonier, Sue Marshall, Eric LaBrant, Andrew Brewer, Sara De La Fuente, Peter Adrian, Michael Herron, Nancy L. Potter, Mary Bucher Ross, Morgan Holmgren, Henry Marion, Temple Lentz, Sabrena Worthy, John Bower, Ben Christly, Randi Knott, Cathy Silzle, Ben Davenport, Paul D. Potter, Martin Pittioni, Dinah Pittioni, Kathy Bender, Richard Kobler, Bob Battey, Mark Nilk**son(sp?), Thomas O'Connor, Nicholai Rosoff, Kirsi Lundhagen, Mindy Lawyer, Dean Yamamoto, Nancy Dickinson, Emma Montague, Marsha Manning, Jackie Lane, Pete Eller, Janet Landesberg, Lisa Henry, Brent Hennrich, Cat Black, Marge Davis, Donna Ellis, Barb Hallberg, Mark Hughey, Mark Blessley, Dekin Letinich, Henry, Danielle, Julie, Jennifer, Carolyn, Nicholai for Harless **47 people in person; 19 online**

AGENDA

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

- 1. Call to order (Matt)
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance (Matt)
 - b. Land acknowledgment; review expectations (Patricia)
- Approve this meeting's agenda and prior meetings' minutes (Matt)
 Motion: Susan Schwartz
 Motion: Andrew Brewer
 2nd: Donna Sinclair
 Passed by voice vote
- 3. Recognize elected officials (Matt)
 - -Sen. Adrian Cortes -Rep. Sharon Wylie
 - -Rep. Monica Stonier
 - -Councilor Sue Marshall
 - -Port Commissioner Eric LaBrant
 - **We did not recognize new guests. This was an oversight.**

- 4. Approve PCO Appointments (Matt)
 - a. Legislative District Chairs, please make sure all potential nominees have read our <u>Voter Contact</u> <u>Expectations Policy</u>, 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." -LaDonna Kirkpatrick presented two new PCOs for the 18th LD

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I will update this section once I confirm.

-Judy Weber presented four new PCOs for the 20th LD

- + 454 Mary Ross
- + 481 Matthew Hieger
- + 512 Brian Haberly
- + 506 Kay Schuh

Motion: Andrew Brewer2nd: LaDonna KirkpatrickPassed by voice vote

- 5. Updates:
 - a. Ogden Dinner (LaDonna) Volunteers needed—contact Steve Perkel
 - b. Office (Donald) Amazing work cleaning up VoteBuilder! They have exceeded their goals and made over 4,000 calls.
 - c. Forward Friday (Heidi) In the 20th LD this month—look for details on website calendar and Facebook Events page soon.
 - d. Treasurer (Patricia) We are in good standing, particularly with the dinner proceeds coming in soon.
 - e. State Committeepersons (Leah) Leah is on Advocacy Committee (Steve) State Committee Conference September 27th at Hilton Vancouver—only union hotel in Vancouver. Be aware that the price for parking can be high.
- 6. Discussion items (Tabled)
 - a. Press release
 - b. Opportunity 2027
- 7. Announcements and good of the order
 - Motion to recommend Kim Harless for re-election.

Motion: Donna Sinclair 2nd: Leah Perkel Passed by voice vote

Motion to endorse Fort Vancouver Regional Library Proposition 1, "Library Levy Lid Lift"
 Motion: Susan Schwartz 2nd: Peter Adrian Passed by voice vote

-Susan Schwartz made a motion to consider endorsing MGP, but Donna postponed the motion saying it is currently under consideration by the Endorsement Committee.

-Nicholai with Kim Harless's City Council re-election team asked if a member would make a motion to give the maximum contribution possible to Kim Harless's campaign; he was told that was not possible at the time requested.

-Charter Review Committee Candidates introduced themselves:

- + Eric LaBrant
- + Catie Garber
- + Randi Knott
- + Morgan Holmgren
- + Ben Christly
- + Henry Marion
- + John Bower
- + Leah Perkel
- + Janet Landesberg

-Temple Lentz said she is running for Port of Vancouver Commissioner—unopposed!

- -Sabrena Worthy asked for support in BG School Board election
- Brent Hennrich, running for congress, CD3, introduced himself

- Donna Sinclair ran down the list of events taking place this Saturday, June 14:

+Indivisible in East Vancouver Gretchen Fraser Neighborhood Park 10am – 12pm (No Kings Day)

+Juneteenth at Esther Short Park 10 am – 3pm

+Pride Block Party on 7th Ave Downtown 12pm - 7pm

+Ogden Dinner Downtown Vancouver Hilton at 5pm

* NOTE: There has been some confusion around the East Vancouver Indivisible event at Gretchen Fraser Neighborhood Park and an event being held at the Vancouver Waterfront by someone identifying as 50501. They are separate events and it is not a 50501 event. Please do not attend the waterfront event, as NAACP and the Queer Community Network Pride Block Party have asked everyone to keep protests away from downtown Vancouver on the 14th.

-Monica Stonier said there will also be a 49th LD In-Person Town Hall this Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 at ESD 112. She said state organizations are interested in building the bench of Democrats, so they will be reaching out to the candidates in the room.

- Adrian Cortes said there will also be a fundraiser Happy Hour this Saturday, June 14 from 4-5pm in the Pine Room of the Vancouver Hilton right before the Ogden Dinner (the governor may be there).

-Lou Marteeny representing the Grumpy Old Democrats -- tabling at Esther Short Park for Get Out the Vote, volunteers wanted, sign up on CCDems website "Partners" page.

-Sarah Mittelman Clark County Democratic Woman Social -- 4th Wednesday this month is June 25th—at Tap Union Freehouse at 6pm -Sharon Wylie—She will be hosting conversations, 9am Latte Da last Saturday of each the month regarding ICE raids/arrests.

-Leah Perkel on behalf of Emily Borden asked people to sign up to volunteer for the Clark County Fair, August 1-10. <u>https://signup.com/go/LOoXFUJ</u>.

-Sue Marshall offers to help Charter Review candidates; The council is currently discussing issues such people on Medicaid not receiving pre-natal care.

-Andrew Brewer—Reminded that we need a new leader of Election Observers; only 9 more spots for the September 16th training. Sign up here, <u>https://clark.wa.gov/elections/election-observer-training-september-16-2025</u>.

-Bill Whipple—Watch the video <u>"Life of a Ballot."</u>

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

-Jess Durfee 49th LD Chair—monthly meeting this Thursday 7pm at, listening to folks for city council, July Meeting will be school board races, LGBTQ Block Party—CCDCC tabling with Young Dems, Saturday July 12 is Pride in the park

-LaDonna Kirkpatrick 18th LD Chair—monthly meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month, picnic plans in the works

9. Adjourn at 8:30
 Motion: Andrew Brewer 2nd: Donna Sinclair

All say "aye"