**Minutes**

**32nd LD General Monthly Meeting**
**Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 6:30 pm**

[Facebook Zoom LIVE Video](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/3490412121278733)

*~ Thanks* ***Rosamaria Graziani*** *for your live English-Spanish translation ~*

**WELCOME (0:02-1:58)**

**Chris Roberts, Chair**

**• 6:30 pm – Call to order,** Land acknowledgment, Pledge of Allegiance

• Adoption of [April 5](https://32democrats.org/2023-minutes/) Meeting Minutes – ***Moved, seconded, adopted without objection*.**

**• Community Picnic**
**Chris Roberts:** Thank you everyone who attended our community picnic on Sunday, April 30. Our appreciation goes to Rosamaria Graziani for organizing the event. If you missed it, elected officials from Edmonds, Shoreline, Lynnwood, and the Shoreline School Board and Edmonds School Board, and the King County Court were in attendance, as well as candidates for Seattle City Council, Lynnwood City Council, and Snohomish County Sheriff.

**• Program: K-12 Education Funding in Washington State (3:12-47:40)**

**Robert Cruickshank:** Rick Steves asked exactly the right question on Twitter recently. "Why, if a small-town high school could afford music classes 50 years ago, can we not afford them today?” There are now about 100 school districts across the state facing budget cuts. There are 3 main factors: declining enrollment in some districts (often due to high housing costs); federal stimulus funding is expiring; but the main factor is due to the state’s failure to fully fund education.
Speakers:
**• Robert Cruickshank**, [Washington’s Paramount Duty](http://paramountduty.org/)
• **Andi Nofziger,** President, [Edmonds Education Association](https://www.edmondsea.org/)
• **Matt Reiman**, President, [Shoreline Education Association](https://www.shorelineea.org/)

**•**[**Resolution**](https://32democrats.org/resolutions-passed/?orderby=publish_date&order=desc) **(49:06-52:24)**
**Opposition to Diverting Youth Athletic Facility Funds for Minor League Baseball Stadiums**

**Submitted by Heather Fralick**

**Sally Soriano:** In 1997, state voters approved Referendum 48 to fund a youth athletic facility account through grants for community youth athletic facilities. The legislature has recently adopted a capital budget to divert $24,000,000 from this youth athletic facility account to 11 minor league baseball stadiums. Major league baseball has a yearly revenue of $10 billion and can fund its own minor league baseball teams. The voters approved these grants for non-profit community use, not to be siphoned off for a for-profit business. Please approve this resolution urging Governor Inslee to reject this budget line item.
***Moved, seconded, resolution is adopted without objection.***

**•****Early Endorsements** **(52:24-2:33:35)**
**Chris Roberts:** We will now consider “early endorsements” for Democratic candidates running for local office in 2023. These candidates have previously been endorsed by the 32nd LD Democrats for the position they hold.
***All candidates are endorsed — Congratulations!***
[Dave Somers,](https://www.davesomers.org/) Snohomish County Executive
[Linda Hjelle](http://www.lindaforassessor.com/), Snohomish County Assessor
[Brian Sullivan](https://www.sullivan4treasurer.com/meet-brian), Snohomish County Treasurer
[Mike Nelson](https://www.votenelson.org/), Edmonds Mayor
[Susan Paine](https://susanpaine.com/), Edmonds City Council, Position 6
George Hurst, Lynnwood City Council, Position 6
Keith Scully, Shoreline City Council, Position 2
Betsy Robertson, Shoreline City Council, Position 6
[Fred Felleman](https://www.fredforport.com/), Seattle Port Commission, Position 5
Doris McConnell, Shoreline City Council, Position 4

**• Motion (2:33:35-2:43:02)**
**Elizabeth Lunsford:** I move that the 32nd LD Democrats encourage Lynnwood residents to not sign the recall petition against Lynnwood Council Member Josh Binda.
***Moved, seconded, motion is adopted without objection.***

**• Candidate Introductions (2:44:41-3:16:26)**
[Becka Johnson Poppe](https://www.votebecka.com/), King County Council, District 4
[Sarah Reyneveld](https://www.sarahreyneveld.com/), King County Council, District 4
[David Parshall](https://parshallforlynnwood.com/), Lynnwood City Council, Position 7
[Cindy Gobel](https://cindygobel.com/), Snohomish County Auditor
[Robert Leutwyler](https://www.electrobertleutwyler.com/), Lynnwood City Council, Position 7
[Todd Curtis](https://curtis4port.com/), Seattle Port Commissioner, Position 5
[Cathy Moore](https://cathymoore.net/), Seattle City Council, Position 5

**• Good of the Order (3:17:08-3:36:49)**

**Michael Brunson:** I spoke with Rose Laffoon, one of our senior members. The 32nd LD Janine Cook/Rose Laffoon Award is named after these two members who historically contributed so much to our district. Rose told me she would be delighted to receive phone calls. Her # is: 206-546-9741.

**Alan Charnley**: We have a state committee meeting coming up this weekend so if you have anything you would like me to address at the meeting, please let me know: alan.charnley@32democrats.org

**Rosamaria Graziani:** Just to let you know, at the picnic we registered 137 people! We were so delighted with Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson playing with the kids. Thank you all so much for attending.

**Carin Chase:** We had an event yesterday in Edmonds at which anti-trans flyers were distributed. I wanted to show you however that our community is fighting back and showing that it is love that unites us.

**Winona Hague Hollins:** State Reps Hackney and Kauffman will be on a Zoom with me for Grandmothers Against Gun Violence bringing voices of communities of color together on the issue of gun violence. Also, I was at the signing when Gov. Inslee signed the ban on assault weapons. Secondly, the NAACP is informing us about the national healthcare emergency as the COVID Medicaid support is now winding down and 14 million people are now at risk of losing their Medicaid. We need to talk with Congress about reversing this action.

**Cathy Baylor:** I want to follow-up on what Carin was talking about, Moms for Liberty, a national organization that is testifying at the Edmonds School Board. They are attempting to get their members elected to school boards across the country. Secondly, this year’s PowWow will be on May 14th at Edmonds Community College: https://www.edmonds.edu/campus-life/powwow/

**Pat Weber:** I want to second what Cathy said about Moms for Liberty. They are sending in testimony on bills to the legislature. I want to urge all of you to pick a few bills and send in your comments.

**• 10:07 pm – Adjourned**

**Next Meeting is—**

**Special Endorsement Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
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