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32nd LD Democrats Monthly Meeting

October 4, 2023, 6:30 pm

[Facebook LIVE Zoom Video](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/329094406474641)

*~ Thanks****Rosamaria Graziani****for your live English-Spanish translation
of this meeting. ~*

**• 6:30pm WELCOME Lillian Hawkins, Vice-Chair** (video at 3:27-8:28)

We have a smaller agenda tonight than we regularly have. Our focus between today and the November 7th General Election, is on Getting Out the Vote, or GOTV. We want to give members as much time as possible for campaigning for their favorite candidates. Ballots will drop on Wednesday, October 18th, and PCOs will receive their precinct walking lists by Wednesday, October 11th.

• Land Acknowledgement/Flag Salute
• [Minutes](https://32democrats.org/2023-minutes/), September 6, 2023: Approved

**• Recognizing Elected Officials, Former Elected Officials & Candidates** (8:29-12:04): Carol McMahon, Candidate for South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue RFA, Commissioner District 2; Josh Binda, Lynnwood City Council Member, PCO; Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Former Edmonds City Council, PCO; Maralyn Chase, Former State Senator; Sally Soriano, Former Seattle School Board Member, PCO; Carin Chase, Edmonds School Board Member, State Committee Person, PCO; and David Parshall, Candidate for Lynnwood City Council, Position 7, PCO.

**• Lillian:** At last month’s meeting, we heard from King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski about the newly introduced council legislation on raising the minimum wage.

**• Resolution:** (12:04-39:26)

[**Raise the Minimum Wage in Unincorporated King County to at Least $19/hour**](https://32democrats.org/resolutions-passed/?orderby=publish_date&order=desc)

**Submitted by Alan Charnley, State Committee Person, PCO**

**Alan:** This resolution is critical so workers do not get left behind. An example, that I have experienced, is that public university satellite staff get paid at a cost-of-living rate, based on the home town where the university resides. The only satellite staff that benefit from this cost-of-living formula are the UW staff in Bothell and Tacoma. We need a living wage for all workers and this legislation would move us in the right direction.

**Maralyn Chase:** I would like to have a 32nd LD task force that would research exactly what median income is needed for a person in our community.

**Con-position: Michael Brunson:** I have found that employers can use a higher wage against workers by expecting more production and raising their prices so that a worker cannot afford their product.

**Adrienne Fraley-Monillas:** I supported the hourly increase in wages for grocery store workers during the pandemic. I would welcome this research described by Maralyn.

**Pro-position:** **Trudy Bialic**: I support this resolution but want to point out that it is highly stressful for businesses like grocery stores that operate on a 1% profit margin and I wanted to point out, to put things in perspective, that $1,700 a month is the average Social Security payment for retired people.

**Con-position: Rosamaria Graziani:** I am a small business owner and what happens is that I end up hiring people from other states. The wages here are too high for my small business. We are very different from Amazon and Google.

**Resolution: Adopted**

**• Lillian:** Sally Soriano, Brent McFarlane and Senator Maralyn Chase submitted a resolution on Ukraine. We are not going to be voting on this resolution this evening to allow for more time for discussion.

**• Resolution:** (39:26-52:40)

**Calling for Negotiations to End the War in Ukraine**

**Submitted by Sally Soriano, PCO; Brent McFarlane, PCO; and Senator Maralyn Chase**

**Sally:** At our last meeting, I spoke against the resolution on sending more arms to Ukraine because I feel that this war is a profound event which deserves more consideration. I feel that the corporate media has not offered significant insight, history, or critical dialogue, about the run-up to the war in Ukraine.

**Maralyn:**This [article](https://chasfreeman.net/the-many-lessons-of-the-ukraine-war/) by Ambassador Chas Freeman inspires me to take a closer look into the history, diplomacy and military actions that have brought us to this point in Ukraine, And, I would really like to sit down with the 32nd and have a discussion about what we’ve learned and what we can do.

**Brent:** We as a country do not have a good recent track record when it comes to our military interventions into the rest of the world. You only need to look as far back as Iraq or you can go back to the Vietnam War. There are ways that people are convinced that the only solution is a military solution. The article that Maralyn pointed out is important because it shows that just funneling military equipment, including cluster bombs, is destroying the country [of Ukraine].

**Discussion:**

**Maria Proskurenko:** There is an excellent [article](https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-october-1) in Understanding War, A Backgrounder, October 1, that answers many of the issues that have just been raised.

**• Appointment of Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)** (52:40-55:44)

**Carol McMahon, Acting PCO, LYNN 8**

**Carol’s statement:** I look forward to serving as an Acting PCO for LYNN 8 which has not had a PCO for over 8 years. I have already doorbelled in LYNN 8.

**Carin Chase:** I highly recommend Carol.

**Unanimously appointed Acting PCO for LYNN 8.**

**• 32nd Democrats Holiday Party, Wed., Dec. 6, 5-8pm** (55:46-1:01:03)

**Stephanie Harris, Lead Organizer**

**Steph:** I’ve sent party plans out by email. We need volunteers for setup and cleanup. It is going to be a potluck with entertainment and we’ll have a Santa who will accept donations for the 32nd. Please contact me if you would like to help: C3Beta@msn.com

**• Good of the Order** (1:01:03-1:26:16)

**• Adjourn**

**Next Membership Meeting on Zoom — Wednesday, November 1**

**32nd Democrats Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 6, 5-8pm**

Lake Ballinger Center

23000 Lakeview Dr, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Respectfully submitted,

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