Washington State Democratic Women’s Caucus

April 21, 2017 – Walla Walla

7 – 8 pm

Attendance: 33

Introductions of officers present: Donna McLain - President, Catherine Chambers -VP, Megan Richie - Secretary, Paul McLain -Treasurer, Kathy Lawrence – NFDW Western Regional Director.

Previous minutes M/S/P

Candidates: David McDevitt - Running for 3rd Congressional District against Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R). Mona Das - Running for 8th Congressional District against Rep. Dave Reichert (R).

Speakers: Megan Richie presented a power point on her trip to Washington D.C. for Planned Parenthood Patient and Doctor Advocacy Day. She also talked about the Longview Women’s March she organized with over 200 people in attendance.

Michele McDermid presented pictures from the Portland Women’s March with an estimated 150k people in attendance.

Mona Das spoke on her experience at the D.C. Women’s March. It was a demonstration of passion and fighting resistance.

Maggie Hanson from Whatcom County had about 10k people in the Bellingham Women’s March. Lona Wilbur from the 39th LD estimated Mt. Vernon had up to 2k people marching. Denise Marshall, Whatcom County Democratic Women President, spoke on her experience at the Seattle Women’s March. Sylvia Hammond from Ephrata, WA, reported about 300 people in their march.

Selma Gomez spoke on the importance of having and advocating for voter registration. It’s great to show up and march but let’s follow up with our vote!

Arvia Morris and Becky Channy are putting together an Environmental Caucus. There was a majority vote of support by the Women’s Caucus.

Mandalynn Herbert spoke on I-1552 and how Washington does not discriminate. She passed out sheets of Decline to Sign for this Initiative.

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