



## Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024, 7 p.m.

At Clarkston United Methodist Church

**Meeting called to order** by chair Becky Eklund. There were 21 people who attended.

**Minutes** of the meeting April 2, 2024, were distributed and approved by voice vote.

**Financial report** was made by the chair as the treasurer was unable to make the meeting. The chair reported \$2,008.22 in the group's account.

**Candidate presentations** began shortly after 7 p.m. Three candidates and one campaign manager spoke to the group. The candidates were Bernadine Bank, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Chris Reykdal, incumbent state Superintendent for Public Instruction; Dave Upthegrove, candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands; and the campaign manager for Bob Ferguson, candidate for governor.

**Candidates in 7 races had asked the group for an endorsement.** All democratic candidates in those races were discussed by the group after the presentations so that the executive board could take the group input and use it at a special meeting the following night to finalize group endorsements. [Several people who had attended the candidate presentations had left the meeting by this time, but of those who remained, a majority voted – by a show of hands – to endorse Bernie Bank for congress, Bob Ferguson for governor, Chris Reykdal for superintendent of public instruction, Dave Upthegrove for Public Lands Commissioner, Mike Pellicciotti for Treasurer. The group chose not to endorse a candidate for state Supreme Court because the judiciary is supposed to be nonpartisan. A question was brought up during the voting about the role of the PCOs in the voting. The chair said that would be researched for the next meeting.](#)

[The chair reported the executive board would meet the following evening to finalize endorsements and then respond to those who had asked for endorsements.](#)

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Lorraine Nelson, secretary