

# November 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

## Revolution Vashon/Vashon Progressive Alliance

Attendees: Sheila Brown (host), Diane Emerson (facilitator), Suzanne Greenberg (minutes), Steve Rubicz, Roxy Hathaway, Margaret Mackey, Melvin Mackey, Kevin Jones, Christopher van Patten, Terry Sullivan

The meeting began at 6:30 pm with introductions, and ended at 8:00 pm.

### Announcements

1. The Keystone Pipeline was approved in NE.
2. Dorothy Johnson, long time Vashon activist who founded Granny's Attic and Sunrise Ridge and brought crucial health care to the island, died at age 93. She wanted a party in her honor, and one is being planned for January.
3. Three faith groups have signed the Kimberly Harris letter for the Vashon Climate Actions Group's Carbon Free campaign. The Vashon Climate Action Group is going to become a 501 c3 non-profit.

### Follow up on Action Items from October Minutes

1. **Impeach Trump Now:** Roxanne Thayer wrote a letter to Pramila on behalf of VPA because Pramila is on the judicial committee.
2. **Transitioning from Revolution Vashon to Vashon Progressive Alliance:** Roxy Hathaway updated the Loop's calendar, and **will follow up again.**
3. Managing new Vashon Progressive Alliance FB group: Diane posted our "Progressive Definitions" on the page, and asked people who want to join, "Here are our values. How do you feel about these?" **She will now start inviting people to join the group.**
4. **Our New Mission Statement:** The group working on the mission statement met before the meeting and edited the mission statement to read, "**The Vashon Progressive Alliance encourages and supports island progressives to take action to heal our democracy. We are working for a diverse, sustainable and just community, country and planet.**" This revised mission statement passed unanimously!

## New Business

1. **Analytics on our Website and Calendar** Steve Rubicz asked if we know how many people see the calendar of progressive activities and our website. **Kevin will ask Marie Brown about analytics on the Google Calendar, and Diane will see what our website offers.**
2. **Endorsements:** Sheila Brown proposed the group officially endorsing specific bills, actions or groups to underscore what we stand for and to make an impact. We discussed that this may be a big job for the website coordinator, and that we should focus on current endorsements. We could put the endorsements on the “about us” page on the website, and also on the Facebook Group. **At the bottom of the website’s home page, Diane will put a line saying, “for endorsements, see the ‘about us’ page, perhaps with the mission statement.**

Melvin proposed putting the idea for discussing a particular endorsement in one meeting and having a vote on it at the next, allowing members to be alerted to the vote in the minutes so that can come and have a say. **This was approved.**

3. **Voting procedures:** The discussion on endorsements led to the group discussing how a decision for endorsements is made. It was agreed that to vote, you must be present at the meeting, and if you can’t make a meeting you can send a person in your stead to vote for you. Proxy voting is not permitted. We discussed whether we should institute a quorum for voting, and if so, how many people or what percentage of the whole mailing list would be required for that. Sheila proposed that a quorum should be ten people, which would be approximately 10% of the mailing list. Diane felt strongly that ten people is not enough of a representation. Kevin suggested a sub group investigating what proper procedure goes into endorsements. A board? Majority rule? A quorum? Terry suggested a sub-committee investigate this and report back. **Roxy Hathaway and Melvin Mackey will be that committee and report back at the next meeting.**
4. **Pre-election Salon:** Diane suggested having a potluck dinner before the elections where we would hand out all the names of the electors and people could get in character and role-play what they know about that person. It will be a fun way to get informed before the elections. **Diane will host this event.**
5. **Living Wage Vashon:** Victoria Stoner is heading up a group on Vashon to fight for a living wage, which would be \$15 per hour with benefits or \$20 per hour without.

6. **Beachcomber Notices:** It was discussed that perhaps we needed a volunteer to become a media liaison. Both Sheila and Kevin have gotten in touch in the past. **Going forward, Kevin will give a meeting announcement to the online calendar every month and Sheila will give a meeting announcement to the print newspaper every month.**
7. **ICE on Vashon:** Melvin brought up that the WA Immigrant Solidarity Network could report on ICE sightings on the ferries. They currently have a system of doing text alerts across WA. It was noted that Susie Murphy's Indivisible Vashon team is already on this, and wants to have control over alerts, as false alarms are incredibly disruptive and terrifying for immigrant families. Kevin recommended holding back on setting anything up with the WA ISN before checking in with Susie Murphy. **Melvin said he would do so.**
8. **Inviting other groups to our meetings:** With holidays coming in December, it was decided to invite other groups to our January meeting, rather than the December meeting. **Terry Sullivan will work on finding a group to join us in January.**
9. **Tax Scam Rally:** There will be a day of action with national Indivisible groups on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.
10. **Vashon Progressive Alliance signed/endorsed the Kimberly Harris letter:** Kevin suggested an endorsement from the group by signing the letter. In the absence of an endorsement process, we moved to endorse the letter now since time is a critical factor. It was passed unanimously.
11. **Healing the Divide has adopted the working title "Moving Forward in Unity".** Hillary supporters and Bernie supporters are in discussions to develop a series of activities designed to create unity across our Vashon electorate. A decision to present these activities to the community at large may be available in the next few weeks.

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, December 19<sup>th</sup>.