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Subject: SW WA Federated Republican Women's Club, PDC Case #102709

Description:

External Email from Carolyn Crain

Attn Kurt Young:

In response to your email. As I said on the phone I do not believe that there was any formal committee coordinated regarding this issue. There were hundreds of upset people over the failure of the County Council to properly perform their duties and to publish a voters pamphlet without any opposition statements to the amendments. I am sure tons of people got active on their own.

I had never heard of Cemal Richards before July with the redistricting committee appointments. He did not contact me regarding putting our message on any website. He just took it upon himself to do that I guess. I don't even know what his website is called. There were four members of our club who wanted to get the information out on video and spread it on Facebook. The 18th LD PAC paid for and declared with the PDC those expenditures. That was a completely separate attempt on it's own. So as you can see no one "organization" was active in a process to try to spread the word regarding the egregious amendments which were on the ballot to amend our county constitution.

I appreciate the work of the PDC and it's design to keep the public informed of who is behind the scenes doing things to influence elections in our state. It is important work. Below you will find my responses to your questions. I do have one for you however. Who put out the signs for vote yes on the charter? I looked all over the PDC site and could not find a listing for that in November. Was it Teri Niles? Was it the Clark County Democrats? I did not see them declare anything. There were hundreds of them everywhere in every median.

As you can see this is a hot mess which started with the Clark County Council's failure to abide by the law to form opposition statements committees and the charter review commission's failure to abide by the law with their effort to redistrict in the amendment #3 itself rather than to follow the RCWs and have the redistricting committee do it's job. People got angry and people responded. Sadly to no avail.

1. Did the Southwest Washington Federated Republican Women's Club (SWFRWC) or its officers or members print the Vote No yard signs against the Clark County Charter Amendments? No
2. If yes, how many "Vote No" yard signs were produced, and what was the total cost, including the stakes and lathes used to produce the signs?
3. If no, who printed the "Vote No" yard signs, and who paid for them? Someone named Tom but I have no idea who that is. He left some on my front porch. I gave them to Kris Green as I had no time to deal with them. There were only a couple of dozen yard signs at the most with a sticky note attached to them. I could not find out who that was. The complainant referred to "mailers" but Mr. Richards indicated that they were they fliers. How many fliers did the SWFRWC or its officers/members have printed or reproduced? What was the total cost? How were the fliers distributed and by whom? I designed a handout / flyer to use at our club meeting using Office 365 publisher. I printed them myself at home. My paper stock and my ink. I am not sure what the ink and paper cost me at this time because I did not go out and buy it for this purpose. I did print 200 Flyers.

Our club of 12 members held a monthly meeting where the charter amendments were the topic of the discussion. Some 60 people attended and took flyers. I gave the balance of them to Kris for him at his office. He said a few people took one but most landed in the trash after the election when I spoke to him.

4. Did the SWFRWC use general treasury or organization fund to print and produce the yard signs and fliers? No
5. Did SWFRWC solicit or accept any contributions to pay for the printing and production of the yard signs or fliers that opposed the Charter Amendments? No
6. If no to both questions, did SWFRWC officers or members as individuals use personal funds to pay for the yard signs or fliers that opposed the Charter Amendments? As I stated above I paid for my ink and paper.
7. If yes, please identify the SWFRWC officers and members that used personal funds, and the amounts spent by each individual. If I had to guess I would say less than \$75 in expenses but that may be overstating it. We are a small women's club. We do not donate to or endorse candidates. We do attempt to keep people informed on legislation and items that will be on their ballots. We have a website and a Facebook page and monthly meetings with speakers.