

DRAFT Minutes
46th District Democrats Executive Board
October 4, 2005
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA

Meeting called to Order 8:05 p.m.

Attending: Scott White, Chair; Betty Means, Vice Chair; Gerry Pollet, Vice Chair; Gail Chiarello, Treasurer; John Webber, State Committeeman; Sarajane Siegfriedt, King County Committeewoman; Jim Mullins; Chad Lupkes; Bev Marcus

Announcements

Literature for the General Election will be on Janet Miller's porch Friday October 21st for pick-up. Ballots will begin arriving in people's mailboxes Oct. 20th.

Al Runte was present and could have spoken at the last two meetings, had he joined the 46th to be recognized as a member. He can be offered time at the next meeting as a candidate.

State Party Report-John Webber

There will be more formal rules about how state resolutions are put forward. Jaxon Raven has a draft that is going to the Resolutions Committee.

Regarding requests to add to the membership, a message from Jeff Smith notes the WSDCC is not a club, but more of a representative body of PCOs. If the 4th CD is allowed to send representatives, in addition to their legislative district and county representatives, it dilutes this representation and sidesteps a historic compromise made in the 70s and established in the WSDCC charter. How newer interested groups may be represented depends on their number of members and regularity of meetings. Older groups are grandfathered and there is a fairly high threshold for new interest groups or caucuses. This is being considered in the Rules Committee.

King County Report—Sarajane Siegfriedt

Report was previously submitted in writing (attached). Gerry Pollet asked about the post-primary dual endorsement of Dwight Pelz and Richard Mclver. While endorsements were on the agenda, the bylaws are ambiguous about the timing of dual endorsements, and the move to add to make a dual endorsement after the primary was ruled eligible by the acting Chair, Sharon Mast. Dean Fornier moved to challenge the ruling of the chair, but it was sustained by the a majority vote of the body. The motion to dual endorse Rich Berkowitz for Port Commissioner was not approved by 2/3 and failed. Richard Mclver was added to the endorsement after an impassioned speech by Alec Stephens.

There was discussion on the caucuses for next year. Since it is a non-presidential year and we expect lower turnout, we will not use 22 sites as we did in 2004. Since we have no open seats, the agenda will focus on the platform.

The primary election will be similar to the one held this year, and there will be no nominating conventions.

Finance Report—Gail Chiarello

Church rental expenses are higher than before (although fair) and are paid through the end of the year. We have moved mailing parties off-site to save rental fees. Gail has reserved the Olympic View School through August 2006 and asked if we could pay the bill through that period. It was moved and seconded and approved that we pay through the end of 2005 and another check issued in 2006 in order to better reflect our budget year and make the budget amounts easier to interpret for the Board.

We have \$6928.52 in the bank and are on target with our budget.

Our 4600 Club fundraiser at Pat Emerson's is Sunday, November 13th. Food and wine will be donated. The purpose is to reward and recognize current members, encourage re-enrollment and encourage those who gave at this level in the past to do so again. Past 4600 Club members will be invited, as well as present members, the Executive Board, elected officials and Friends of the 46th who might increase their membership level from \$46 to \$100. ("Supersize your membership!") Gail requested and received permission to print and bulkmail postcard invitations. It was suggested that she use Abracadabra, a union printer, since the union bug is important to some of us and our members.

Membership Update—Betty Means and Janet Miller

Their report is attached. The final membership count for this year is 578. Anyone joining after October 1st will be a member for 2006.

Technology Update—Chad Lupkes

Nothing to report. The website is current and has helpful tools.

Demogram—Scott White and Chad Lupkes

The Demogram deadline is tomorrow October 5th. The mailing party will be Monday Oct. 10th, at the home of Barbara Whitt, 841 NE 105th, 7 p.m. We are pleased that new volunteers are involved.

Advertising: we lack an advertising policy or standards. Do we accept business-card-size ads from businesses in our district? Or beyond it? Do we accept only union shops or those who provide health insurance to employees? Would we accept an ad from Rick's? What about a community council or other progressive group, perhaps having a community meeting or fair? Do other LDs have a policy? Scott will poll the Chairs Committee of King County. Sarajane expressed the opinion that a laissez-faire policy with Scott and Chad making the call could work. Scott said he needed more guidelines.

Outreach Committee—Bev Marcus

The committee will be meeting the week of 10/17. Contact Bev if you are interested. Bev asked if Dan Becraft's outreach to the Seattle CofC could extend to the new Northgate Chamber.

Vacancy on Executive Board

No one has contacted Scott yet. Some 13 people ran for the previous openings. We need to contact them to see if they are still interested. Betty will provide ballots for the next meeting. Candidates will have 2 minutes each to speak and will be elected by majority vote, which could take more than one ballot. The E-Board needs a chair for the Outreach Committee and members for Finance and fundraising.

Program—Gerry Pollet

The main October program (45 minutes) will be Bill Perry and/or Ron Kenyon speaking on Cong. McDermott's legal case and what is at stake.

Other items:

- I-297 Hanford clean-up one year after (10 min.)
- Comcast Resolution to City Council, printed in the last Demogram (10 min.)
- Al Runte for Mayor (4 min.)
- Olympic View Teacher's report from the Gulf Coast (5 min.)
- After lengthy discussion, despite not really hearing from School Board candidates, we do not feel we can have a post-endorsement forum, so we will invite them to an informal meet-and-greet from 7 to 7:30 at the October meeting. We all feel that it was unfortunate that we ran into scheduling conflict. We invite anyone who knows of another school board forum to let us know.
- Sylvia's resolution on marine fish farming is referred to the Resolutions Committee
- For November, the Legislative Action Committee's request is a Legislative Preview, asking our state representatives to report on bills they are sponsoring and to take questions/suggestions from the audience on needed legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 p.m.

TO: 46th District Democrats Executive Board
FROM: Betty Means and Janet Miller
DATE: October 4, 2005
RE: PCO/Membership Committee Report

Membership

- 578 voting members (increase of 10 since 09/06/05)
 - * \$3 33 households (no change)
 - * \$15 119 households (+4)
 - * \$25 105 households (+1)
 - * \$46 'Friends' 59 households (+1)
 - * \$100+ 45 households (+2)
- Comparatively, we had 811 members on September 16, 2004, and 357 on Sept. 16, 2003.

PCOs

- No PCOs have been appointed since the June meeting.
- These PCOs have resigned since last month's report:
 - 1965– Kerry Quinn
 - 2307 – Jeremy Ritzer
 - 2619 – Patrick Hogan
- 66 precincts of 224 are vacant

Sample Ballot Distribution

- The General Election sample ballot will be printed and ready for PCO pickup on Oct. 21. Janet will send an email to PCOs the week prior, as well as an email to Area Coordinators.

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Report to 46th District Democrats

From Sarajane Siegfriedt, KCDCC Committeewoman

Re: King County Democrats Central Committee meeting

September 27, 2005

This is Part I. Dean Fornier will supply Part II, the individual post-primary endorsements.

Finances

The KDCDD is in the black, barely, by \$597.41. There is a request for donations from the LDs. One LD is donating \$100. There are 16 LDs (whole or small part) in King County. I would recommend we send \$200, if our finances permit.

Legislative Action Committee

The LAC has been meeting (3rd Sunday 2 – 4 p.m.) with selected legislators and recently discussed education issues. They are looking for feedback from the LDs to decide

which bills to endorse for the 2006 legislative session. Contact Sarajane Siegfriedt and Chad Lupkes with comments.

Washington State DCC Report

Of note: They are attempting to negotiate down the bill to Perkins Coie for the lawsuit in the Governor's race. The fine to the Public Disclosure Commission is being paid in stages: \$52,000 for 2005 has been paid; \$35,000 in 2006, \$25,000 in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The chair proposed for 2006 returning to precinct caucuses on Tuesday night, but the State Board recommended continuing with Saturday caucuses, with particular outreach to religious communities that would be affected. If you have concerns, contact your State Committeepersons, Pat Emerson and John Webber. Next year's calendar will be set by November. The State Convention will be in Yakima in June.

Endorsements: State Democrats endorsed Yes on I-901 to prohibit indoor smoking. They voted to oppose I-912 that would repeal the gas tax.

District Reports

Save the Date: Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles' annual post-election analysis discussion and fundraiser will be Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 at Pacific Science Center. It will be followed by the regular meeting of the 36th LD.

The 36th LD came within 1 vote of endorsing Al Runte for mayor.

Initiative Endorsements

Andrew Villeneuve has started the Washington Defense PAC to complement the Keep Washington Rolling campaign to defeat the repeal of the gas tax (No on I-912). He has raised \$15,000 so far, including \$10,000 from the Pacific NW Carpenters Union. He is working on building a strong grassroots campaign and feels that personal appeals and doorbelling are the key. Message: A vote for 912 is a step backward for public safety, for the entire state of Washington. The gas tax includes 274 projects across the state, and fully funds 241 of them, including 30+ dangerous bridges replaced, medians in roadways, guardrails and passing lanes. See the website: www.washingtondefense.org for current campaign news, a full project list and printable flyers.

Endorsed Seattle Monorail Ballot to allow the SMP to shorten the route as needed to complete it. Vote was 23 in favor, 5 opposed.

Endorsed Seattle Monorail Ballot to increase the number of elected board positions from 2 of 9 to 5 of 9. Vote was 26 in favor, none opposed.

Endorsed the King County Veterans/Human Services Levy, Proposition 1. Vote was 25 in favor, 2 opposed. The cost is 5 cents per \$1,000 or assessed valuation for 6 years, which is estimated to cost the average homeowner \$15 a year and will raise about \$13.3 million per year. (This may be only a small fraction of the need.)