

46TH LD DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES December 6, 2005
Olympic View Church

Attending: Chad Lupkes, Bev Marcus, Janet Miller, Dean Fournier, Pat Emerson, Scott White, Stan Sorscher, Betty Means, Jan Ames, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Gail Chiarello, Justin Simmons, John Webber and Dana O'Day Senior

Called to order at 7:33 PM.

Scott White announced that Sylvia Haven broke her kneecap and she will be recovering for a few weeks.

Chair's report: Scott would like to schedule a retreat in mid-January.

State Party Report: John Webber and Janet Miller circulated summaries by email. The Stranger reported Paul Berendt would be leaving. If Paul leaves, a new Chairman could be elected at a subsequent State Central Committee meeting.

King County Party Report: Sarajane Siegfriedt emailed a summary report. Susie would like to get a subscription costing \$15,000 annually for a "match-back" service to get phone numbers for addresses. The public web lookup-services have a high failure rate, but the subscription service is more accurate. KCDCC requested a donation of \$100 from each LD to the KCDCC Matchback Fund. Action was deferred until the year-end funds can be evaluated. Janet points out that the voter file includes some phone numbers. Bev Marcus asked about cell phone numbers, since young people particularly, rely on cell phones and don't have land lines.

Scott talked about design goals for a Rapid Response system for the County organization.

Sarajane wants good turnout in Olympia on President's Day . Betty suggested buses or car-pools.

Treasurer's Report: Gail passed out a spreadsheet report. Looking forward, we will have caucus expenses in 2006. Membership was up, generally.

Scott pointed out that the 43rd District made an extra contribution to the KCDCC to help cover important expenses.

Membership Committee: Betty Means said we have 653 members - 16 paid for 2006 - a little short of our high-water mark in 2004.

Community Outreach Committee: Bev and Scott are considering re-organizing

the committee, somewhat.

Program Committee: The grassroots summit is coming up, and we need to decide how to schedule and conduct issue area meetings. Janet said the groups should have better guidance to make their report-outs coherent and digestible. Betty said the subject areas cover wide topics, actions, and affect many different political bodies. Chad suggested formatting the report-outs in a similar way, to help people see how all the issues fit together. Gerry wants report-out format to include how their results affect the platform.

Gerry proposed a Program Committee meeting on Monday, December 12.

Discussion items:

Pat Emerson went through a list of elected officials who donated items for the auction, reviewed contributions and pledges. Justin has an auction item for Jan. Scott passed out bid sheets with suggested bid amounts.

The caucus will take place in a few months. We need to settle on caucus sites. Discussion covered how the caucus process fits into the platform at the precinct, LD and state level. Involvement by individuals helps build a sense of participation and political action.

Motion by Sarajane that 46th District EB ask Suzie Sheary and County Central committee to hold the King County caucus on or shortly after April 8, so we can be serious participants in the State platform. **Motion passed** unanimously.

John said guidance from the state committee is that caucus turnout would require about 20% of the space used in 2004. Janet proposed the sites all be schools. In 2004 we had about 6800 attendees. Janet recalls that we needed one table per precinct, but the acoustics were bad, having all the tables close together in one room. Sarajane prefers separate rooms for each precinct, because an elder not being able to hear because of background noise is just as much a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act as not being wheelchair-accessible.

Chad, Janet, Dana, and Betty volunteered to serve on a planning committee.

The Board discussed the format and goals for the retreat planned for mid-January. Scott will propose dates, probably on a Sunday.

Scott surveyed county and LD districts around the state about how they handle their monthly Newsletters, and what advertising policies they have. He passed out responses. We can use this for comparison when we develop our advertising policy.

Candidates want to be listed on the website, and we should develop a policy on

that, too. We should list anyone filing or declaring as a Democrat, if we can verify their status. We should make clear whether a candidate is endorsed or not. We can also link to the candidate's web site.

Gail will help get the Demogram to the mailing house this month.

Good of the Order: Sarajane and Justin had short announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Stan Sorscher
Secretary