

46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Executive Board meeting minutes  
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA  
February 7, 2006

Attending: Janet Miller, Pat Emerson, Scott White, Stan Sorscher, Betty Means, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Jim Mullins, Bev Marcus, Dean Fournier, Jan Ames, Sylvia Haven, John Webber, Gail Chiarello, Dana O'Day-Senior.

Excused: Gerry Pollet is out of town.

Guest: Janice Murray

Called to order at 7:35 PM

Chair's Report: Scott thanked Gerry Pollet and the Program Committee for their work on the issues summit.

State Party Report: John Webber had kept the Board informed through the process of electing a new Party Chair, Dwight Pelz. Janet Miller and John both supported Pelz. Janet talked a little about the dynamics of the process. The Crab Feed is in Lacey on Monday Feb 20, where Howard Dean will help with the training.

King County Report: Dean Fournier described the County meeting where the State Party Chair candidates held a forum. Scott said King County organization is becoming less important under new rules, while LD committees are getting more emphasis. Sarajane raised the issue of how the LD's support the County organization financially. The Board will look for the right way to support the KCDCC. Sarajane also reminded us of the funding needed for the telephone match-back service.

Treasurer's report: Janice Murray has been helping Gail with budgeting and Gail's accounting processes. Gail wants to publish the budget, get membership approval so the budget can go into effect. Gail explained how 2006 and 2005 compare in revenues and expenses. A handout detailed the 2006 Caucus expenses and anticipated revenues, noting that 2005 was not a caucus year. We considered locations for the holiday party that would be inexpensive but well-suited. One goal of the budget process is to carry forward less money at the end of 2006 than we did from 2005 to this year. **Motion** by Gail to slightly adjust the budget handout, which would become the budget posted for the members to review. **Motion passed** by voice vote. **Motion** by Scott to adjust the budget as discussed, and post the budget. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

**Motion** by Gail to pay \$600 to King County, with \$300 sent immediately, but hold the other half until after the precinct caucuses to see if our projections are working out. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Membership Committee report: Betty reported 337 members who have already paid their dues. Betty broke out the amounts paid, showing the range of voluntary contributions. She also compared the 46<sup>th</sup> District dues structure to other LDs. In many categories, our dues are less than other districts'. The bylaws provide an annual review of the dues amounts. Scott suggested we think about this and bring it back at another meeting.

Program Committee: Pelz, Rasmussen and caucuses will be on the agenda for the February meeting. In March, we'll get a legislative wrap-up from Jim McIntire and Phyllis Kenney and Ken Jacobsen.

Discussion items: Scott passed out a calendar with key events through the year. **Motion** Scott will reserve Eckstein for the 46<sup>th</sup> LD caucus, unless he can find a better location in the next few days. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

The retreat will be Sunday March 19, but we are still looking for a location. Scott would like suggestions of good sites.

Bev anticipates negative consequences from Maria Cantwell's decision not to support the filibuster of Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court. Bev wants the 46<sup>th</sup> District to respond to this negative feeling. Dana O'Day Senior wants to hang onto new activists who feel Cantwell failed to speak to their interests. One response might be to encourage new activists to focus on other campaigns, where they feel stronger affinity to the candidates. Jim suggested bringing some alternative candidates to our General Meetings, to honor the interest of some of the unhappy activists. Scott asked for ideas about how we can convert these feelings into actions that would influence Cantwell in the future. Janet pointed out that Maria Cantwell has been consistent throughout her political career, which is not to excuse her vote on the Alito filibuster.

Pat Emerson announced a date change for the Afghan fundraiser. She said belly dancing is no longer in the program.

The King County Council honored Scott in a ceremony earlier this month, in recognition of his years of service. Scott will start working directly for Ron Sims.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher  
Secretary