

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

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

Guest: David Garcia

Called to order at 7:35 PM

Chair's report: Scott White said over 200 people attended the caucuses across the district.

State Party Report: About 1200 people went to the crab feed, including several from the 46<sup>th</sup> District Board. Pat Emerson said the PCO training was very good. Howard Dean gave an energetic speech.

King County Party Report: Dean Fournier reported on state legislative issues. The estate tax will be used to fund education. Initiative 920 would call for eliminating the estate tax. The medical malpractice issue was settled in a compromise between the medical and legal groups. The Fair Share Health Care (Wal-Mart) bill was dropped by the House. Sarajane Siegfriedt said the King County telephone database match-back program was partially funded and the money was paid to the State Democratic Party.

Treasurer's Report: Scott passed out a spreadsheet report. Gail Chiarello is traveling. The current situation is in line with expectations. Contributions at the caucuses were below expectations, but the costs were lower, too. Actual costs for mailings are higher than expected. The budget was already printed in the Demogram.

**Motion** by Sarajane Siegfriedt: At the General Meeting, we should announce the revised figures for costs and income at the precinct caucus. The motion was not seconded.

Membership Committee: Betty Means said we have 396 members. Betty talked about an appeal during the Spring to get last year's members to respond. Some PCO's contribute, and they would be included in the appeal, along with people who signed in to the precinct caucuses.

Community Outreach Committee: Bev Marcus is also traveling - no report.

Program Committee: The legislature is wrapping up, and all three legislators from the 46<sup>th</sup> District should be available at the next General Meeting. Nick Licata may

also be available. Gerry Pollet proposes channeling all the Key Arena questions into a single part of the Q&A session for all four officials. Dana O'Day-Senior and Gerry worried about how much time would be available. Gerry would like to defer discussion of state-wide initiatives to a later meeting. The officials should expect to hear about the viaduct replacement, Comcast and housing.

Sarajane would like tokens of appreciation for the officials for specific accomplishments.

The April meeting is just before the District caucus. **Motion** by Jim Mullins: Assuming the school is available, move the April General Membership meeting from April 20 to April 27. Otherwise, we would fall back to the following month. **Motion passed** unanimously. David Della would be the guest speaker.

A "tax panel" would be a big event, and that might be set for the May General Meeting.

#### Discussion items

Executive Board Retreat: We got a room for free on March 19 at the Lake City Library. Sylvia Haven and Dean can make parts of the meeting, but probably not the whole thing. Sarajane would like to talk about messaging and framing. Gerry wants to include the Senate and House campaigns. John Webber said that mail-in voting complicates the question of canvassing door-to-door. Janet Miller wants to add how we fit into the state-wide coordinated campaign. Dwight Pelz made a challenge that we set an extraordinary goal and make it happen. Janet would like to set a goal and get people working on achieving it. Jim would like to invite David Domke to come to the retreat and help us with framing. Jan Ames wants to recruit PCOs to fill open precincts.

Chad Lupkes arrived at 8:45.

Jim wants to consider having "acting" PCO's who live in other precincts, but will agree to cover areas without resident PCOs.

Precinct caucuses: John compared membership now to four years ago, and precinct caucus attendance then and now. Betty asked how many PCOs came to the caucuses. The LD caucus will be at Eckstein on April 22. Dana said people expected to see an announcement on the radio and in the paper. Jim and Chad talked about resolutions coming from individual precincts, compared to resolutions from the combined precincts in the area and the Platform committee might interpret the reports from different caucus sites. Many of the resolutions came from internet sources, and are already in relatively polished form.

Pakistani Fundraiser: Pat Emerson talked about her special event. Pat told Dean that the belly dancing is not scheduled for this event.

Sergeant at Arms: Mark Saporito is stepping down from the position for health reasons. Mark has done a fabulous job, and we all wish him well. The open position is in the Demogram, and must be announced at a General Meeting before a successor can be named.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher