

46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Executive Board meeting minutes  
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA  
April 5, 2006

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

Called to order at 7:38 PM

Chair's report: Scott White heard from the State Party that this year's caucus turnout of about 6000 was higher than the previous off-year season in 2002. We are looking for ways to improve the caucuses for next time.

The fundraiser at Pat Emerson's house was very successful, with Pat and Gail Chiarello doing a great job in preparing and running the event. Everyone had a good time. Peter Steinbrueck, Dave Della, Ken Jacobsen, and other elected officials attended.

Scott will host Chair's breakfasts from time to time, with the first one being on Saturday, April 29, at Clair's Pantry for up to 20-25 to talk about political strategy. Scott needs RSVP's. This would serve as a fund-raiser, with contributions large enough to cover costs and raise a little money.

State Party Report: John Webber emailed State Reports to Board members. John would like to see all the County and LD delegate slots filled. He suggested we send out messages to remind people to turn out. The LD caucus is April 22 at Eckstein Middle School, the County Convention is May 6 at the Machinists' Hall in South Park, and the State Convention is June 3.

King County Report: Sarajane Siegfriedt expects booths at the County Convention to sell food or drinks. We could set up a table as a fundraiser. The event will be at the Machinist's Hall. **Motion:** 46<sup>th</sup> Dems will coordinate setting up a booth at the LD caucus. **Motion passed.** Sarajane volunteered to be in charge of this and Pat will help out.

Sarajane will be out of town for the next King County Dems meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Gail passed out the budget actuals. Gail says we are where we want to be overall. Based on past years, the income stream is expected to decline for the next few months. Pat pointed out that Gail contributed the food and wine for the fund-raiser.

Membership Report: Membership increased, partly from dues generated at the fund-raiser. A few extra "Friends of the 46<sup>th</sup>" have signed up, too. Membership is down a little, compared to high-water years in 2004 and 2005. Betty Means will

send out reminder letters to people who attended the caucus and past members who have not sent in their dues.

Program Committee: Scott said we need to finish resolutions from the LD caucus soon. The Demogram is almost ready to go to the printer tonight.

Sylvia described a situation with expensive voting machines, mandated by the Help America Vote Act, even though we will be going to all mail-in voting. Sylvia is looking for volunteers to work at polls. We will also need observers for the vote counting.

Discussion Items:

At the Executive Board retreat we prioritized goals, agreeing on 6 top priorities. Scott allocated these items to three committees. Scott wants each Board member to pick items to work on. The goals can be grouped and staffed in different ways.

The LD caucus planning is coming along. The Platform Committee is finishing up their work, but the resolutions should be prepared on Saturday.

Gail asked about people leaving from the LD caucus and how we keep things moving so all the business is finished with good attendance.

Good of the Order: Dana O'Day Senior reported on groups coming in to set up informational tables at the LD caucus.

Sarajane invited everyone to an event for the Metropolitan Democratic Club.

Pat pointed out an article in the Seattle Times about oil companies funding McGavick's campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher