46th District Democrats General Meeting minutes
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA
August 3, 2006

Scott White called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Ruth Sinton led the pledge of allegiance, then Scott asked for a moment of silence recognizing the violence around the world and here at home.

Agenda
Chair's Report
Endorsements
Executive Board member election
Proposal for new dues

Scott welcomed PCO's and new members. The 46th District filed 141 PCO's or about 64% of precincts in the District.

Announcements
Many members brought items for the dessert buffet as a fund-raiser.

Volunteers were solicited for voter registration at the Seattle Hempfest, this summer. Over the last two years, about 1400 voters were registered at this event.

Scott introduced Jim McDermott, Ken Jacobsen, Phyllis Kenney, Jim McIntire, Justice Susan Owens, and Larry Gossett.

Phyllis Kenney reminded everyone about Taste of the 46th fundraising event - Wednesday, August 26, from 5:30-7:30 at North Star Dining Room, North Seattle Community College

"No on I-933" yard signs area available.

The 46th District adopted the Darcy Burner campaign, and Dale Murphy's campaign in the 41st District on Mercer Island.

Betty Means announced 86 members had signed in and are eligible to vote.

Endorsements
Endorsement procedures were distributed at the meeting.
Motion to adopt the rules made and seconded. **Motion passed** by a show of credentials

Uncontested (with respect to candidates eligible to be endorsed) races:

Jay Inslee, Ken Jacobsen, Jim McIntire, Phyllis Kenney, Susan Owens, Gerry Alexander, Tom Chambers, Ronald Cox, Marlin Appelwick.

Sally Clark was flagged by Gail Chiarello

Motion to endorse these uncontested candidates made and seconded. **Motion passed** by show of credentials.

Sally Clark.
Motion to endorse Sally Clark made and seconded.
For: Sarajane Siegfriedt reminded members that Sally Clark was selected in the recent interim process and is well qualified. Sarajane said Sally Clark is representing neighborhoods actively and effectively.

No endorsement: Gail Chiarello is also impressed with Sally, but says Sally's track record is brief, and maybe we should defer our endorsement until the fall when we would have more public record to work with.

For: Pat Sumption is on the King County Board of Conservation Voters, and has looked into Sally Clark's work, and is positively impressed.

Scott ruled that if we make no endorsement in this case, we could revisit Sally Clark's endorsement in September.

Results:
For Sally Clark = 61 (70.9%), no endorsement = 25, so **Sally Clark is endorsed**.

Maria Cantwell and Hong Tran
Motion to endorse Hong Tran, **motion** to endorse Maria Cantwell, and **motion** for no endorsement.

For Hong Tran: Justin Simmons reviewed Hong Tran's qualifications, and reminded members she was a Peace and Justice Democrat. Hong Tran calls for withdrawal of troops from Iraq, and takes progressive positions on many other issues. Justin said Maria Cantwell regularly lets us down, for example on Supreme Court Justices. Primary elections give us a chance to pursue democratic options, such as voting for Hong Tran.

For Maria Cantwell: Ken Jacobsen spoke in favor of Maria Cantwell. We need to get control of one or both houses of Congress. We should not expend energy fighting Maria Cantwell. Ken has worked with Maria for many years. Ken said Maria Cantwell has guts, proven in tough votes in the past.

No endorsement: Dana Senior O'Day said the primary is an opportunity to cast protest ballots. If we make no endorsement, then voters would have a better chance to vote their consciences.

For Hong Tran: Dean Fournier wants Hong Tran to keep the Senate seat in Democratic hands. Hong Tran's positions track our platform very closely.

For Maria Cantwell: Dave MacDonald has known Maria a long time. Maria worked hard on the Snohomish PUD Enron case. Weakening Maria in the primary will draw in Republican money into the General Election.

No endorsement: Margaret Shields can't support Maria Cantwell, nor can she wholeheartedly support Hong Tran. Discussion in the primary will help clarify matters. No endorsement will help foster unity.

First round voting results:

Maria Cantwell	58 (65%)
Hong Tran	15
No endorsement	16

Second round voting results:

Maria Cantwell	61 (67.8%)
No Endorsement	29

Maria Cantwell is endorsed.

<u>Jim McDermott</u>
Motion to endorse Jim McDermott
For Jim McDermott: Wesley Irwin spoke in favor of Jim McDermott. McDermott was one of 8 people to vote to defend Lebanon. McDermott's record is pretty much impeccable and we should return him to Congress.

Motion to vote by acclamation, made and seconded. **Motion passed.**
Motion to endorse passed by show of credentials.

<u>Seattle Initiatives 88 and 87. - Seattle Public Schools</u>
Peter Steinbrueck said Measure 87 is not on the ballot, yet. It may be on the ballot, yet, if it clears a pending legal process. **Motion** to combine the two Initiatives made and seconded. **Motion** to combine **passed**.

For: Ken Jacobsen said the statewide rules work to the disadvantage of Seattle, since costs are higher in Seattle, but state allocations are uniform across the state, except extra funds are available to poorer areas.

Against: Ed Doyle disagrees because property taxes have become onerous, already. Our tax structure is regressive, and this would continue a bad trend. We should change our tax structure, and voting down levies will encourage leaders to reform the tax structure.

For: Peter Steinbrueck said the legislature has failed to fund schools properly. We can do better by approving this levy and allocation.

No Position: We should apply pressure to reform taxes by holding back on these initiatives.

First vote:
For 53 (63%)
Against 13
No position 18

Second Vote:
No position 17
Support 32 (65%)
We take **no position**, since support votes were less than two thirds.

KCDCC Male Alternate:
Motion to endorse Mike Thompson
Motion to endorse Peter Martinson
For Mike Thompson: Betty Means introduced Mike as a PCO, and neighborhood activist. Mike has experience in city issues. Mike said he has been learning from Board members. He has worked for the Maple Leaf and North District for about ten years. He ran for City Council in 2003 and 2005. He supports the local and state Party platforms.

For Peter Martinson: Peter thanked the LaRouche Youth Chorus, which sang before the meeting. He referred to the war in Lebanon as a horror show. He also spoke about Felix Royhaten and others who want to destroy the United States. Peter said he would bring the LaRouche perspective to the KCDCC and would fight against the fascist dictatorship.

Mike Thompson 66
Peter Martinson 9

Mike Thompson is elected to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

City Charter Amendments # 1-11
Motion to vote Items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 together by acclamation. **Motion passed,** and the items were **endorsed.**

Item #1 was explained by Peter Steinbrueck.
Motion to vote by acclamation. **Motion passed.**
Item #1 was **endorsed** by show of credentials.

Item #4 was explained by Peter Steinbrueck.
Motion to vote by acclamation. **Motion passed**.

Item #4 **endorsed** by show of credentials.

Item #5 was explained by Peter Steinbrueck. He elaborated on how the Planning Commissions advise City government. The process for making appointments was also reviewed.

Motion to vote by acclamation. **Motion passed**
Item #5 **endorsed** by show of credentials.

Item #6. Peter Steinbrueck explained the difference in language between votes being "counted" and "certified."
Motion to vote by acclamation. **Motion passed.**
Item #6 was **endorsed** by show of credentials.

Jay Inslee arrived at the meeting and expressed his condolences for the tragic fire at the Four Freedoms House. Jay spoke about the greed and indifference shown by Republicans in the House vote on the minimum wage. Jay wants voters to show they've had a bellyful of these officials. The Terry Schiavo and stem cell votes cost Republicans votes, and the old button-pushing issues are not working anymore.

Jay is optimistic about three things. One is a bill to cut off funds for illegal eavesdropping. Second is Jay's success in blocking Bush administration actions to cut collective bargaining and Civil Service rights for Federal employees. The third item is promoting a new Apollo Energy Program. People now understand global warming and energy independence. Also, Darcy Burner is doing well against Dave Reichert, and she could use volunteers.

Q: What about Peter Goldmark in the 5th District?
A: Jay is very positive about Peter Goldmark, and will look for ways to help him out.

Q: The real problem is deindustrialization. What can we do to save the auto industry?
A: Barack Obama has a bill to support the auto industry if they make fuel-efficient cars.

Resolutions (published in the Demogram)
Motion to approve three of the four resolutions in a single vote
KCDCC should include more substantive question for candidates
Opposing putting elected auditor in charge of elections. **Motion passed**.

Motion to approve the resolution endorsing Amendment 3 (now 1) to the city charter. **Motion passed** with the understanding that the numbers stated in the resolution would be changed to fit the changes that have occurred since the resolution was published in the Demogram.

Motion to approve the resolution regarding whether the City Code of Ethics should apply to all committees. Gail Chiarello reviewed the history of how it came about that advisory boards were not subject to the Code of Ethics. The Seattle Planning Commission objected to having the Code of Ethics apply to them. Mayor Nickels decided each Commission should pick their own Code of Ethics. However, this would be impossible to enforce. Now, the Mayor proposes to eliminate fines or penalties even if an advisory member is found to have misused his or her public office for private personal financial gain.

Resolution passed by show of credentials.

Dues Increase
The Board proposed an increase in annual dues. The new dues level would bring us back in line with other Districts.

Motion to postpone until the September meeting. **Motion passed** by show of cards.

Treasurer's report: Gail reported income and expenses. Our current balance is "very robust." Gail announced we have a "Deputy Treasurer" who will help Gail with bookkeeping.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher