

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

Attending: Scott White, Jan Ames, Betty Means, Janet Miller, Chad Lupkes, John Webber, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Dean Fournier, Gerry Pollet, Sylvia Haven, Barbara Whitt, Pat Emerson, Mike Thompson, David Garcia, Donna Boysen and Stan Sorscher

Meeting called to order shortly after 7 PM.

Chair's Report: Scott introduced Mike Thompson, and Donna Boysen, who is helping Gail Chiarello with the Treasurer's duties.

King County Report: Sarajane reported on campaigns and opportunities for volunteers. Dean Fournier and Scott White talked about the rules for financial contributions and how contributions can be used on a regional basis.

Treasurer's Report: Scott went through the budget, expenses and income to date. Donna said the projected balance at the end of the year would be healthy. Scott mentioned PCO training, sample ballots and other projected expenses, which are included in the estimate. We might also want to make donations to candidates and campaigns.

Gail and Donna went to Olympia to get training with new software for filing official reports. The audit report had mentioned moving our checking account to get interest, and Gail and Donna are shopping banks.

Discussion items:

Holiday party: Scott is thinking of having our holiday party on Sunday, December 10 at Meadowbrook Community Center. The costs should be less than using the Ramada Inn. The Community Center has a kitchen, and it's a good location.

**Motion** by Betty Means: to reserve the Community Center for December 10.

**Motion passed** without objection.

Reorganization: Scott announced the King County Dems' reorganization will take place December 3. Our reorganization meeting must be after that, but within 60 days of certification of the general election. In all likelihood, that would put the reorganization meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. This timing had been a source of confusion in the past.

PCO/Membership Committee: Janet Miller held a huge PCO kickoff meeting at her house. The 46<sup>th</sup> District has 141 PCOs, which is one of the highest counts in the state. About 91 PCO's picked up literature to distribute. Janet distributed

walking lists using the voter file. Janet was told that PCO's can collect corrections, and the campaign will update the voter file information.

Betty reported on membership. The new dues rates will be on the agenda for the September General Meeting.

Campaign Committee: Dana O'Day-Senior resigned, and Dean is the sole chair of that committee. Scott will ask for volunteers at the General Meeting. Hot races are the Darcy Burner race, "No on I-933" (takings), and "No on I-920" (estate tax). We may hold another event for Jim McDermott.

Donations to campaigns: In 2004, the 46<sup>th</sup> Dems made donations to multiple campaigns. That was unusual for LD's up to that time. By law, as a state party organization, we cannot donate to a candidate who would not represent us.

Sarajane talked about candidates who are unopposed, but continue to raise funds. They can funnel funds to the party campaign fund for use in other districts. This might be one way to help out campaigns outside the area. That choice is up to candidates, so contributors may not ear-mark where they want their money to go.

We could only contribute to candidates we endorsed. As we understand the rules, we could contribute directly to Ken Jacobsen, Jim McIntire, Phyllis Kenney, Sally Clark, the three Supreme Court Justices, Ronald Cox and Marlin Appelwick in the Court of Appeals races, Jim McDermott, Jay Inslee and Maria Cantwell, and to state-wide initiatives. David Garcia favors the Latino Voter Project, which he volunteers for. Tactically, some of these are closely contended races, and others are not.

Gerry Pollet spoke in favor of focusing where our money would make a difference, either by building a relationship with candidates, or providing enough resources to influence the outcome. In that respect, our money will neither make nor break the big money races, for instance.

Sarajane believes the Supreme Court races deserve our support. Sally Clark needs help, for building name recognition, and she faces two elections, back to back.

Scott suggested that we consider how much money we want to devote to this campaign season. Sarajane proposed \$2500, which would leave an estimated \$3500 carry-forward. Gerry proposed a carry-forward of at least \$4000.

**Motion** by John Webber: cap donations at \$2500, seconded by Sarajane.  
**Motion passed** 8-5-1.

**Motion** by Sarajane to give \$500 to Ken Jacobsen, \$500 to Phyllis Kenney, \$500 to Jim McIntire, \$100 to each endorsed Supreme Court candidate, \$100 to Sally Clark, \$100 to McDermott, and \$500 to Cantwell for a total of \$2500. If approved at the general meeting, the money could be distributed (after the primary).

**Motion** by Stan Sorscher to divide the question, seconded by John.

**Motion** by Gerry to amend Sarajane's proposal to make Phyllis' and Jim's amounts \$400, (reducing the total to \$2300). **Motion passed** 10-4.

**Motion** by Sylvia Haven, seconded by Dean to make Jacobsen, Kenney and McIntire's amount each \$400. **Motion failed** by show of hands.

Voting on the question as divided:

Ken Jacobsen \$500 - passed

Phyllis Kenney \$400 - passed

Jim McIntire \$400 - passed.

**Motion** by Sylvia, seconded by Dean to make Cantwell's amount \$400. **Motion failed**.

Cantwell \$500 - passed

**Motion** by Sylvia to amend to make Chambers \$200 - passed.

**Motion** by Sylvia to amend to make Owens \$200 - passed.

Alexander \$100 - passed. (Total would be \$2500, at this point)

**Motion** by John to make Sally Clark's donation \$0. **Passed** 8-6. (total would be \$2400 at this point)

**Motion** by Sarajane to make McDermott's donation - \$0. **Motion passed** 7-5-2.

At this point, the total is \$2300 against the cap of \$2500.

**Motion** by Dean to reduce the cap to \$2300. **Motion passed** 8-3-3.

Program Committee: Suzie Sheary will talk at the General Meeting.

Endorsements will be considered for ballot measures. Peter Steinbrueck will be on the agenda in October. We will have very short statements about Transit Now and the Roads levy. Gerry has something in mind for October.

Demogram: Chad Lupkes brought the Demograms for labeling.

Web site: Chad changed the navigation links for the web site. John discussed shortcomings of the State Dems web site.

Young Democrats: John heard that the State Party will revisit the convention vote on allocating delegates to the Young Democrats. John opposes giving Young Democrats their own delegates. He will take input from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher