

46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Executive Board meeting minutes  
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA  
Sunday, October 1, 2006

Attending: Scott White, Betty Means, Bev Marcus, Janet Miller, Chad Lupkes, John Webber, Sylvia Haven, Janet Miller, Pat Emerson, Gerry Pollet, Justin Simmons, Sarajane Siegfriedt, David Garcia, Mike Thompson, and Stan Sorscher.

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM.

Chair's Report: Scott White looked ahead to the agenda of the October 19 General Meeting. We should fill Dana's open position on the Executive Board. Since the reorganization meeting is in January, it might make sense to wait to fill the position. **Motion** to postpone filling the vacant E-Bd position. **Motion passed.**

State Party Report: John Webber went to the Rosellini dinner. Rosellini is 96 and he gave a great speech. On Saturday, John went to the Progressive Caucus meeting, and meetings of the Resolutions and Rules Committees. John described a speech by David Goldstein from Horse's Ass.

Janet Miller talked about the Coordinated Campaign. Get Out the Vote will start in mid-October. Volunteers may make multiple contacts for each targeted voter. Other calls went out regarding bad signatures kicked out in the primary. The County is required to notify voters in this situation within 3 days. The DNC report went through items regarding the national convention. One idea is to give extra delegates to states that hold primaries late in the season (California, for instance). Janet went through some of the work done in the Resolutions Committee. The Young Democrats withdrew their motion to have dedicated seats on the Central Committee.

David Garcia reported on a community event with Dwight Pelz, and Hispanic legislators. It had good turnout and raised money for campaigns.

King County Report: Sarajane Siegfriedt went through endorsements made at the meeting. A few endorsements failed. Volunteers are needed to observe the election count.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Chiarello had a schedule conflict with this meeting. She mailed out a report this morning. Gail encouraged everyone to contribute, since we made donations at the General Meeting against anticipated contributions. John Webber made a challenge to members, and Betty Means pointed out the confusion that members may have between dues membership and John's challenge.

Discussion items:

Membership: Betty reported 536 voting members including a handful of non-paying PCOs; 54 households were Friends of the 46<sup>th</sup>, and additional members paid beyond that. The new membership years starts today. An invitation will be going out kicking off the membership drive.

PCO Report: Janet ordered more sample ballots because so many PCOs picked up literature. Ballots go in the mail October 17. Literature pickup will be October 14, and Janet's house. Campaigns should drop their materials off by Friday, October 13. Janet says we will probably run out of plastic bags.

Betty encouraged everyone to look at the new PCO handbook. New PCO's will get training during the year.

Campaign Committee: Darcy Burner is ahead of plan at this point in the campaign. Dale Murphy in Mercer Island/Bellevue is leading incumbent Fred Jarrett. Murphy's primary vote was greater than Jarrett's. So these two races are focus items when door-belling.

Sarajane outlined some dirty tricks coming out of the Reichert campaign.

Holiday party: The party is scheduled for 6 PM on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Meadowbrook Community Center. Pat Emerson, Sylvia Haven and Jan Ames will help run the event. Auction items will be collected for the fund-raising.

Reorganization: This will take place at the General Meeting on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Scott is thinking about a recruiting committee to fill the slots. Last time, we had plenty of people for the At-Large seats.

Program report: Gerry is setting up a panel on judicial independence. We may also get someone from Susan Owens' campaign.

Another big topic is the School Board. Gerry is looking ahead for a date for that program. The School Board is making decisions about school closings, busing, funding, and other issues. Three Board members live in the 46<sup>th</sup> District. Fall 2007 will be the season for candidate forums. The primary in 2007 will be in August, so the endorsement meeting should be in June. Janet is interested in hearing from the Superintendent. Janet is working on a program for another group to explain funding sources and how money is allocated for education.

Sarajane and Chad are interested in a program on public financing of political campaigns. The Port of Seattle seats would be another good topic.

Peter Steinbrueck has a couple of subjects he wants to cover.

Demogram: Deadline will be Wednesday of this week. Folding and stickers will be on Monday at Sylvia's house, then into the mail.

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Public Health centers are spared for the time being. The budget will be set later in the year.

Justin Simmons is inviting people to an event at the UW, to be MC'ed by Jim McDermott.

Scott would like to survey the members about prioritizing issues and setting goals for the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher