

46th District Democrats General Meeting
Olympic View Elementary School, Seattle WA
January 18, 2007

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

Ed Doyle led the pledge of allegiance.

Bylaws were approved by a show of credentials.

Rules for the reorganization were approved by a show of credentials.

Election of officials

Chair. Bev Marcus nominated Scott White. The nomination was seconded. No other nominations were made. Bev and Dean Fournier spoke in favor of Scott's nomination. Scott spoke about the progress made by the 46th Democrats over the last few years.

Scott White was elected unanimously.

First vice chair - Norma Miller nominated Jan Ames. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Norma spoke in favor of Jan's nomination, and Jan spoke briefly on her own behalf.

Jan Ames was elected unanimously.

Female Delegate to KCDCC. Dean Fournier nominated Sarajane Siegfriedt. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Dean testified to Sarajane's commitment and accomplishments. Sarajane spoke briefly on her own behalf.

Sarajane Siegfriedt was elected unanimously.

Male Delegate to KCDCC. Javier Valdez nominated Chad Lupkes. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Javier pointed to Chad qualifications and work in the last few years. Chad encouraged members to seek him out with ideas and suggestions.

Chad Lupkes was elected unanimously.

Female alternate to KCDCC. Peter Steinbrueck nominated Sylvia Haven. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Peter thanked Sylvia for hard work on many committees and projects. Sylvia described some of her goals and high priority issues.

Sylvia Haven was elected unanimously.

Male Alternate to KCDCC. Justin Simmons nominated Mike Thompson. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Justin summarized Mike's activities and the organizations Mike works with. Mike said he wants to work on outreach to neighborhood groups.

Mike Thompson was elected unanimously.

Female Delegate to State Democratic Central Committee. Phyllis Kenney-Gutierrez nominated Janet Miller. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Phyllis reminded everyone of Janet's work and the example Janet sets in the party. Margaret Shield seconded the nomination and spoke in favor of the nomination. Janet is out of town.

Janet Miller was elected unanimously.

Male Delegate to the State Democratic Central Committee. Betty Means nominated John Webber. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Betty pointed out John takes special effort to solicit comments from members and to report what he hears from State meetings. John spoke briefly about the work of Executive Board members.

John Webber was elected unanimously.

Credentials Report. Betty Means said 64 PCO's and 21 members had registered - 85 voting members.

John Webber asked about voting procedures in the case of a tie. Scott explained that the rules now provide that one person will fill each position. In the event of a tie, we hold one runoff vote, and if that results in a tie, then the winner would be decided by lot.

Second Vice Chair (programs). Scott said one vice chair will be responsible for membership and the other for programs. Betty Means nominated Gerry Pollet. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Betty said Gerry is very active in the Hanford clean-up, and is our current Vice Chair for programs. Gerry was named grass-root activist for the year. Gerry is out of town.

Gerry Pollet was elected unanimously.

Second Vice Chair (membership). Norma Miller nominated Betty Means. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Norma summarized Betty's history of political activism.

Betty Means was elected unanimously.

Secretary. Sylvia Haven nominated Stan Sorscher. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Sylvia described some of Stan's work. Stan asked for member's support.

Stan Sorscher was elected unanimously.

Treasurer. Jan Ames nominated Donna Boysen. Sarajane Siegfriedt seconded the nomination. No other candidates were nominated. Jan spoke about Donna's qualifications and training for the position. Sarajane said Donna works as a project manager, and handles financial information easily. Donna is out of the country.

Donna Boysen was elected unanimously.

Sergeant at Arms. John Webber nominated Barbara Whitt. The nomination was seconded. No other candidates were nominated. John testified to Barbara's great work in getting food, drinks and equipment to the meetings. Barbara said she enjoys the work and asked for members' support.

Barbara was elected unanimously.

At-large members (5 positions).

1. Peter Steinbrueck nominated Justin Simmons, seconded.
2. Tarrajna Dorsey nominated Peter Martinson, seconded.
3. Mark Saporito nominated Pat Emerson, seconded.
4. John Webber nominated Mark Saporito, seconded
5. Sarajane Siegfriedt nominated Dean Fournier, seconded
6. Sylvia and Sarajane nominated Bernadette Laqueur, seconded
7. Chad Lupkes nominated Larry Smith, seconded
8. John Webber nominated Javier Valdez, seconded.
9. Justin Simmons nominated David Garcia, seconded.

Scott reviewed the voting rules, and answered several questions to clarify the rules. All ballots must have 5 votes. More or fewer names will invalidate that ballot.

Peter Steinbrueck thanked Justin's parents and Justin for work done by the entire family. Justin appealed for support, talked about his work in the Democratic Party.

Tarrajna Dorsey referred to the political battles we anticipate in 2007-8. Tarrajna and Peter campaigned against Arnold Schwarzenegger. Peter would like to see Dick Cheney impeached, and he sees a youth revolution in the spirit of Lyndon LaRouche.

Mark Saporito described Pat Emerson's strengths and talked about winning on issues important to Democratic voters. Pat said the 46th District is the strongest one in the state and Pat wants to be part of the big fight over the next 2 years.

John Webber has known Mark Saporito a long time, and recalled Mark's efforts over the years. Mark reviewed his qualifications and asked for the members' support.

Sarajane Siegfriedt explained how Dean Fournier has contributed to the Board with balance and judgment. Dean talked about work he has done for the Party.

Sylvia Haven and Sarajane Siegfriedt introduced Bernadette Laqueur to the District. Bernadette has been active in campaigns and is interested in National Parks. Bernadette says she wants to take every opportunity to move forward in 2007-8.

Chad introduced Larry Smith as the host of a show on Pacifica radio, and a longtime union activist. Larry is determined to do everything possible for Democrats to succeed in the next elections.

John Webber spoke in favor of Javier Valdez, who has been active for many years,, starting as a student organizer, continuing at the local and state level in the Democratic Party.

Justin Simmons and Phyllis Kenney spoke in favor of David Garcia. David talked about his service in the military and his experience in politics and community organizations.

State Party Report. John Webber gave the State Party Report.

Treasurer's Report. Scott read Donna's Treasurer's report.

Resolution in support of Howard Dean (posted in the Demogram)

Peter Martinson spoke against the resolution. Peter says youth vote was the key factor in last year's electoral success, not anything Howard Dean had done. The LaRouche movement had more to do with victory than Howard Dean.

Resolution passed by show of hands.

Resolution in favor of HERE local 8 and their negotiations with Westin Hotel (posted in the Demogram). Stan Sorscher spoke in favor of the resolution.

Resolution passed overwhelmingly, by show of credentials.

Sarajane asked for a suspension of rules requiring resolutions to go through the resolutions committee and Demogram, so we can bring forward three

resolutions. **Motion** by Sarajane, and seconded to suspend the rules. **Motion passed** by show of credentials.

Resolution on gun safety bills. Sarajane moved we endorse 3 bills in the legislature on gun safety. Deputy Chief Kimmer from the Seattle Police Department spoke on behalf of Chief Kerlikowski in favor of the 3 bills which are currently before the legislature. One would tighten the gun show loophole. This loophole allows felons and anyone else access to guns. Gun shop dealers must perform background checks. Another bill would require gun owners to have gun safes and other safety features in their homes. A third bill would ban assault weapons. Bob Scales from the office of planning said 8 states already ban assault weapons.

Motion to support 3 gun control bills passed unanimously.

Clean Elections. Sarajane Siegfriedt moved that the District endorse three bills regarding clean elections, in the model of publicly financed election campaigns in Arizona and Maine. Currently, Washington law bans local option to have public funding of elections. Sarajane expects this ban to be lifted in the 2007 session. The third bill provides public funding, statewide. Two LD's have already signed on.

Resolution passed by show of credentials.

Resolution to honor Larry Phillips. Pat Emerson introduced a resolution honoring Larry Phillips for accomplishments as a community activist and supporter of many important projects. Pat Emerson talked about Larry's help in our efforts, and said she sees his leadership in her work for the County.

Resolution passed unanimously.

Membership Report. Betty reviewed the membership to date at various levels of support. We have a total of 256 members, already for 2007. Scott challenged the District to get 1000 members. Scott welcomed new members and those who are here for the first time.

King County Report. Scott said Suzie Sheary and other elected officials are getting things moving in the County organization.

Results for At-Large positions on the Executive Board

Justin Simmons, Pat Emerson, Dean Fournier, Bernadette Laqueur, Javier Valdez are elected. Scott thanked everyone for participating in the Reorganization meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM
Minutes by Stan Sorscher