

46th District Democrats Executive Board meeting minutes
Olympic View Church, Seattle WA
June 5, 2007

Attending: Scott White, Donna Boysen, Chad Lupkes, Janet Miller, Mike Thompson, Pat Emerson, Jan Ames, Betty Means, Javier Valdez, Sarajane Siegfriedt, John Webber, Sylvia Haven, Bernadette Laqueur, Barbara Whitt, Stan Sorscher, Dean Fournier, Justin Simmons, and Gerry Pollet.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Chair's Report: Scott White thanked everyone for work on the Candidates Forum. The food was a good fund-raiser. Barbara Whitt will take the new banner to the Gay Pride parade.

State Party Report: John Webber sent out several interim reports in email. Janet Miller said the State Party will meet at the end of the month in Pasco. John said Dwight will lead two working meetings. Janet has access to the new voter file system which is up and running. It got through the test period without any major problems. Janet will set up accounts for other Board members. Janet will provide trainings, later.

King County Report: Chad Lupkes said several candidates spoke to the group. Sally Clark and Tom Rasmussen were endorsed. One resolution was passed on low-income housing. Another resolution asked to maintain traffic capacity in whatever solution is chosen for the Viaduct situation. A third resolution asked for improvements in site selection for the State Convention. Finally a resolution was passed opposing renewal of Fast Track, with language modeled on the corresponding resolution passed in the 46th.

Betty Means asked us to think about the election for County Prosecuting Attorney. Betty reviewed qualifications of some of the candidates who have filed or are considering running. Endorsement rules are not in the Bylaws, and we normally draft rules for each season. We decided to invite and hear from candidates for this office, and options were considered for accomplishing that.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Boysen passed around copies of the financial report. Donna explained income account lines and expenses. Donna then reported on her proposal to resolve the question about budgeting for campaign contributions, which was \$0 in the approved budget. Donna identified several expenses that can be trimmed and income that can be increased slightly. This produces about \$450 in extra income, and reduces \$1,425 in expenses to make \$1,875 available for campaign contributions. This would retain the carry-forward of \$5,818 at the end of the year. Scott talked about the dynamics of funding the caucuses in 2008.

In the past, contested rates have been high priorities for campaign funding. Betty looked at some of the races we know about so far, to project which ones might be close and would need funding.

Scott lowered the additional revenue he expects from the Chair's breakfasts. Chad asked for more cushion on two items for mailing expenses because of the recent postage increase. PCO expenses were adjusted to add back some of the cuts. These adjustments bring the amount available for campaign contributions to \$375 additional income + \$1225 in reduced expenses, making \$1600 available for the 2007 budget for campaign contributions, and retaining the \$5,818 carryover to 2008. **Motion** to accept these changes made and seconded. **Motion passed** by show of hands.

Later in the year, we can look at actuals and see where we are relative to the budgeted amounts. This will allow us to reconsider whether we want to make further adjustment to the carryover amount.

Membership Report: Betty listed our membership totals at this point. We are doing well compared to recent years.

Program report: Our endorsement meeting is coming up. Scott sent out endorsement rules in email. Dean asked whether non-voting members should be allowed to speak? After an extended discussion, **Motion** by Dean, seconded to accept the endorsement rules with two technical changes made previously by Dean. **Motion passed** unanimously.

Slim-Jim expenditure: Sarajane Siegfriedt passed out examples of the new Slim-Jim design. Sarajane asked if the content was OK, and how many we should order? The budget had an item with \$300 for "outreach." This would cover making 2000 Slim Jims (1000 sheets). The Slim Jim could be used when we register new voters. Sarajane would like to leave the Slim Jim to encourage new voters to become active in the District. **Motion** by John and seconded to approve spending \$300 to make the Slim Jims. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Bernadette Laqueur asked for more guidance about the target audience for the Slim Jim, so she has a better idea of what the content should be. In any event, the Slim Jims can be printed and used.

Resolutions:

1. Request the City and County to conduct studies for implementing public financing, and to direct the City and County lobbyists to support campaign financing legislation in the State Legislature.
2. Request a positive direction for US foreign policy. The King County Democratic Central Committee initiated this, and Chad wants to bring this back to the 46th District.

Both of these resolutions will go to the General Meeting.

Good of the order:

Scott thanked Betty for her great work on the survey.

Barbara encouraged turnout for movie night.

Stan Sorscher spoke briefly about the Jim McDermott Town Hall meeting in the U-District.

Sylvia Haven has lots of salmon caught by a friend of hers.

Javier Valdez announced that he will be in New York City in June and July to complete his MPA program with the National Urban Fellows program. He thanked the e-board for their flexibility with his schedule over the past year.

Justin Simmons passed out meeting notices for a fund-raiser for Sally Soriano.

Pat Emerson announced a fund-raiser for Tom Rasmussen.

Sarajane announced an awards dinner for Washington Clean Elections.

Scott encouraged everyone to go to a workshop organized by UFCW at Town Hall this Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32

Minutes by Stan Sorscher