

46<sup>th</sup> Dems Executive Board  
November 7, 2007  
Olympic View Church

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Attending: Javier Valdez, Jan Ames, Dean Fournier, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Betty Means, Donna Boysen, Sylvia Haven, Barbara Whitt, John Webber, Justin Simmons, Stan Sorscher, Chad Lupkes, Pat Emerson

Process check. Javier asked about the level of formality we prefer as a group. For instance, would Roberts' Rules of Order apply, and how do we approve minutes? Our practice has been to approve minutes by email, then Chad Lupkes posts the final version on the web site.

Election results. Javier went through some late election results. Justin Simmons saw a negative trend in the results as a whole, considering Seattle and King County are liberal areas. Turnout in King County was low, but other counties had much higher turnouts. Betty Means sees a theme in economic insecurity influencing voters to oppose taxes, and favor R-67. Jefferson and King Counties opposed I-960 but all other counties favored it.

A court challenge to I-960 might require a plaintiff with an injury.

Precinct Caucuses. We have about 3 months to prepare for the caucus. Javier will be the Caucus Lead for setting things up.

Javier passed out the spreadsheet with the sites and assignments for getting spaces reserved. Sarajane strongly advocated for getting informal space in hallways, foyers and other space.

Donna Boysen mentioned the letter from Governor Gregoire and Superintendent Bergeson, encouraging school districts to provide space for free. Javier said, in past years Seattle Schools have honored the letter.

We should reserve the big spaces at schools quickly, then seek additional space, once the School District offers space for free.

Javier went through the sites and took down status regarding reserved space. Nathan Hale is not available, and Sarajane Siegfriedt is looking at Jane Addams. Justin said Ingraham High School doesn't want tables and chairs in the gym. Javier will go to Ingraham and speak to the staff. Justin will try for the Ingraham library might be available.

Lake City Community Center is taken.

Sites not on the spreadsheet: Barbara Whitt will see if the Olympic View Church is available. Sarajane gave John Webber some suggested sites in the Northgate area. Pat Emerson said the former Jewish Community Center building may be available. North Seattle Community College also has space available.

Legislative District caucus site: We've been using Ingraham. Sarajane said Nathan Hale

was just remodeled and we should look at that site. Javier will try to get a commitment for one or the other. The District caucus will be April 5.

Caucus planning: Janet Miller, Javier, Bernadette Laqueur, Chad, Jan Ames, Betty and maybe Barbara will meet after the sites are reserved to match precincts to sites.

Caucus training will be part of the January General Meeting.

John asked about the State Party Challenge Officer. Javier will talk to Dwight Pelz.

Holiday Party. The holiday party is scheduled for Sunday December 9, from 5-8 PM. Javier will mail out postcards about the details of the meeting. Scott had reserved Meadowbrook Community Center. That space worked out well last year. Bernadette will solicit auction items. We need to get the word out to help Bernadette. Javier will put a list together of elected officials' items. Donna reminded everyone that the items should be affordable.

Food will be pot-luck. Barbara will bring some basics. Javier will send email to the Board to get volunteers, and Javier will send around a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting. We will need a banquet permit at the liquor store.

Treasurer's Report. Donna passed out a spreadsheet of the budget. She projected out the trends for the year, and expects a carry-forward balance at the end of the year of somewhere around \$4000. Donna will put Javier on the list of officers with Key Bank.

Donna will work on the budget to be reviewed in January.

**Motion** by Pat Emerson, that the 46<sup>th</sup> District authorize up to \$200 the Treasurer to buy a printer for Javier to use for official business. Betty said she can't recall a precedent for this kind of purchase for an individual. On the other hand, toner and ink are often paid for, and we bought Quickbooks for Gail when she was Treasurer. **Motion passed 5-2** with several abstentions.

### Reports

Membership. The membership mailing went out. We got returns from 37 household and 55 individual memberships - somewhat less than the cost of the initial mailing. The second mailing was deferred.

State Party Report. John sent out email. Janet Miller is out of town tonight. John talked about the Challenge Officer position.

King County Report. Sarajane sent out her report in email.

Program Report. Gerry Pollet sent out a note about speakers for the November meeting. The whole program is 45 minutes, so each individual might get about 5 minutes. It is at 8 PM on the agenda.

### Other business

At-large position. We will elect someone for the at-large position on the Board. Javier hasn't heard anything back, yet. Javier is looking for a volunteer to do the Demogram. Barbara Whitt is considering taking on that assignment. Sylvia offered to help Barbara, and Barbara invited others to help, too.

Justin will remove that task from the "job description" for the at-large position when he sends the announcement to the list-serve.

Starting time. Dean Fournier asked to move the start time back because the 7 PM time is inconvenient for him. Justin and Barbara prefer an earlier start time. We settled on 7:15 starting promptly at that time.

Javier will announce openings for committees at the 2008 State Party Convention. John Webber asked to go on the rules committee. Dean, Sylvia and Sarajane were interested in the Platform committee. Justin asked about the Affirmative Action and Credentials committees. Javier is on the Credentials Committee.

Javier approved the transfer of money requested by Jim McIntire, after an exchange of messages by email.

By general agreement, the Board chose to skip the December Executive Board meeting, and we would skip the December Demogram, too.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher