

46<sup>th</sup> Dems Executive Board  
February 5, 2008  
Olympic View Church

Attending: Javier Valdez, Jan Ames, Betty Means, Barbara Whitt, Stan Sorscher, Chad Lupkes, Pat Emerson, Mark Saporito, Dean Fournier, Sylvia Haven, Donna Boysen, Gerry Pollet, Janet Miller, John Webber, Bernadette Laqueur, Mike Thompson

Absent: Justin Simmons, Sarajane Siegfriedt

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

Congratulations to Dean Fournier, whose surgery was successful.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Boysen reported that Ray Cole has named the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats in his will. Donna is not sure what the bequest will be, exactly. We should know more in several months.

Donna passed out a spreadsheet showing we are in good shape for February of a big election year. In 2004, the caucuses brought in several thousand dollars in revenue.

The Seattle Schools sent in a statement for the caucus sites. Charges for heat, staff and other fees add up to a significant amount.

Javier recommended that we respond to a request for \$200 toward the annual potato fest for Jim McDermott. **Motion passed** unanimously.

State Party Report: John Webber reported on a registration question. The State Convention was moved to avoid a schedule conflict with Passover. The State chair's salary is being reviewed, to bring it to a level that can align with the requirements of the job.

Janet Miller reported we elected a new DNC member, Lona Wilbur, a lovely woman who will get a real eye-opening when she goes to Washington DC.

King County Report: Sarajane sent her report out in email. Peter Goldmark spoke at the King County meeting, and got an early endorsement. Caucus, caucus, caucus....

Program Committee: Gerry Pollet announced that February will be Platform and resolution month. All the platform work will be handled expeditiously. Dean Fournier expects to boil down resolutions from the precinct caucuses, but he would like to see something like 10 resolutions at the General Meeting, not much more than that. Janet drew a distinction between resolutions and platform issues, and noted that the general membership tends not to draw that distinction.

Councilmember Burgess and Judge Kim Prochnau will be at the February General Meeting. Peter Goldmark will speak to us in March.

Javier has an email from a citizen about lighting issues at Magnuson Park. One side or the other is claiming an endorsement from the 46<sup>th</sup> District. We discussed the history of this issue. Our web site refers to a 2003 resolution opposing the ball field project at the park. Since then, a compromise was reached over lighting. However, a suit is being prepared challenging that compromise agreement. Pro and con speakers may attend the March or April meeting. The Magnuson Park site has another project to convert hangars to an indoor soccer field, so the situation is becoming more involved.

Gerry also has Port and open government issues in the queue for a future meeting.

Precinct caucuses: Javier said over 300 volunteers came to the various trainings. The post cards went to more households than we originally planned. Janet restructured the database query to get more young people. We went a little over budget with the larger mailing.

Our LD Caucus will be April 5 at the Ingraham High School cafeteria and auditorium. Sign-in will be in the cafeteria, then delegates will go to the auditorium. Javier is looking for a site for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District meeting.

Janet passed out packets for the site coordinators, and went through the materials in each packet. Janet emailed out a zillion messages to the site coordinators and those identified to run individual precincts.

Janet brought the precinct packets, for each site. She asked us to fill in some header information on the sign-in sheets. The tally sheets will be part of the official record. One of the dates is wrong on the delegate certificates. That meeting is now Sunday April 13 at 1 PM. Janet went over the process for reporting the results back to her.

Money collected at the precinct caucus will go into the packets. PDC requires identification. Amounts less than \$25 can slide through. We should have a volunteer gather donations, and ask for names and addresses on the remit envelopes so we can track this in the event of an audit.

Janet brought one map per site, showing all the precinct outlines within the 46<sup>th</sup> District.

Janet has post-its for ballots that might occur among the supporters for a candidate when they are choosing their delegates.

Our goal is to elect delegates. It may happen that a delegate cannot be found for an allocated spot. That unfilled slot will go back into the worksheet to be reassigned.

Site coordinators who are not at this meeting will meet with Janet tomorrow to go over the process for their sites.

Next month, Javier will be in Las Vegas, but we will go ahead with the meeting without him.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher