

46th Dems Executive Board
May 6, 2008
Olympic View Church

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

Excused: Donna Boysen

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

District Caucus; Javier thanked everyone who worked to make the District Caucus go so well. Credentialing got hung up on one particular precinct. Certain delegates challenged the records from the precinct caucus. Bernadette Laqueur talked about wheelchair access as a potential lesson we could learn for future meetings. We are looking for the big white 46th Dems banner.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Boysen had a schedule conflict, but she had submitted a spreadsheet, which was passed out to the Board. The State Party paid for facilities rental for the caucus.

LCD Projector: Bernadette said we could buy a used LCD projector for \$450. We could also borrow a projector as needed. Gerry feels we would use it for meetings if we had it. **Motion** by Stan Sorscher, seconded, to authorize up to \$450 to buy an LCD projector. **Motion passed** without opposition. This would be charged to the office supplies budget line.

Neighborhood Challenge: Bernadette went over some logistics and preparations for the Neighborhood Challenge. Volunteers have already spent their money for printing and materials. Bernadette proposed we release \$200, more or less, to reimburse them. The VoteBuilder database will be updated with the caucus registrations in the near future. Some PCO's have started already, using old walking lists. Betty Means said we should forecast this in the budget. Javier suggested we modify one of the existing line items to cover this expense. **Motion** by Janet Miller, seconded, to reimburse Katherine, Tim, and Bernadette, up to \$500 and that this be charged to the party-building line item. We would expect receipts and the usual reimbursement process be followed. **Motion passed** unopposed.

Bernadette is finalizing a slim-jim targeted for the voter registration drive in the 46th.

Food: Barbara Whitt has food left over from recent events. She has 6-8 cases of water, for instance. Scott White is interested in purchasing some of the food. **Motion** by Stan Sorscher, seconded, to authorize Barbara to sell extra food, at cost, to Democratic candidates, and to rent the coffee pots for \$25 per event. **Motion passed** without opposition, with one abstention.

Membership Report: Betty reported we have 772 members, which is ahead of the corresponding point in the last election cycle. Barbara observed we have Demograms left over, so we should run a new extraction of the labels, to make sure we print the right number of Demograms.

State Party Report: Janet and John Webber said the Party did not meet, and no interesting news is available to report.

King County Report: Sarajane Siegfriedt said we have Democratic three challengers for the 5th LD that has traditionally been a Republican stronghold, and this will help Darcy Burner and the whole Democratic ticket. Chad and other King County Democrats volunteered in a flood relief day project to help farmers in the Chehalis River Valley.

Program Report: Javier reported that Mike Thompson has resigned from the Board. Javier said Mike took a new job, which conflicts with making the Board meetings. Jason Sawatzki will run for Mike's seat, and PCO's can vote to fill the open position. Others may declare before the General Meeting. After some discussion, it seems that Jason is not a PCO, and is therefore not eligible for this position.

Candidates' Forum for the two House positions. Phyllis Kenney will probably not need a lot of time. Javier asked about format, and Q&A. Dean Fournier, Sarajane, Justin Simmons, and Betty will form a committee to put together details of the Q&A and the format. Javier asked Betty to pick two members to provide balance on the committee. Betty and Dean will co-chair the committee. Javier is thinking of 50 minutes for the two House positions.

After the Forum, Javier will adjourn the General meeting, then convene the Nominating Convention at about 8:45. Javier is arranging for the State Party to mail out the Calls for the Convention. Betty walked through the process for signing in and voting. Pat Emerson and Dean will form a tally committee. Justin and Javier discussed our past practice regarding placement of signs on the wall behind the chair. Consensus was to exclude signs from the wall behind the podium.

Janet reviewed the rules for being a member in good standing. We will look at the rules of the Convention at the June Executive Board meeting.

Congressional District Caucuses; The CD caucuses will be May 17th. Javier expects about 450 delegates and alternates. Barbara will plan for refreshments and snacks.

Good of the order:

Sylvia wants help finding poll workers - particularly young ones.

Chad spoke at the GIS meeting downtown.

Sarajane's precinct is being drawn out of existence by the new maps. Bernadette has contacted all PCOs in similar circumstances.

Dean registered about 700 voters in Portland.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher

