

46<sup>th</sup> Dems Executive Board  
June 2, 2008  
Olympic View Church

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

Guest: Julie Anne Kempf, Noah Burgher, Field Organizer for the 46th District.

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

Javier summarized progress after the special Executive Board meeting, last week. Javier is working on a joint statement from Gerry Pollet, Scott White, Jan Ames, and Javier about the District's nomination in the state house race. The letter should be released this week.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Boysen went through the expenses and budget figures. The computer projector will be counted in the office supplies line item. Donna, Javier and Barbara Whitt resolved a tracking question for a donation to Jim McDermott.

Janet noticed that we have a line item for plastic bags, but it has no budgeted amount. The last order was for about 10,000 bags, roughly, which cost about \$780. ... Discussion about the wisdom of using plastic bags when handing out literature. Bernadette may cover ideas for handling literature when she does the next PCO training. The Board authorized purchase of more bags.

New banner: **Motion** by Janet to purchase a new banner. Seconded. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Membership: Betty Means will make up new ballots for the General Meeting. We have 792 members - close to the 800 goal.

PCO: Bernadette knows of 116 PCOs who have filed for the August ballot. The training will be at 6:30 before the June meeting. She will talk about the Coordinated Campaign, among other topics for the PCOs.

State Party Report: John Kerry will speak at the State Convention.

King County Report: Candidates spoke at the County Party meeting. The Legislative Action Committee will have new co-chairs - Ivan Weiss and Sarajane Siegfriedt. Sarajane submitted a more detailed report by email.

Program Committee: Endorsements will be made at the June meeting. We need to adopt procedures for the endorsement. We are not aware of initiatives, so that might come up in August - no meeting in July. Sherry Carr and Harium Martin-Morris want to talk at the September meeting. At the October meeting, Lloyd Hara wants to talk about the Port and the audit. Gerry suggested inviting Alec Fisker and maybe Brian Sonntag to give the moment some balance. Maybe we should invite Gael Tarleton, too.

Janet wants to have time at the August and September meetings to talk about the Coordinated Campaign and grassroots efforts.

Noah spoke in favor of big turnout in the primary in August to make a big showing for Gregoire in the governor's race.

Discussion about holding a party with a big TV, to watch the keynote address from the National Convention in Denver - August 28.

Races for the June Endorsement meeting: Javier went through the races, which are already on the books in King County. Many of the court candidates will run unopposed. We will have our two congressional seats, the statewide offices, house positions, Supreme Court positions, and various other races. We will know about county and state initiatives, later. We need to send out questionnaires, and see which candidates want to speak.

Endorsement procedures: Javier handed out copies of the 2007 procedures and relevant sections of the Bylaws. ... Discussion and markup regarding dates, races and ballot measures. We need to provide for the possibility that endorsements may be made at the August and September General Membership meetings.

The questionnaire deadline date should provide enough time to check everything, and make copies to distribute at the General meeting. That would be June 15 for the June meeting and August 17<sup>th</sup> for the August meeting. Javier will highlight the requirements for getting the questionnaires back to Javier. ... Discussion about when non-members can speak in endorsement meetings. Many candidates are not members, but should be encouraged to come and speak. Dean Fournier suggested providing in the rules that a non-member candidate can speak with a majority vote by the membership to waive the rule. The Bylaws normally require a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules.

Discussion about dual endorsement, and the history of dual endorsements in the District.

Dean pointed out that the Bylaws allow the Executive Board to recommend endorsements to the General Membership, with a 2/3 vote of Board members. Gerry Pollet said we have not done that in the past. Javier agreed, saying the Executive Board in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District stopped making recommendations after members objected to the practice.

Javier will update the procedures and get them on the web site.

Ballot procedures: Chad reported on written procedures for the tally committee to use when counting PCOs votes. Chad, Dean, Jason Osgood, Julie Ann Kempf and Betty will come up with a draft. The National, State and County party Bylaws also have something to say about counting ballots. Julie Anne pointed out that the County Party rules are not binding on LDs.

PCO literature pickup: PCOs are accustomed to picking up literature at Janet's house. Javier, Betty and Gerry would prefer to move the pick-up location to avoid the appearance of conflict. Bernadette suggested setting aside one day to pick up the literature. We could set up three pick-up days. Candidates will drop off their materials on July 25<sup>th</sup>, then we could have pickup days on July Sat 26, July Wed 30, and August Sat 2. Sylvia volunteered to host the pickup events.

Platform: Dean reminded us that we need to finish adopting the platform. **Motion** by Sarajane to hold a platform meeting in July, seconded. Alternatively, we could work on the platform in August. We could have a lot of initiatives and ballot measures in August. A special meeting would mean an extra mailing and rental space. Delegates and alternates should be notified, and they should be eligible to vote on the platform. **Motion failed**. The platform will be on the agenda n August. If we don't finish in August, we will bring the remainder of the platform to another meeting.

**Motion** to reconsider Sarajane's motion. **Motion to reconsider passed**. The platform should be finished early so the candidates can take it into consideration. Chad suggested that we hold the event on Saturday and make it long enough to finish - Jul 26<sup>th</sup>, for instance. We could connect it to a canvassing event. Notice will go out by email, phone and web site. Sarajane's **motion** to work on the platform in July **passed**.

Gay Pride parade: We have missed the registration deadline for the Gay Pride parade. However, we can march in the King County Dems contingent.

State Party Convention; The Convention will be June 13-15 in Spokane. Gerry talked about getting everyone from the District together at the meeting. Javier has email addresses so he can help organize the group. Janet and Betty will charge everyone up.

No Executive Board meeting in July.

Good of the Order. John Webber invited everyone to "take it outside" to watch him remove his Hillary sticker and replace it with an Obama bumper sticker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM  
Minutes by Stan Sorscher