

46th Dems Executive Board
September 2, 2008
Olympic View Church

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

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

Lake City Pioneer Days. Javier summarized the Pioneer Days event in Lake City. Javier thought it was a positive experience - a bargain at about \$100.

PDC inquiry. Donna Boysen got a call from the PDC, asking about providing our mailing list to Gerry Pollet's campaign. Any Democratic candidate can buy the 46th District mailing list. We expect the inquiry to be resolved without problems.

August meeting "lessons learned." The August meeting went long, with 6 Charter amendments on the agenda. Javier passed out copies of a very thoughtful letter he received, expressing one member's impressions of the meeting.

When considering an issue or endorsement, we normally allow two speakers for and two speakers against. This can be inadequate for thorough debate. The Council put measures on the ballot late in the season, giving us very short timelines to study, answer questions, and recommend positions. These issues did not go through the Platform and Resolutions committee. We might want to establish a committee specifically for elections endorsements and ballot issues.

Treasurer's Report. Donna Boysen passed out reports. Donna has heard that the 46th Dems organization is named as a beneficiary in the will of a neighborhood resident who died recently. Donna went through our accounts in some detail. We can make more contributions to campaigns, getting approval at the September General Meeting. Waiting for the October meeting would put us very close to the ballot mail-out date.

Bernadette Laqueur and Janet Miller talked about campaign expenses we face through the end of the year. After some discussion, the Board agreed on a target carryover of \$5,000, leaving a remaining contribution budget of about \$3,700. We have already given to the House and Senate campaigns, Peter Goldmark, John Ladenburg, Jim McIntire, Jason Osgood, Scott White and Gerry Pollet. We did not give to Christine Gregoire's campaign, with the thinking that her budget is so large that our leverage would be very small.

After an extended discussion, we arrived at \$750 to House and Senate campaigns \$500 each to Ladenburg, McIntire and Goldmark and \$500 for materials. The remaining \$200 could go to Jason Osgood. **Motion** to take this proposal to the General Meeting. **Motion passed** unanimously.

ListServe discussion - postponed to October.

Membership report. Betty Means reported we beat our previous high-water mark - 832 members to date.

PCO training. Bernadette Laqueur reported on successful PCO training and many new volunteers. The District is divided into 16 regions to get PCOs organized. Bernadette passed out a volunteer survey. She wants to build teams in each precinct. We need a phone bank location with four or five lines. Bernadette said volunteers had great luck registering voters at Target near Northgate.

State Party Report. John Webber sent out an email report a few days ago. The "top-two" lawsuit would need to show harm from the primary election to move forward. According to news reports, there were 142 Top-Two primary races and only 3 produced same-party survivors. John Webber thought the small count of 3 resulted from many of the 142 races not being contested by both parties.

King County Report. Sarajane Siegfriedt is looking for consensus on the question of having precinct caucuses in off-years? The Board agrees on considering eliminating precinct caucuses in off-years.

General Meeting. Javier suggested inviting Lloyd Hara to talk about the Port, also a "meet your organizer" opportunity. The Parks Levy and the grocery bag deposit issues may also be on the ballot and we would want to cover those items. A resolution on the viaduct may also sneak under the deadline. Pat Emerson would like to hear from the delegates to the convention in Denver.

Looking ahead to the October meeting, we would hear from two School Board candidates, and a presentation on the strategic plan for the Seattle Public Schools. Sally Clark or Bruce Harrell may also speak.

These plans are tentative. Some interest was expressed in a more stimulating program to get people charged up for canvassing precincts.

Reorg meeting. Javier is thinking about having our reorganization meeting the third Thursday in January - January 15. The State Party meeting will be January 30, more or less. We had trouble with this in the past, so Javier will confirm that January 15 will work. Our year-end party will be at Rod Dembowski's home, on December 7. We are in charge of the food and the auction items.

Good of the order. David Horsey will speak at the church on Saturday September 6 on the subject of religion and politics.

Adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher