

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

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

Excused: Sylvia Haven, Matthew McSheehy

Javier Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM

Betty Means described the memorial service for Jeanette Williams.

Javier expressed thanks to Gerry Pollet for running a hard fought grass roots campaign.

Gerry asked to consider John Webber's motion early because he needs to pick someone up at the airport.

John passed out copies of a resolution. The board discussed John's motion at some length. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Bernadette Laqueur came in late, and the Board gave her a round of applause for her exceptional job managing PCOs during the campaign.

#### Election wrap-up

Bernadette, Kathryn Lewis and Noah Burgher were a great team. The 46<sup>th</sup> LD had a good working relationship with the campaign through Noah.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held two trainings and 200 volunteers attended.

On election day, we knocked on 12,000 doors, 8,000 in the morning and 4,000 in the afternoon. The campaign prioritized all the precincts into three tiers and we hit all of our Tier 1, 2 and 3s in the morning and all of our Tier 1s in the afternoon and most of the Tier 2s. Phone banks were running all day; it's not known how many people were called.

Governor Gregoire stopped by Olympic View Church at 4:00 pm on election day to rally the troops. Javier later heard that she visited many sites on election day and that she thought our headquarters was very impressive.

Thank you to Barbara Whitt who did a phenomenal job of feeding all the volunteers on election day. Leftovers went to two food banks. A pizza shop owner brought 20 pizzas.

Unanticipated expenses: During the GOTV phase prior to election day, we distributed about 45,000 sample ballots and a great deal of literature. We had ordered 25,000 ballots initially, copied 10,000 at Kinko's for approximately \$300 and then reordered another 10,000.

We also had the expense of renting the church for November 3 and 4 - \$600. This was not reimbursed by the campaign. They were unable to find a donated staging location. The church worked out exceptionally well and Pastor Reiman and Kim were most

helpful.

Bernadette met a lot of volunteers who would not normally be involved in the 46<sup>th</sup> Dems. She would like the organization to think creatively how to engage this new energy. For example, the organization might have a service component and have more activities for people to actually do. She said that the meetings very often are so process oriented that they are of little interest to many.

#### Treasurer's Report.

Donna Boysen said our financial situation is OK, even with the unanticipated expenses. Donna passed out copies of the current budget, and walked us through the major items.

#### PCO Discussion.

Dwight Pelz ruled that the State Party would not recognize PCOs who were not elected by at least 10% of the highest vote getter in the top-2 primary. In King County, only one PCO elected by write-in got more than 10%. Bernadette can identify as many as 30 individuals who are interested in being a PCO in the 46<sup>th</sup> District. We could appoint them PCOs, at a General Meeting.

Chad Lupkes said that Dwight wants to call all the PCOs who will be denied recognition. Suzie Sheary can appoint them at the King County meeting or we can appoint them at our General Meeting.

In the reorganization meeting, only elected or appointed PCOs can vote for certain offices. Dean thinks State bylaws are the same in that respect.

We will contact people who may want to be PCOs and send their names to Suzie. If Suzie appoints them at a King County meeting, they can vote at our re-organization meeting. Otherwise, we can appoint them at our re-org meeting, after we elect officers.

Chad and Bernadette will meet to review the list of PCOs and decide how the write-ins should be handled on an individual basis.

#### Membership report.

Betty Means gave a brief report.

#### State Party Report.

John Webber thinks Dwight Pelz will run for State Party chair. He may have an opponent.

#### King County Party Report.

Sarajane said several people in the 46<sup>th</sup> District are nominated for awards for the King County Honors banquet. The King County re-organization meeting is Saturday Dec 6 at the IAM Hall. Javier will run for re-election as a state party committee-man. Chad will be on Suzie's slate as Communications Director.

November meeting program. The School Board will be out of state on the date of our General Meeting, so Board members will not be available to speak. Javier is getting someone from the County and City Councils to talk about budget cutbacks.

#### Re-organization.

We will re-organize at our January meeting. Chad will run for chair. Javier will not run.

Bernadette will not run for a position on the Board. Our bylaws provide that only PCOs can run for certain positions. Javier suggests that we remove that provision from the Bylaws. He gives the situation where people in the same household want to run for the Board. Only one can be a PCO. We normally adopt the Bylaws at the re-org meeting.

Dean proposed new language to accomplish that change: "Any member in good standing may be elected to the above offices, but only an elected or appointed PCO may vote for those offices." This should be coordinated with County and State bylaws.

**Motion** to propose a change in the bylaws to allow non-PCOs to hold all offices on the Executive Board. **Motion passed** 13-1.

Holiday Party. The party will be Saturday December 13 at Rod Dembowski's house. Barbara will put a notice in the Demogram. Javier will send out a letter asking for donations or support. A second letter will go out as an invitation. The party is intended as a fundraiser. Members can pay dues at the party. They can also make donations at the party. In the past, we have applied auction item payments toward dues.

Good of the order. **Motion** by Sarajane, seconded by John Webber that the Executive Board congratulates our newly elected state legislators Scott White and Phyllis Kenney on their election and ask that we unite in our support of our representatives while embracing Gerry Pollet's continuing involvement in the District's democratic leadership. **Motion passed** with one abstention.

Adjourned at 9:07 PM.