

46th Dems Executive Board
Olympic View Church
February 3, 2009

Attending: Chad Lupkes, Betty Means, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Shanna Sawatzki, Stan Sorscher, Erica Minshull, Elizabeth Willmott, Barbara Whitt, John Webber, Dean Fournier, Janet Miller, Peter Shapiro, Javier Valdez, Donna Boysen, Gerry Pollet, Kathryn Lewis, Jason Sawatzki, and Matthew McSheehy.

Absent: Stan Moffett

Pre-meeting: Conference call with Barack Obama campaign from 6:30 to about 7:15 PM.

Chad Lupkes called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Introductions of new and returning members of the Executive Board.

Motion by Betty Means to approve the minutes from the Executive Board meeting on December 30, 2008. Seconded. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Chair's Report. Chad spoke briefly about committee assignments. He updated the Board on the resolution passed at the General Meeting to support Ruth Williams in her effort to name a park after her mother, Alice Franklin Bryant.

Peter Shapiro will host our meeting on Sunday - lunch at noon, meeting starts at 1:30, done at 4:30, then cleanup. He lives at 8544 53rd Ct NE, in Seattle. Peter will email out directions.

State Party Report. John Webber sent out email reports earlier. He is looking forward to the 2010 campaign. Dwight Pelz was re-elected. Janet Miller went to a candidates' forum for state party offices. Janet talked about the qualities she looks for in state party leaders. Chad and Shanna Sawatzki observed the meeting. Their impressions aligned with Janet's, in general terms.

Sharon Smith is the new First Vice Chair.

Janet would like to see more preparation in the way resolutions are brought to the floor. Javier Valdez outlined of the state party's budget. Times are tough everywhere, and contributions looking forward may be disappointing. After the elections, staff was reduced, and headcount may go down, yet.

King County Report. Dean Fournier referred to emails sent out before. Elizabeth Willmott said the County organization's budget is in the black. PDC training is coming up, soon. Sarajane Siegfriedt described the process for voting on endorsements.

Ron Sims is appointed to a position at HUD. King County Executive is a non-partisan office. Sarajane asked whom we might recommend for the interim appointment to replace Ron Sims. Detailed discussion of the roles of PCOs.

Motion by Gerry Pollet to hold a vote of PCOs as to their choice and that the County

Council be requested to honor the PCOs choice, where PCOs vote. We suggest that technology or online voting or postcards with return postage be used, rather than a physical convention. Seconded.

Gerry said rules require signed ballots. Elizabeth believes candidates are being considered who are not currently on the County Council.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Larry Phillips, Bob Ferguson, and Dow Constantine are expected to seek to replace Sims. We believe Julia Patterson declined.

Treasurer's Report. Donna Boysen passed out a template that she expects Stan Moffett to use in the future. Donna explained how expenses and income will flow through the spreadsheet. The template includes annual totals for 2008 and Donna pointed out key features of the actuals. Javier Valdez asked about a bequest that is pending. Donna updated us on progress with settling that estate. Kathryn Lewis asked everyone to think about activities, so we can forecast better. We'll look at this on Sunday at the offsite meeting.

Program Committee. Gerry will go into the Program Committee goals at the advance meeting. Gerry would like to use the February 19th program to connect with other community organizations in the District. This would be formatted as a Local Action Fair. We may need to expand the space into the gym at Olympic View Elementary.

Shanna would like a potluck, where Executive Board members bring food to the Local Action Fair as a fund-raiser.

Motion by Betty Means, seconded, to authorize an additional \$100 to rent the gym.
Motion passed without opposition.

Gerry asked for help setting up the food, tables and chairs.

After the Local Action Fair, Chad wants to highlight the committees and solicit volunteers.

Committee assignments. Chad showed everyone the committee assignments.

Elections and endorsements. Lloyd Hara is asking for early endorsements. Our rules do not provide for early endorsements. Javier said he generally discourages early endorsements. All candidates should have a fair chance.

Legislative Action Committee. Sarajane and Steve Zemke co-chair the LAC. Steve is working on the Ingraham grove law suit. Our lobby day will be President's Day. Sarajane wants to coordinate carpooling. Several Board members said they were going to Olympia for our lobby day. We will work out of Room ABC in the Cherberg building. Sarajane will arrange briefings on bills we are concerned about. Marty Brown will meet with the group. Legislators will stop by and talk about their work. The meeting should be over by 1:30. The crab feed is at 5 PM - \$50 admission fee.

Membership and PCO. Betty Means said we have 331 members including PCOs. Chad showed a graphic comparing membership over that last several years. Peter Shapiro

suggested encouraging Obama organizers to become PCOs.

Finance Committee. Kathryn talked about activities we will want to do, and how they would fit into the budget. We should consider things we've tried in the past, and new ideas, too.

Platform and Resolutions Committee. Chad wants more meaningful discussion of resolutions in the future. We have a responsibility to stick with the rules about advance notice, and the resolutions committee needs to be more involved. Dean has a resolution to name the West Seattle Bridge after Jeannette Williams. Elizabeth has some ideas to discuss on Sunday.

Good of the order. Kathryn and Betty asked about preparations and content for the advance meeting. Chad, Janet, Shanna, Kathryn, Gerry and Sarajane talked about their expectations. Peter had a short explanation of logistics at his house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher