

46th Democrats
Olympic View Church
May 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM

Attending: Chad Lupkes, Shanna Sawatzki, Stan Sorscher, Stan Moffett, Erica Minshull, Barbara Whitt, Kathryn Lewis, Dean Fournier, John Webber, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Peter Shapiro, Jason Sawatzki, Janet Miller, Javier Valdez, and Matthew McSheehy

Excused: Gerry Pollet, Betty Means

Chair's report: Chad shared some changes in his family situation. Kathryn has installed an online contribution form on the webs site, and we have our first online contribution. Chad says we have 513 contacts on Constant Contact.

State Party Report. John Webber explained that the State Central Committee (SCC) meets 3 times per year, and the bylaws require that it meet 4 times per year. The Holiday Party does not count as a meeting. John is concerned about complying with the bylaws. John referred the board to his recent email reports which have details on the 2nd quarterly SCC meeting, the State Executive Committee authority, the national executive authority when the DNC is not in session, and distribution of state Party funds to 2008 candidates. John is acting chair of a Rules Committee task force reviewing the Judicial Review Board. It will report at or before the September meeting.

Janet Miller reported that many of the 39 resolutions brought to this State Party meeting were about issues covered in the platform. She told the Resolutions Committee that, since the platform went through a rigorous process of review, it should not be changed by resolution in the interim, and that those resolutions that attempt to amend the platform should not be considered.

State Executive Committee Report. Javier Valdez said Dwight Pelz wants to clarify the Charter regarding the number of meetings. Dwight's intent is a charter change to require only 3 regular SCC meetings, perhaps with a 4th at the chair's option. Also, the rights and privileges of special-interest caucuses are creating some confusion. For instance, can caucuses introduce resolutions in the same way that LDs and County organizations can? Discussion about the purpose and role of caucuses. Sarajane noted that the Executive Committee lacks some powers for operating when larger representative bodies are not in session.

Chad said some members of the State's caucus review task force would prefer to drop the Presidential caucuses and hold only a primary. Sarajane objected that this is not the mission of the task force, which is tasked with process improvement of the caucuses. Peter House is on the task force and asked the 46th to provide input to three questions. Janet suggested doing this by email. Sarajane said that this would result in the same kind of random complaints that the Platform Committee got originally, and that we need a structured discussion. Sarajane submitted a detailed suggestion for an open meeting for all caucus attendees to express their feelings about how the caucuses were conducted.

The off-year caucuses have small turnout, and we can compress things in time and location.

King County Report. Erica Minshull summarized the speakers and resolutions brought to the King County Party meeting. Dean Fournier gave some background on the King County Council candidates.

Sergeant at Arms/Demogram. Barbara Whitt told the Board about our solicitations to members to switch from paper delivery of Demograms to on-line delivery. We will stay with the printer we are using now. Our income picture should become clearer in the next month or two.

Barbara showed a re-usable cup that we could use at meeting. Shanna Sawatzki suggested several options for how we could manage the cup issue.

Program and Elections Committees. Janet distributed a handout with details of the format we will use for the forum at the May 21 meeting. Her Committee will prepare questions. Janet and Kathryn will work on a small mailing to push up attendance. We will also fill the vacant Executive Board seat at that General Meeting.

Janet and Shanna met with representatives from several other LDs to discuss a joint forum for June 2. It will probably be held at the Labor Temple. This would conflict with our Executive Board meeting. **Motion** by Shanna, seconded, to move our Executive Board meeting to Wednesday, June 3. **Motion passed.** Matthew McSheehy will be out of town that day.

Shanna went through some of the logistics for the meeting.

Janet asked the Board for feedback on our policy regarding the resources our LD makes available to candidates. Chad showed a schedule of rates that we could charge for posting campaign ads on our web site. Discussion of possible rate ranges. Chad showed the traffic we are getting on the 46th Dems web site and the King County web site. Janet proposed we charge half what King County charges. The Board agreed in a voice vote.

Motion by Janet, seconded, to approve Janet's summary document that describes the resources we make available and the terms we use. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Janet's "Front porch" will not be available. Jason Sawatzki will divide up the District into regions, and he will find people to help distribute literature. Janet asked for guidance on bags for hanging literature on doors.

Chad asked about an event for July. Janet recalls that in the past we had fund-raiser BBQ's at someone's house, (with beer).

LAC. Sarajane Siegfriedt sent out a comprehensive review of the legislative session. Steve Zemke was also involved in the successful Hearing Examiner appeal regarding saving the grove of trees at Ingraham High School. Sarajane wants to invite legislators to an LAC meeting.

Housing Levy. Chad gave a follow-up report on the Housing Levy. The City Council could come to a decision, soon. Peter Shapiro wants to build a case that the Housing levy has strong support. Our Levy resolution passed with strong support. Sarajane showed a copy of polling data.

Financial Report. Stan Moffett gave a brief summary of the financial condition. Kathryn announced the Cole Committee will meet soon. Norma Miller looked at the records, and Stan expects Norma's review to be completed next week. Kathryn has been tracking expenses by committee and sharing that with committee chairs.

Membership PCO Committee. Janet reported that Betty's campaign to increase our dues collection has been successful.

PCO updates. Nothing new.

Bylaws review. Dean Fournier explained one issue, which is an ambiguity between Roberts Rules and our own standing rules or operating rules. Dean went through several other items that need updating. Chad will run a summary of the changes in the Demogram. Janet will finalize it for use in our meeting.

Platform and resolutions. No resolutions were submitted.

Tally Procedures. Dean believes we have resolved the language for the tally committee. **Motion** by Peter Shapiro, seconded, to adopt the tally procedures. **Motion passed** by voice vote. We will present the tally procedures to the general membership, where it will require a 2/3 approval. John Webber would like to share this with the State Party.

Chad gave brief updates - Community outreach - Pioneer Day will be August 1.

Old Business. None

New Business. None

Good of the order. John asked to be excused from the June meeting. Shanna and Matthew also have schedule conflicts and will miss the next meeting. Peter Shapiro announced groundbreaking for veterans housing in the County.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher