

46th Democrats Executive Board
Olympic View Church
June 3, 2009

Attending: Chad Lupkes Barbara Whitt, Erica Minshull, Betty Means, Stan Moffett, Peter Shapiro, Dean Fournier, Kathryn Lewis, Janet Miller, Sheila Kohls, Stan Sorscher

Excused: John Webber

Chad Lupkes called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Treasurer's report.

Stan Moffett has a trip tomorrow, and he needs to leave early. Chad moved the Treasurer's report up in the agenda. Stan reported over \$500 in memberships through the online utility on our web site. In May, expenses exceeded income, but we are positive for the year. Kathryn Lewis observed that we paid room rental for several months' meetings. Food donations are ahead of budget. The Demogram is running ahead of budget. Kathryn suggested we think about a fund-raiser.

Membership Report.

Betty Means reported 508 members, including unpaid PCO's. This is down from 2008, which was a big year. In 2005, our membership was in the mid-500's. Of course, in 2005, Democrats were planning to defeat George Bush, after the 2004 elections. Janet Miller produced a list of almost 100 former members for phone banking.

Sergeant At Arms Report.

Chad reported on the candidates' forum at the Labor Temple yesterday. Barbara Whitt passed around cupcakes in honor of Chad's birthday. ... Discussion about electronic distribution of Demogram versus mailing out paper copies. Mailing and printing costs are over \$5000 per year for 600 Demograms.

At last night's candidates' forum, we collected \$167 (net of expenses) from food and pass-the-hat. Janet will adjust that amount for the \$24 contributions owed by each District participating in the event, then distribute the remaining money among the Districts.

Barbara reported on collections from our General Meeting. She has plans for a summer menu for food at General Meetings. Peter Shapiro and Sarajane Siegfriedt wrote an article on the Housing Levy. Barbara asked Peter to help with the "Seen on the Scene" column for the Demogram.

Barbara has asked KCDCC about marching with them at the gay pride parade.

Elections and Programs

Janet asked everyone to think about timing of the endorsement meeting - August or September. ... Discussion of scenarios with different outcomes in the primary. Other Districts endorse in early September. **Motion** by Janet, seconded, to hold our general election endorsement meeting on September 17 and that we make all our endorsements at that meeting. Those who pay their membership dues by August 28 would be eligible to vote for endorsements. **Motion passed**, with one vote (Sarajane Siegfriedt) in opposition, by proxy.

Most Districts invite candidates to speak at endorsement meetings. ... Discussion of format for the endorsement process. Consensus around 3 minutes per candidate, where nominators, who must be 46th District members may share that time with the candidate, as they choose. Janet will prepare rules for the endorsement meeting. Janet will also contact candidates to explain our process.

Candidates must post their answers to the KCDCC questionnaires by June 15, 2009 to qualify for our endorsement process.

Janet is considering another joint candidate forum during the week of September 8, after the primary, so the number of candidates would be more manageable. School starts Wednesday September 9. We could hold our own forum outside our General Meeting, or hold another joint meeting, like the one last night.

Rules template. ...Discussion of boilerplate language for rules we use at endorsement meetings.

Voting and counting. Betty and Dean Fournier will coordinate on ballots and counting procedures for the June endorsement meeting.

July Event. Kathryn is talking to Rod Dembrowski about the July meeting, which would be at Rod's house on either July 11 or July 18.

August meeting. This meeting will be at the church.

September meeting. Endorsements for November election and ballot measures.

October. School Board, County Exec? Health care forum?

LAC. Sarajane is at the Port Commissioner candidates' forum. Peter wants us to write to the Council members about how the Housing Levy funds would be allocated.

Financial Review. Kathryn will check on the status of Norma Miller's review.

Raymond T. Cole. Jan Ames is chairing the committee. The committee is drafting a proposal.

Treasurer's report. Stan Moffett asked about a requirement in the bylaws about reporting. Chad and Dean clarified how this language is meant to operate.

Janet's porch. Janet's porch will not be available for literature pick-up. Sylvia Haven has offered her garage, but details have not been settled, yet.

Precinct changes. Javier Valdez counts six of our precincts that have been merged or otherwise redrawn. Only three PCO's are affected. Javier is scrubbing the open precincts to identify PCO candidates.

Community Outreach. Elizabeth is leaving, and we need someone to chair this committee.

County Report. Erica summarized her report, which she had sent out earlier in the day by email.

OFA listening tour. Peter and Stan Moffett went to the listening tour. OFA's goal seemed to be advancing President Obama's three initiatives - education, health care and energy. The organizers were looking for ammo in the form of personal experiences.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher