

46<sup>th</sup> Democrats  
Olympic View Elementary School  
September 17, 2009

Chad Lupkes called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Richard Conlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chad welcomed PCOs, members and new members.

**Motion** to approve minutes from the August meeting. **Motion passed** by show of credentials.

Chair's Report. Chad thanked Janet Miller for keeping our membership database since 1995. Chad will maintain it going forward starting in January 2010. The November meeting will not be about the SR 520 bridge replacement. Stan Moffett is doing fine after bypass surgery. Becky Benton is also recovering and everyone wishes her well. We have get-wells cards for people to sign.

Agenda. Chad showed the agenda. John Webber made a **motion**, seconded, to add a resolution on health care after the discussion of literature distribution. **Motion to amend passed.**

Executive Board open position. Matthew McSheehy resigned his position as KCDCC Male Alternate. Jason Sawatzki nominated Sylvester Cann. No other nominations. Sylvester is out of town for family business. Jason spoke on Sylvester's behalf. Sylvester was elected by a show of credentials.

Distribution of literature. Jason explained the timeline for distributing literature. A bag-stuffing party will take place October 4 at the Greenwood Senior Center. We will need 21,000 pieces for all precincts, or 15,000 pieces for precincts that have PCOs. Jason intends to compare how endorsed candidates do in precincts where we distribute literature to results from precincts without literature drops. We will prepare walking lists of likely Democratic voters.

Candidate introductions. Chad reviewed candidates we endorsed at previous meetings.

Health Care Resolution. Dean Fournier introduced the resolution:

Resolved to condemn as a sham any health care proposal that does not include at a minimum, universal coverage, provision of a robust public option, and authorization of Medicare to negotiate competitive drug prices, and

Further be it resolved, that our President and representatives in the US House and Senate are strongly urged by their loyal constituents and supporters to bring about prompt effective health care reform in accordance with the above.

**Motion** to consider this resolution passed by show of credentials. No speakers in opposition. **Resolution passed** by show of credentials.

King County Charter Amendments. Chad showed language for the four King County Charter Amendments. The first three amendments are housekeeping. The fourth creates protections for environmentally valued property.

Chad went through lists of issues that are not expected to be controversial.

Bob Ferguson has not filled out a King County. **Motion** by Scott White to suspend the rules, allowing Bob Ferguson to be considered without submitting a questionnaire. **Motion passed** by show of credentials. Bob agreed to complete and submit his KCDCC questionnaire, promptly. (Chair's note: Literature Distribution for Bob Ferguson was suspended after Bob failed to submit the KCDCC Questionnaire by October 4<sup>th</sup>.)

**Motion** to accept non-controversial items. **Motion passed** by show of credentials.

### **Nominations for Sheriff**

Janet Miller spoke, saying that to be endorsed, a candidate must fill out questionnaires, and must state he or she is a Democrat. Sue Rahr says she is independent. Janet spoke in favor of enforcing our rules, making Sue Rahr not eligible for endorsement.

No Endorsement, nominated by Sarajane Siegfriedt.

### Results

No endorsement for sheriff - by show of credentials.

### **King County Assessor**

Jorgen Bader nominated Lloyd Hara, seconded by Scott White

Keith Shierk nominated Bob Rosenberger, seconded by Betty Means

Jorgen Bader spoke in favor of Lloyd Hara, saying Lloyd is honest, hardworking, Lloyd can resist pressure, and do the right thing. Jordan reviewed Lloyd's history of elected service. Scott White also spoke in favor of Lloyd Hara as a strong manager and strong advocate as Port Commissioner. Lloyd has a good relationship with the Council. Scott reviewed many of Lloyd's endorsements.

Betty Means has known Bob Rosenberger for about 30 years. He is a strong Democrat. Bob had 25 years experience in the Assessor's office, and is a man of integrity. Keith Shierk agreed with Betty's impressions and asked everyone to vote for Bob.

### First round results for King County Assessor

Lloyd Hara	79
Bob Rosenberger	44
No endorsement	4

2/3 is required for endorsement. Remove "no endorsement" and revote

### Second round results:

Lloyd Hara	84
Bob Rosenberger	43

Still not 2/3.

**Motion** for dual endorsements, seconded. Two speakers against dual endorsement. Sarajane spoke in favor of dual endorsement, since both candidates are Democrats with strong records. Steve Hadley reminded everyone that no endorsement means that most PCOs won't carry literature for either.

**Motion** for dual endorsement **passed** by show of credentials.  
Lloyd Hara and Bob Rosenberger are both endorsed.

### **Port of Seattle Position 1.**

Janet Miller observed that John Creighton has submitted a questionnaire, but he is not willing to identify himself as a Democrat.

Yates/Shierk: Nomination for no endorsement

Results

No endorsement for Port position 1

### **Seattle Mayor**

Evenstart/Shierk nominated Michael McGinn.

Siegfriedt/Jason Sawatzki nominated Joe Mallahan.

Michael McGinn said we have two relatively new candidates in this race. Mike moved to Seattle and attended the University of Washington law school. He explained his history in community activism. Mike worked on the Parks Levy last year. He worked to improve bus service, and volunteered with the Sierra Club. We face tough choices in transportation, education, and investment in communities. He listed many of his endorsements, and asked for our endorsement tonight. Democrats believe in people working together to solve problems.

Sarajane Siegfriedt introduced Joe Mallahan. Sarajane mentioned many of Joe's endorsements. Joe thanked everyone here for their support. Joe wants to keep Seattle moving forward. He mentioned police resources, fully funding outreach, creating jobs, and improving efficiency in City Hall. Joe referred to social values - social justice and environmental stewardship. Joe is a 20-year business person and a lifelong Democrat. He knows what it means to protect living wage jobs. Joe looks forward to leading the City. He asked for the endorsement of the 46<sup>th</sup> District.

First round results

Mike McGinn            50

Joe Mallahan            79

No endorsement        5.

Second round results

Mike McGinn            81

Joe Mallahan            51

**Motion** for dual endorsement, seconded.

Gerry Pollet spoke against dual endorsement, because the difference in vote count is large. It's not fair to give the impression support is equivalent.

Sarajane spoke for dual endorsement, saying that "no endorsement" means no literature for mayor will be available at the distribution center. Jason Sawatzki interprets the distribution issue to mean that PCOs will carry the literature they prefer - if we have dual endorsement. This would address Gerry's concern.

A speaker against dual endorsement observed that only two candidates are in the race, so dual endorsement is meaningless.

**Motion** for dual endorsement **passed** by count of credentials by 91 to 38.  
Mike McGinn and Joe Mallahan are both endorsed.

### **Seattle City Attorney**

Shierk/Sinton nominated Tom Carr

Scott White/Walker nominated Pete Holmes

Tom Carr is an experienced prosecutor. He started the high-risk offender program. Seattle had a 60% drop in car thefts. He reduced the Seattle jail population by creative sentencing and the community court program. He has the endorsement of the police guild, and many others. Tom Carr asked for our prayers for former Governor Rossellini who fell and was injured this week. Tom explained some of the programs he worked on that improved the administration of justice and reduced jail populations. Tom asked for our support.

Scott White strongly supports Pete Holmes. Pete has 25 years as a professional attorney, and a lifelong commitment to community issues. He worked for an environmental organization, and chaired the Office of Professional Accountability. Pete is committed to being the attorney for the citizens of the City, in addition to representing the City. Scott asked for strong support for Pete Holmes.

First round results for City Attorney

Tim Carr	44
Pete Holmes	93
No endorsement	0

Pete Holmes is endorsed for City Attorney

### **Seattle City Council Position #2**

Nominations:

Sarajane/Etter:	Richard Conlin
Shierk/Savage:	David Ginsberg

Sarajane introduced Richard Conlin. Sarajane is impressed by how hard Richard Conlin works for communities. She mentioned Light Rail, daylighting Thornton Creek, Linden Ave Main Street, and limits on megahouses. Richard worked on Parks Levy, and worked on zero waste strategies. Richard Conlin thanked everyone for past endorsements. Richard was a community activist and his kids went to Seattle public schools. In 1972, he worked for George McGovern. He is passionate about sustainable policies. He asked for our support and endorsement.

Goral Bonsal met David Ginsberg on the Obama campaign. Goral thanked Richard Conlin for his past service. David understands what it takes to build affordable housing

for all residents in Seattle. David is experienced in business. David said the City faces many challenges, and needs to take bold decisive actions. The City will grow in the future, and we will need smart planning and locally owned businesses. David asked for our support and endorsement.

First round results

David Ginsberg	26
Richard Conlin	100
No endorsement	2

Richard Conlin is endorsed

**Seattle City Council, Position #8**

Drury/Lynch;	Michael O'Brien
Shierk/Cohen:	Robert Rosenkrantz

Peter Drury said both candidates are great people. Peter is very impressed with Mike O'Brien. Mike said he loves the wonderful people in Seattle who make the City so special. However, many families can't afford to live in Seattle. Transportation and schools need work. Michael chaired the Sierra Club for the last few years. We need to stop sprawl in the future. Mike cares about Democratic values. He has an MBA from UW, so he can provide fiscal oversight. He asked for our support tonight.

Keith Shierk believes Robert Rosenkrantz is the best candidate for the office. Robert said he demonstrates his commitment by building relationships. All four of his kids attended Seattle Public Schools, and volunteered in schools and for wounded soldiers. Robert is not afraid to take on unpopular causes. Robert talked about his position on abortion. Robert opposes divisive political actions. Robert wants to rebuild a job-growing economy. Seattle should be a world leader in alternative energy. He asked for our support.

First round results

Michael O'Brien	75
Robert Rosenkrantz	58
No endorsement	3

Second vote

Michael O'Brien	75
Robert Rosenkrantz	52

**Motion** for dual endorsement

Jason Sawatzki spoke against dual endorsement, saying O'Brien did not want dual endorsement, and Jason is strongly against Robert Rosenkrantz.

Steve Hadley spoke in favor of dual endorsement, arguing that literature will be available for both if we make a dual endorsement.

Basil argued that no endorsement suggests both candidates are bad.

Bev Marcus spoke against dual endorsement based on the abortion issue.

In favor of dual endorsement      66

### **School Board District 5**

Nominations:

Drury/Miller	Kay Smith-Blum
Simmons/Larry Smith	Mary Bass

Peter Drury asked support for Kay Smith-Blum. Kay emphasizes early learning and improvements in our drop-out rate. Kay has many great endorsements. Janet Miller said Kay is very enthusiastic and entrancing - a women with great ideas. Kay has a family obligation and can't attend tonight's meeting. Kay can show leadership that we need badly. Scott White spoke in favor of Kay Smith-Blum. One of Scott's top priorities is to build a stronger relationship between the City and State. Kay has worked with Scott many times. Kay pro-actively reaches out to State legislators to help fix our school problems.

Justin Simmons has known Mary Bass and her family for many years. Mary has been involved in education advocacy all her life. Mary works for all students, not just those with privileged backgrounds. Justin reviewed many of Mary's accomplishments. Mary fights to close achievement gaps. Justin highlighted Mary's endorsements and asked for her endorsements. Larry Smith said Mary has been eloquent and effective in speaking in favor of Mary's candidacy. She has been a strong labor supporter. Mary spoke about her passion and enthusiasm for school issues. Mary is a team player. She is still there for all our children.

Results of first round

Kay Smith-Blum	71
Mary Bass	42
No endorsement	1

Results of second round

Kay Smith-Blum	70
Mary Bass	32

Kay Smith-Blum is endorsed for School Board District 5

Mary thanked the group for hearing her tonight.

### **Seattle School Board District 7**

Nominations:

Bansal/Shierk	Wilson Chin
Simmons/Williams	Betty Patu

Gaurab Bansal is a school teacher and supports Wilson Chin. Janet Miller and another school teacher work with Wilson Chin and also endorse Wilson. Wilson is a researcher, who works with facts and data. Janet Miller said Wilson is not slick, but is a fabulous advocate who asks the hard questions and will support the kids the way we need them. Wilson is running for his first public office. His family is active in the public schools. Public education is deep in Wilson's bones. This is the right thing for Wilson to do.

Wilson works on HIV trial vaccines. He wants to use the best methods to find solutions, by being disciplined and rigorous.

Rusty Williams knows Betty from campaigning together. Betty Patu is running because her five children have graduated. She has 17 grandchildren. She has 32 years of experience with the public schools. Betty worked with shoestring budgets to make things work. She worked on programs that were successful. She asked for our endorsement. Carol Simmons says Betty Patu knows what it takes to improve the schools. She worked to reduce gang violence. Betty Patu has good relationships with pastors, community figures. Betty received Patty Murray's Golden Tennis Shoes award.

First round

Wilson Chin           75

Betty Patu            25

No endorsement 2

Wilson Chin is endorsed for School Board District 7.

Wilson thanked everyone for supporting him.

Membership Report: Janet Miller thanked Pat Emerson for her years of service as a PCO. Rob Jones volunteered to replace Pat as PCO in their precinct. Rob is a lifelong Democrat. Pat has been an inspiration to Rob. He looks forward to getting to know everyone better. **Motion** to appoint Rob Jones to PCO of precinct 1953. **Motion passed** by show of cards.

Betty Means reported on membership. We have 65 Friends of the 46<sup>th</sup> - more than this time in 2005. When we do well in elections, we need to sustain our membership levels.

Barbara Whitt reported that we collected \$157 in pass the hat and \$235 in food - all the food was eaten up.

Legislative Acton Committee. Sarajane announced the next LAC meeting will be September 20. Ross Hunter and Margarita Prentiss will attend.

Finance and Treasurer's Report. Kathryn Lewis gave a brief report on accounts for the District.

Raymond Cole Fund. The committee met. Ideas are coming in. Four letters of intent are on hand.

Community Outreach. Peter Shapiro has the largest committee in the 46<sup>th</sup> Dems organization. The Community Calendar is running on the web site. Chad thanked Peter for the progress of the committee.

State Party Report. No precinct caucus in 2010. Just show up to the LD caucuses. The Central Committee will nominate candidates for Congressmen and Senators.

Good of the Order. Scott White thanked Chad for running this difficult meeting. Next month will have a town hall on October 20. Rusty Williams thanked the District for our resolution naming the West Seattle Bridge after his mother. Pat Emerson said she enjoyed her service as a PCO. She is pleased Rob is taking over.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher