

46th Dems Executive Board
Olympic View Church
January 5, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:19 PM

Attending: Chad Lupkes, Sheila Kohls, Shanna Sawatzki, Jason Sawatzki, Betty Means, Stan Moffett, Kathryn Lewis, Barbara Whitt, Stan Sorscher, Dean Fournier, John Webber, Janet Miller, Gerry Pollet, Peter Shapiro, Sylvester McCann, Sarajane Siegfriedt, and Erica Minshull

Excused: Javier Valdez

Chairs Report: Chad has reviewed our donations back to 2004. He is working back through the caucus records back to 2000. Constant Contact has 761 entries.

Demogram: Barbara Whitt had a serious medical problem after the Christmas party, and spent three days in the hospital. She would like to minimize stress in the future. We will help Barbara manage the food at the General Meetings, and she would like to find a volunteer to take over publishing the Demogram.

Elections Committee: Janet Miller and the Elections Committee reviewed our organizing in the last election. The PCO coordinator should become part of the Elections Committee. Area Coordinators will be identified, and they will become members of the Elections Committee, to help regional groups of PCOs within the District.

Jason Sawatzki has analyzed voting patterns from the last election. Precincts walked by PCOs or volunteers had about 2% higher vote margin for our candidates and issues on the ballot.

LAC: Sarajane Siegfriedt described the KCDCC Lobby Day scheduled for February 15, and the political agenda for the legislative session in Olympia. Revenue increases are likely to fill only a third of the 2.6 billion dollar budget shortfall. The rest of the shortfall would be filled by program cuts. Sarajane mentioned the Seattle Times' article on clawbacks, and the aerospace B&O tax. LAC meets the third Sunday of the month.

Program Committee: Gerry Pollet thanked Peter Shapiro for his work on the community action fair. About 40-50 groups will be invited. The Deputy Mayor of Community Outreach is invited. At the General Meeting, Sarajane will talk about local issues in the platform, then the fair will be open.

Ideas for future meetings:

- February - climate change
- March or April - legislative debrief, and elected officials
- May - candidate's forum
- June - endorsements
- At some point, John Burbank from Economic Opportunity Institute, Mayor McGinn, Jay Inslee. It may also be possible to hold a special meeting or event on a Saturday, for instance.

Peter would like to distribute flyers in public places advertising programs at our General Meetings.

Finance Committee: Kathryn Lewis announced that we finished the year with a positive balance. The Holiday Party brought in more than expected. Dues for 2010 start coming in October. Kathryn was able to settle the school rentals, finally. Stan Moffett and Kathryn are working on their PDC filings, which are due January 11. Stan and Kathryn moved our funds from Key Bank to BECU. We have our own Employer Identification Number and tax identity.

Click and Pledge runs our credit card service. Our members occasionally see bank fees because Click and Pledge uses foreign banks for some clearing operations. On rare occasions, members' banks observe the foreign bank activity and charge currency transaction fees. Peter suggested being proactive, and notifying our members to watch for fees on their credit card statements.

Kathryn passed out copies of the proposed 2010 budget. She explained highlights and new features in the budget. The handouts compared past budgets for 2003-2010. Kathryn would like input by Sunday, with a goal of taking it to the members in February. ... Discussion of details in the budget.

Membership: Betty Means will send out dues letters in a few weeks. We have around 570 members from 2009. The count of printed Demograms is dropping steadily.

Platform, resolutions, and bylaws: Dwight Pelz asked that local Democrats consider a position for raising revenues at the WSDCC meeting at the end of January. This would support our elected officials during the session. Sarajane drafted a resolution, which will go to our General Membership meeting in January.

Community Outreach: Our community calendar was lost through an administrative oversight involving internet accounts. Chad and Peter are re-constructing it. As an example of outreach, Peter talked about a new trail being built near the Center for Urban Horticulture. That volunteer group is interested in tabling at our local outreach fair. Peter will send out a press release tomorrow.

Raymond T. Cole Committee: Chad said we have not seen any letters of intent, yet, so we will accept applications beyond the original deadline. The Committee is developing a long term plan.

Caucus Committee: Caucuses will be at Ingraham High School. Nathan Hale is not available. Javier Valdez estimates the cost will be about \$1200-1300 for the day. Chad discussed some of the procedural issues for the caucuses and selection of delegates to the State Convention. Rules will be finalized and presented to the Executive Board in February.

State Party Report: John Webber sent out a full report earlier. He touched on the highlights. ... Discussion of Brian Baird's open Congressional seat. The State Party will postpone picking a nominee in that race, so that candidates will have time to make themselves known..

King County Report: The Honors banquet is coming up, soon. Betty reminded everyone to nominate people for honors.

Other: Stan Sorscher will be out of town for the January General meeting. Sarajane volunteered to help take notes.

Betty Means reported Randy Gordon will be taking Fred Jarrett's position. Also, Betty mentioned Washington State may get a new Congressional seat after the 2010 census. The redistricting may affect the 7th and 8th CDs.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher