

46th Dems Executive Board
Olympic View Church
June 1, 2010

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

Chad Lupkes called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM.

Minutes. Chad and Stan Sorscher will generate minutes for the May Executive Board meeting.

Chair's Report. Chad has a WiFi base station that he will bring to meetings. We have well over 800 Constant Contact records. Chad is looking for an editor for the Demogram. This could be a good time to re-design the Demogram. We have a new banner, and with the money left over, we could acquire a new A-frame. The Spaghetti feed was a big success.

Program Committee. At the June meeting, members will adopt endorsement procedures. We also have 2 resolutions, which may slide to the August General Meeting.

2010 Endorsement Rules. Dean Fournier and Chad showed the proposed endorsement rules, which are the same as earlier versions, although the format has been made more readable. Dean suggested that the 2/3 threshold for endorsements be re-examined and possibly adjusted downward. This could be done in the course of our next regularly scheduled Bylaws review.

Lessons Learned from the Nominating Convention. Generally positive comments about the questions and logistics. Attendance was good. We were able to stay on schedule through a long agenda. We might want to appoint a Parliamentarian and keep an official copy of Robert's Rules of Order. Gerry Pollet expected more candidates for judicial offices. Our timeline doesn't match well to the judicial campaign season. Three precincts had 2 voting PCOs, due to changes in precinct borders. In those 3 cases, the weighed votes were divided evenly between the two PCOs.

Dean reads the state rules as requiring that LD rules provide for an option of nominating by acclamation. Chad interprets the state rules as allowing districts to adopt rules that do not permit nomination by acclamation..

Discussion of one of the endorsement rules, which requires a member to nominate and second, while allowing the member to cede remaining time to the candidate or other non-member to complete the 1- and 2-minute speeches. **Motion** by John Webber, seconded by Dean to recommend the rules to the General Meeting. **Motion passed.**

Rules/Platform/Resolutions/Bylaws Committees. John proposed a "how to" guide with tips for writing a resolution for the resolutions web page. Dean and Sarajane are reviewing the proposed guide.

Elections Committee. We are looking forward to guidelines for the Voter's Guide. We will also need advertising revenue to go forward with the Voters' Guide. Discussion of timeline and production issues.

PCOs need to file online. Javier Valdez will send out notices, and he would like PCOs to file promptly, so Javier doesn't need to call dozens of people.

Scott White and David Frockt have filed their King County questionnaires. We are waiting for Phyllis Kenney's and some of the others.

LAC. The next meeting will be at the Lake City library. Maralyn Chase, and Ruth Kagi will speak.

Membership. Betty Means received 11 new memberships. The membership drive will target precincts for emailing outreach messages. Kathryn Lewis will run a pilot project in her precinct. The cutoff date for voting was May 27, unless the individual was a member in 2009.

Community Outreach. Peter Shapiro has a list of tasks for Pioneer Days. He needs volunteers, and certain supplies and materials. We might be able to get candidates to appear for blocks of time.

Finance Committee. Kathryn passed out copies of the budget with actuals. She explained highlights of the printouts. **Motion** by Sarajane Siegfriedt seconded by Betty Means to pay King County's \$546 donation immediately, instead of waiting past our mid-year budget review. **Motion passed.**

Kathryn is looking for help planning the Summer Holiday Party, which will be held on August 14.

Chad would like to hold a fund-raiser for the District in the form of a thank-you dinner for Ken Jacobsen.

Raymond Cole Committee. Jan Ames is talking to Greg Nickels and David McDonald. Javier is working with Institute for a Democratic Future.

State Party. The Executive Board of the State Party endorsed I-1098, which would create a state income tax.

King County. Eric Magnuson gave a presentation on I-1098 at the King County Dems meeting. This year's King County Dems' picnic was cancelled.

Good of the Order. Sarajane is a field organizer for Working Families Win for economic justice issues on the East Side. Peter needs some help with a low-cost housing project in the 34th Legislative District. Dean Willard is having a fundraiser in Issaquah June 3. Betty likes the idea of a vending cart, similar to one used to sell hamburgers and food by a legislative district Thurston County uses such a cart as a fundraiser at festivals and fairs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher

