

**34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 – Puget Ridge Co-Housing**

*Attendees: Tim Nuse (Chair), Michael Taylor-Judd (Secretary), Les Treall (Outreach Chair), Kim Becklund (First Vice Chair), Jackie Dupras (Newsletter Editor), Tara Jo Heinecke (Diversity Chair), Stu Yarfitz (Treasurer), Chris Porter (State Committeeman), Greg Doss (Legislative Action Chair), Lisa Plymate (King County Committeewoman), Richard Bartlett (Hospitality Chair), Justin Anderson (Communications Chair), and Jimmy Haun (Parliamentarian)*

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim, at 7:06pm.

Tim offered a few remarks about the Resolution passed at last week's General Membership meeting opposing the Seattle City Council's proposed anti-panhandling ordinance. It was forwarded to all the City Councilmembers, and Tim received responses from Tom Rasmussen and Sally Bagshaw.

Tim introduced Jimmy Haun, 34<sup>th</sup> District member and Representative of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters, who he is appointing to fill the vacant Parliamentarian position. Jimmy shared some of his background and experiences with the Board.

Last week, the Membership also early endorsed Joe McDermott in his race for our King County Council seat. Since our organization is not flush with funds as we were at this time last year, he and Kim have decided to host a fundraiser for McDermott prior to the May General Membership meeting.

[Minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting](#) were unanimously approved.

*Nominating Rules* – Tim next reviewed the [Rules for the Selection of Democratic Candidates and Nominees for Public Office](#) as approved by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on September 26, 2009 (see *attached*). In particular, time was spent discussing Section V.B.7. Weighted Voting. This section details how “the number of votes... shall be equal to the sum of the number of precinct level delegates that were allocated to the precincts that are represented at the convention during the most recent National Delegate Selection process. Each elected or appointed PCO voting at the caucus or convention shall be apportioned the number of votes equal to the number of precinct level delegates his or her precinct was allotted...”

In other words, the votes of some PCO's will be worth more in the voting than others. Steps are being taken to make sure that we have a spreadsheet in order to tally the voting properly and that all formulas will be correctly applied in determining our Party nominees.

As discussed previously, some Bylaws changes need to be proposed to harmonize our Endorsements process with the Nominations process in order to meet the consensus to treat everyone fairly and provide all candidates access to our District's resources. Tim has proposed a couple of small changes in Sections 3 & 5 of Article IX of our Bylaws (see *back of the Agenda*) which would ensure that nominated candidates are eligible to receive campaign contributions from the District and can request PCO and District member lists.

After some brief discussion, Michael proposed a different change. Michael thought changing the article on Accounts and Contributions was not the most appropriate place to make this policy change or best captured the consensus of previous discussions for harmonizing these two processes. It also raises ambiguities in the language

for the future that we may not intend. Instead, he proposed the following additional sentence be added to Article I: Policy, Section 4 between the existing two sentences:

“When required by the KCDCC or the Democratic Party of the State of Washington to hold a Nominating Convention, the resulting nominee(s) shall be treated the same as endorsed candidates in receiving contributions, lists, and other benefits offered by the organization.”

**Tim moved to accept the proposed change to the Bylaws made by Michael. Jimmy seconded the motion, which passed 12-Yes, 1-No.**

*Program Calendar* – The May Membership meeting’s program is already full with the Bylaws change, Endorsements, the Nominating Convention, and a Legislative Recap.

In June, we have had requests to speak from Seattle City Councilmember Richard Conlin and our State Representative Eileen Cody. Other possible speakers include Seattle City Councilmembers Sally Bagshaw and Bruce Harrell and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn. We might also have some kind of panel on the topic of law enforcement and criminal justice. [King County is considering a sales-tax increase of up to 3 cents on a \\$10 purchase](#), which would be placed on the August primary ballot. The added tax would prevent more job cuts in the sheriff’s and prosecutor’s offices, and in District and Superior courts.

Members discussed what to do about the District Picnic normally held in lieu of the July meeting. Because of the earlier August Primary, we held both a picnic and General Membership meeting last year. Plans were made to hold both again this year, in order to focus on Get Out The Vote efforts for the Primary. Michael suggested that we could host a large, public forum on [I-1077](#), which “would tax ‘adjusted gross income’ above \$400,000 joint (\$200,000 individual), reduce the state property tax levy, reduce certain business and occupation taxes, and direct any increased revenues to education and health.” We could invite Bill Gates, Sr. and others involved in the campaign, along with the Press, and attract new members and energy to support the GOTV efforts.

*Fundraising Committee Report* – Chris provided an update on planning for the high donor reception. It is scheduled for June 18, 2010. They are considering two public venues and two private homes for the location. Their target is an attendance of 25-30 members with a donation at or above \$400 from each person. The budget is expected to be around \$1,000 for the event, and the Committee will send out invitations as well as contact potential donors directly to extend an invitation. Their next planning meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Uptown Espresso.

*Outreach Committee Report* – Les mentioned upcoming tables at the [Morgan Junction Community Festival](#) on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the [Southwest Precinct Picnic](#) on August 21<sup>st</sup>. He is still looking for more volunteers for these and other events. Tim requested that all Executive Board members volunteer for at least one event this summer.

*Good of the Order* – Les reminded everyone about the upcoming [West Seattle Food Bank benefit](#) on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hall at Fauntleroy where the 34<sup>th</sup> will host a table.

Jimmy suggested that future Membership meetings might have a brief educational part to provide good transparency about how our organization operates and to demystify parliamentary procedure. He also said that we need to watch for [I-1082](#), which would privatize industrial insurance.

Chris mentioned that he is looking for MC recommendations for the Garden Party in August.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Submitted by,

Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary

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