

**34th District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – Puget Ridge Cohousing**

Attendees: LeeAnne Beres (Secretary); Jackie Dupras (Newsletter Editor); Mike Heavey (Hospitality Chair); Lisa Plymate (King County Committeewoman); Chris Porter (State Committeeman); Sylvia Rolle (Program Chair); Sabra Schneider (First Vice Chair; Communications Chair); Betsy Shedd (King County Committeewoman Alternate); Walter Sive (Finance Chair); Tamsen Spangler (Diversity Chair); Marcee Stone (State Committeewoman); Les Treall (Legislative Action Committee Chair);

Absent: Tim Nuse (Chair); Justin Anderson (co-Fundraising Chair); Steve Butts (Outreach Chair); Karl DeJong (PCO Coordinator); Brian Earl (By-Laws Chair); Carol Frillman (co-Fundraising Chair); David Ginsberg (Second Vice Chair); Laura Hicks (Membership Chair); Jimmy Haun (King County Committeeman); Barb Parker (Sergeant at Arms); Dorsol Plants (King County Committeeman Alternate); Bill Schier (Website); Jeff Upthegrove (Treasurer)

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Sabra, at 7:11 pm. The October meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

In Sabra's Vice Chair's report, she filled the EBoard in on the meeting to appoint a new state senator from the 46th LD in the wake of Senator Scott White's passing. Lisa was present at that meeting and reported that there were three great candidates. The winner was David Frockt, who won the PCO vote for appointment by 83%. He will fill Senator White's unserved term and will need to run again for office when the term expires in 2014.

Holiday Party planning – The holiday party is Wednesday, Dec 14 at the Hall at Fautleroy, the same time as our usual General Membership meeting. Ivan has agreed to bring another smoked turkey and Tamsen will bring a ham. It's a potluck so members are encouraged to bring tasty dishes to share. We discussed potential music and dance ideas – Tamsen will reach out to some of her contacts through the diversity committee for options. We collected toys for kids last year and are planning to do it again. Marcee will look into local options for donations. Mike encouraged EBoard members to remind him of hospitality items for the party of which he may not be aware. Bill will present the district awards at the party, so be sure to get nominations in to him soon.

Food at meetings – We discussed paying Marvin for providing food for general membership meetings. Marvin has been offering his time as a volunteer and we currently have an informal relationship where he provides food when possible and receives the money left in the tip jar. There are issues with formalizing a relationship with him given the agreement we have with the Hall at Fautleroy which uses Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes catering exclusively. We are clear that we want to maintain a positive relationship with the Hall, so we rejected the idea of entering into a more permanent agreement with Marvin at this time.

Garden Party financial report – Walter reported that we grossed \$12,800 in auction sales and \$3,436 in admission fees. We had expenses of \$4,623. We are missing information on ~\$950 worth of nine items that were sold and are trying to track that down. There are also \$1,450 in receivables that we intend to collect (credit cards not going through, etc) – we should be clear about what the charge will look like on credit card bills since both LeeAnne and Chris had issues with their banks regarding the transaction, and others may have had similar trouble. Walter and Jackie will work on standardizing financial forms for the next Garden Party to alleviate some of these issues for next year.

Voter Guide wrap up – There are a few candidates/campaigns who have not yet paid us for the summer mailer. The first mailer cost us \$3,100, and is unclear what we've brought in for revenue. The second mailer invoice has not been received and is expected to be a bit higher. We've received \$2,400 toward the fall mailer so far. We

sold enough ads to cover the printing cost so the issue is collecting. Walter and the finance committee will follow up once he receives copies of the original invoices from Tim and Sabra. A lesson learned for next year is to collect payment at the time the ad is placed.

Caucus 2012 – We discussed preparing for the 2012 caucuses, either by having committee meetings and/or meeting an hour earlier on EBoard nights. No decision was reached and we will continue the conversation over email in the coming month.

Miscellaneous Admin – Jackie is exploring options regarding renewal of her union dues for button making, since the cost has gone up significantly. It's important to keep her classification current and we raise a lot of money from button sales. We also discussed putting a general 34th district membership renewal in the January newsletter.

Good of the order: Saturday, Dec 3 from 10-2pm is the White Center Community Summit and the diversity committee will have a table to be registering voters – all are welcome to attend! There is a demonstration Monday in Olympia regarding the budget, with more to come during the special session. Bad news: Family Promise, a consortium of West Seattle churches who have provided lodging, food, and companionship for homeless families for the last 4-5 years, is closing its doors due to lack of funds.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by,

LeeAnne Beres, Secretary