

34th District Democrats
19 April 2006
Bill Schrier, Secretary

44. Ivan called the meeting to order at Ann Martin's home at 7:10PM.
45. Attending: Tanya Aguilar, Cherisse Luxa, Steve Karbowski, Bill Schrier, Ann Martin, Walter Sive, Jackie Dupras, Les Treall, Robin Hess, Richard Bartlett, Greg Doss, Ivan Weiss, Tim Nuse, Bruce Stotler
46. Ivan's Report:
 - 46.1 Ivan introduced John Ehrman, who's been assigned as the field organizer to the 34th for the Coordinated Campaign.
 - 47.1 Ivan received an e-mail from Erik Poulsen, whose Dad in Wisconsin is slipping into terminal cancer.
48. Tanya's Vice-Chair remarks.
 - 48.1 April 10th March and Rally for immigration reform was phenomenal. Seattle Channel 21 had footage which included the 34th District Democrats' banner. Mayor Nickels' remarks were both appropriate and supportive. Another march and rally is planned for May 1st, venue TBD. Everyone who is an immigrant or descendent of an immigrant is encouraged to attend. Details forthcoming.
 - 48.2 Sister district proposal with the 15th LD. Tanya passed out a one-page plan and map of the 15th. The district is quite large, geographically. Their District meetings have 15 to 20 people. She's talked to the 15th Chair, Wendell Hannigan, at some length about the sister district proposal. His E-Board meets on the 20th. How can we make the sister district proposal lasting, more than just a gesture? Perhaps taking groups of people to communities one at a time, outreach and canvassing. There's also a morale boost from this – for us as well as them. Perhaps we could help them with building a website, finances, membership management, newsletter, making phone calls. 15th LD meetings are in Toppenish. As an alternative (or in addition), we could do outreach and support locally, in our neighboring districts. In a show of hands, the E-Board supported a plan to help the 15th. Walter commented that the 36th has a sister district relationship with the 47th.
 - 48.3 ACTION ITEMS: Tanya will move forward with the discussion and specifically set up a meeting at the state convention coming up in Yakima. Ivan will follow through with the meeting.
49. Treasurer's Report.
 - 49.1 Greg reported an up-to-tonight balance: \$10,897
 - 49.2 Caucus: \$835 in revenue, cost \$3631, net cost \$2796.
 - 49.3 We talked at some length about accounting and categorizing expenses and the different conventions and processes used by our treasurers, Ann Martin, Sarah Earl and now Greg. Ann suggested that Greg might write up the processes and procedures as he develops them and uses them, so they are documented.
50. Outreach Committee
 - 50.1 Steve Karbowski said that we are using our various events as outreach forums as well, for example the July energy forum. Steve suggested creating a flyer to use in promoting these events via food banks, high schools, churches, community development organizations and similar organizations in the district. We will have a late-June phone bank with former members and caucus attendees to make them aware of the July alternative energy forum. Ivan commented that phone banking is something the coordinated campaign will typically coordinate as part of their voter ID effort.
 - 50.2 What happened to the many people who attended the precinct caucuses as new members? Have we contacted them? Walter, and others volunteered to make phone calls. We should also contact new potential members who sign in at the meetings.
 - 50.3 ACTION: Steve will take this back to the Outreach committee.
 - 50.4 What have done about Burien clean sweep and outreach? Nothing at the moment.
 - 50.5 ACTION: Steve will take this back to the Outreach committee.
51. Energy Forum Planning
 - 51.1 Tim, who is planning this forum, introduced this topic. We discussed the problem that the energy forum

is on the same date as the Hi-Yu parade, July 22nd. It stretches the volunteers pretty thin, none of the electeds can attend, and many West Seattle residents will be at the parade, even though there are many residents of White Center, Burien and Vashon who could still attend. Tim and his group will further investigate alternative dates. While we have the log cabin in White Center reserved for the 22nd, Madison Middle School is beautiful, has a patio and has most dates available as an alternative venue.

51.2 We should have an announcement and request for volunteers at the LD caucus in any case.

52. Membership

52.1 Jackie reported we have about 368 members.

53. State Report.

53.1 Bruce reported that packets for delegates to the State Convention are being prepared. Ivan will receive the packets in the mail and will bring them to the LD Caucus. Bruce also passed out a registration information sheet for the state convention.

53.2 Stan Lock of the neighborhood service center wants to speak at the May meeting about the May 20th cleanup day.

54. LD Caucus Planning

54.1 Ann and Walter visited the school. We are in the lunchroom. The main foyer is right outside the lunchroom with lots of space for registration, brochures and flyers. John Ehrman will bring materials from the State Party. Set up is at 8AM. Looks like we'll have crew of about 10-12 for that.

54.2 Credentialing committee- Ann Martin has a crew of five arriving at 8:30. Bill will provide name tags.

54.3 Bruce will do copies of official documents. Rules, agenda, platform.

54.4 Bill will print out the resolutions in large type.

54.5 Walter and Cherisse will design and print the ballots - one male and one female ballot.

54.6 Richard will provide large butcher paper.

54.7 Those who had drinks for the precinct caucuses will bring them.

54.8 Tim Nuse will handle coffee, hot water, cups etc.

54.9 Everyone should bring markers, pens etc.

54.10 Richard is handling the sound system.

55. New Business.

55.1 John Ehrman spoke about the nationwide doorbelling occurring on April 29th. A current version of the voterfile probably won't be up until after the 29th. Washington has more volunteers signed up than any other state. Those volunteers will be sent to the precincts the State Party wants to target. John had an example of the door hanger for the April 29th doorbelling. John's e-mail: ehrmanforcantwell@gmail.com. ACTION: Ivan will send a link to the Fred Morris data.

55.2 During the discussion, Ivan mentioned that Fred Morris of the 36th has done a pretty good analysis of voting patterns by precinct, and it is online. He e-mailed the link to the E-Board, which is <http://devil.m3047.inwa.net/elections/perl/election-product.cgi?product=main>.

55.3 T-Shirts.

55.3.1 Jackie has found a place in Olympia to do new T-shirts, union shop, \$45 set up fee and \$6 per T-Shirt. Dina Johnson is working on a design based on the banner. Dark blue field, red border, white print. We'd have the shirts for parades etc. How many old T-shirts do we have? Tanya thought we had about 30 in Steve's custody. We had already voted to give those to new PCO's. We should see Dina's design and accept it prior to printing T-Shirts.

55.3.2 Robin moved that we ask Dina to present us the design before we proceed to print T-Shirts. Greg seconded. Passed unanimously.

55.3.3 We had not budgeted for T-shirts, but we'll handle that when we see the design.

55.3.4 Robin moved that the person who has the present T-Shirts take care of getting them out to the newest PCO's. Richard seconded. Passed unanimously.

56. Good of the order.

56.1 Burien Drinking Liberally is the fastest growing such group in the nation.

56.2 Next Tuesday's KCDCC will host all the local Democratic bloggers. Dave Goldstein is a premier blogger - horsesass.org. Topic of the KCDCC agenda: how to use the blogs for party building.

56.3 Pollworkers - Ann still needs a few names to finish off her pollworker lists.

56.4 May District Meeting: Bill is working on getting Grace Crunican or someone from SDOT. Ivan's working on getting Mary Lou Dickerson. Ivan's inviting the whole City Council. We should get someone from the People's Waterfront Coalition. Ivan's working on a format: perhaps six speakers with diverging viewpoints.

57. Adjourned at 8:44 PM