

34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
**Executive Board Minutes**  
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Bill Schrier, Secretary

1. Chair Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Ann Martin's home.
2. Present: Ivan Weiss, Cherisse Luxa, Tanya Aguilar, Bill Schrier, Bruce Stotler, Ann Martin, Walter Sive, Les Treall, Richard Bartlett, Tim Nuse, Robin Hess, Jackie Dupras, Toni Lysen, Leslie Harris, Sarah Earl
3. Chair's report (Ivan). Fourteen new PCO's were appointed at the meeting last week - Ivan's working hard recruiting. Bruce found a gem of a PCO - Terry Robison.
4. First Vice-Chair's report (Tanya). Tanya suggested a March or April meeting topic - White Center annexation, and presenting the Seattle viewpoint, since we've already heard a bit from Burien
5. Finance Committee Report.
  - 5.1 Walter Sive presented a spreadsheet for 2005 budget performance and the proposed 2006 budget. We have a \$5,679 balance at the end of December, a net increase from 2004. This is considerably more than we expected because greater than anticipated revenue, e.g. a good garden party, and because we did not make any candidate contributions nor did we mail sample ballots for the election. (We did print sample ballots for PCO's to take door-to-door).
  - 5.2 2006 budget notes: The average membership contribution is \$24 per member and we have 424 members. The finance committee estimated revenue at \$25 per member for 425 members. However the 2006 budget only contains \$500 for caucus expense, whereas we spent \$9,089 in 2004. Caucus turnout is likely to be much lower than 2004. Food and beverage is reduced somewhat from 2005, hoping that we can get more donations. Newsletter printing is estimated for a mailing of 850 a month plus some extras for after the caucus. Contributions to organizations may be a little low – we expect to make contributions to the White Center CDA, West Seattle Helpline, League of Women Voters, and perhaps others. We talked about sample ballots and how important they are for PCO's to hand out - Jackie and Richard both saw people walk into vote carrying the sample ballot.
6. Issues regarding the 2006 budget:
  - 6.1 T-Shirt Sales income. This is a budget line item for \$500. The T-Shirts were given to the District by Lara-Anne Jordan who expected them to be given away. Should we be selling them? We don't want them sitting in a box. Tim moved we give them to new PCO's and others and Robin seconded that. The E-Board agreed.
  - 6.2 Caucus locations and expense. In 2004 we had 17 sites - we won't need that many this year - this will take some research which Walter will do and revise the budget.
  - 6.3 Contributions to campaigns - budgeted at \$1000. We do have a lot of races this year. Our philosophy in the past has been to support candidates by printing sample ballots, advertising such ballots in newspapers, mailing them out, etc., as opposed to direct contributions. Or do we want to give them dollars for their campaign? We decided to move \$750 of this line item to advertising, postage or printing as opposed to direct contributions.

- 6.4 KCDCC support: \$600 proposed in this line item - decided to boost it to \$1000.
- 6.5 ACTION ITEM: Walter will put the changes into the budget spreadsheet, and will send it to the board. The Board agreed that our goal should be to break even for the year
- 6.6 ACTION ITEM: Add approval of 2006 budget to the February meeting agenda – Sarah or Walter to present this.
7. Treasurer. Sarah Earl intends to resign her position as treasurer.
- 7.1 Greg Doss has expressed an interest in the job. Sarah will stay and work with the Outreach Committee. Leslie Harris raised the need for job descriptions and tutorials to help make such transitions.
- 7.2 ACTION ITEM: Add Sarah's resignation and election of a new treasurer to February newsletter and the February meeting agenda
8. Fund raising. Les Treall is attending a workshop on this later this week and is interested in helping with it. His background is grass roots organizing and getting people involved in an organization, rather than fund-raising, but he's willing to learn.
9. Outreach Committee. Sarah passed out a plan for Outreach. Three goals: (1) increase members and volunteers; (2) increase members and volunteers among the minority community and (3) increase visibility in the community. The Plan has three steps. Sarah and Steve will continue to chair this effort. Jackie and Bruce will continue to be PCO coordinators. Also Ivan wants to have the State Party hire Patrick Wicklund for the coordinated campaign in this district, to include voter registration and other work. Talked about voter registration form - the new version can be downloaded off the Secretary of State's website.
10. Membership. Jackie reported 231 members right now (last year we had 230 members for the February newsletter).
11. Legislative Action Committee – Toni Lysen. January 27th is environmental day at the legislature. Tim Nuse is coordinating attendance. Monday the 20th of February is the Legislative Action day at the legislature as well the State Party PCO training and crab feed in Lacey - Howard Dean will be there. Toni will coordinate carpools for both the LAC Day and PCO training / crab feed.
12. Precinct Caucuses are on March 4th and District Caucus in April. We had 17 locations in 2004, but don't need that many this year.
- 12.1 ACTION ITEM: Walter Sive collected the names of people willing to be caucus site coordinators and will work with them to get sites set up.
- 12.2 ACTION ITEM: Leslie Harris will try to download the materials from the State Party bulletin board and send them out to people. See also the letter Ivan sent out last night regarding the March 4<sup>th</sup> Caucuses.
13. February 8<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Agenda.
- 13.1 Housing. Velma Veloria will attend. She is with the International District Housing Association - they've opened an office in White Center. Affordable housing is the issue. Perhaps we should also invite Adrienne Quinn, a resident of our district and Director for the Office of Housing at the City. Perhaps also invite Paul Fischberg, Executive Director to the Delridge Neighborhood Association. Tom Rasmussen is active on this issue as well. As part of the program, we probably need a civics introduction about what housing roles, e.g. housing authorities versus cities versus

counties. Ann Martin stated we can also use this information to develop issues for the caucuses. Toni Lysen has a resolution from SAGE - Elana Dix regarding downtown development and affordable housing.

14. Extraordinary endorsements. We had some difficulty in the January District meeting with the endorsement of Russ Brubaker for the open Seattle City Council seat. Ivan had three members contact him complaining about how this was handled and the appearance of favoritism. But, for one thing, there was no election involved (the new member will be appointed by the other eight).. The By-Laws require, for example, that candidates "must" fill out a questionnaire. There's also an issue of members being members at least 30 days prior to the vote. How could we have better handled it? We could have better explained what an endorsement vote is and what the rules for such votes are. We could have suspended the rules, or we could have passed a simple motion recommending him for the appointment (i.e. not an "endorsement").

- 14.1 ACTION ITEM: Richard Bartlett will review the by-laws for possible revision.

15. New [www.34dems.org](http://www.34dems.org) website. David McMurray has designed a new, simpler, cleaner, website. Schrier briefly discussed this and a plan to transition to the new website in February.

- 15.1 ACTION ITEM: Schrier will send the web link to the new site to the E-Board again for review and comment.

16. Appointment of committee members for the State Convention in Yakima, June 3rd. Rules, Credentials and Platform Committee. Ann Martin will serve on credentials. Bruce Stotler will serve on Rules. Robin Hess will serve on the Platform Committee.

17. We discussed our support of the White Center Food Bank. We approved spending \$50 for feminine hygiene products. The West Seattle Democratic Women will also contribute for this cause and will purchase and deliver the products. A card will have both groups' names as donors.

18. Good of the Order

- 18.1 Walter distributed notes from the retreat held late last year. Ann, Sarah and Walter will form subcommittee to follow up on the retreat.

- 18.2 Ann will write up a resolution on automated calling.

- 18.3 Bruce passed out the delegate selection and affirmative action plan for the state convention.

19. Adjourned 9:00PM