

33. Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
34. Attending: Bruce Stotler, Steve Karbowski, Greg Doss, Sarah Earl, Ivan Weiss, Cherisse Luxa, Leslie Harris, Richard Bartlett, Tanya Aguilar, Beth Greiser, Jackie Dupras, Les Treall, Ann Martin, Tim Nuse, Bill Schrier, Toni Lysen, Walter Sive
35. Chair's Report:
  - 35.1 Ivan thanked the Board for all the work on the caucuses.
  - 35.2 March meeting: from what Ivan's heard, people liked the chance to sound off at the public meeting
  - 35.3 Ivan called Cantwell's office calling on her to support Senator Russ Feingold, who has introduced a resolution of censure for President Bush.
  - 35.4 The Legislative delegation in Olympia brought home a major piece of legislation regarding the Vashon Southworth Fauntleroy passenger-only ferry. It essentially puts that ferry in the hands of Metro. We'll need to draw a ferry district. Joe McDermott was on the task force, along with Matt Bergman both of whom did heavy lifting. Dow iw working to make the ferry district countywide, which implies any ferry in the county would be public and unionized. Great teamwork by our legislators. Dick Hayes of Kitsap transit still wants to do a fast ferry from Seattle to Bremerton.
  - 35.5 Rodney Tom, Republican Rep. from the Eastside is switching parties and running as a Democrat for Senator.
36. First Vice-Chair's Report (Tanya):
  - 36.1 Tanya reconnected with Nasha Mohammed, a Nigerian woman, during the caucuses. Nasha has done voter reg and really wants to get more involved. Their culture is organized around house parties rather than large meetings.
  - 36.2 An idea: a "sister district" in Eastern Washington. This would primarily be to help that district increase its Democratic Party support. She's talked to the Wendell Hanigan, Chief of the Yakima Nation, who chairs the 15th District, home of Jim Honeyford, the most anti-labor legislator in Olympia. This sister district would involve us visiting and helping them get people involved. Another possibility is the 26th District where Bob Oak is retiring from the Senate so it is possible to elect a Democrat. Another possibility is the race in the 47th.
  - 36.3 ACTION: Tanya will draw up a proposal, to include touching base with the State Party's eastern Washington staffer.
37. Committee Reports
  - 37.1 Treasurer's. Greg reported \$13,000+ balance with almost \$2,000 donated from the caucuses, but this amount includes some new member dues.
  - 37.2 Finance. Walter will work with Greg on a Finance Committee report.
  - 37.3 Outreach: Steve reported next meeting is 7:00 PM Monday March 20th at Elliott Bay brewery.
    - 37.3.1 The Outreach plan is on the website and the meeting will flesh that out. The membership drive and outreach to small businesses especially need work. Ivan noted that Carrie Lind, PCO for the Junction, is interested in the small business outreach.
    - 37.3.2 For community festivals, Outreach will concentrate on the WS Street Fair, Jubilee Days, Burien 4th of July, Camp Long Arts, Vashon Strawberry festival.

- 37.3.3 Outreach will schedule another volunteer chore services event in April. Twelve people showed up at White Center for the last event - Tanya and her parents showed up at a challenging site and did a phenomenal job. One person showed up who gets the newsletter but has not been involved in advance - Susan Bachelor.
  - 37.3.4 Beth Greiser said the Democratic women have talked about putting together a group of Democratic businesses - "Code Blue" and encouraging people to patronize those businesses. Perhaps we could have a sign in each business "ask me about code blue". The Democratic women might take this on. The E-Board agreed is a good idea.
  - 37.3.5 ACTION: Beth will take it back to the West Seattle Democratic Women for further Discussion and action.
  - 37.4 Membership: Jackie reports we have 344 members, ahead of where we were this time last year.
    - 37.4.1 Caucus attendance: We had 72 PCO's attend, total of 239 attendees (including the PCO's); 68 of these 239 were not on the mailing list. Note: 15 of 17 Vashon PCO's attended. Postcard printing was about \$350 and we paid about \$1500 for postage. A number of people walked into the caucus with their yellow cards - clearly they were drawn in by that mailing. The mailing only went to people in precincts without PCO's. ACTION: Walter Sive will go over the caucus finances and do a report of costs and attendance.
    - 37.4.2 Another idea: we need a flyer designed to leave at small businesses and post at various places such as restaurants and food banks.
  - 37.5 KCDCC: Ann Martin - Brian Earl took the notes - he is at Labor Council tonight. Talked a bit about the dinner train - there is a rumor that Ron Sims does not support it. This is not true.
  - 37.6 State Party:
    - 37.6.1 Bruce - Wes Beal is the new state party technology director.
    - 37.6.2 Leslie reported a conversation with State Party Chair Dwight Pelz. Alice Woldt and Leslie Harris will be appointed to the resolutions committee. This is good news because it has been tough to get resolutions acted upon in that committee. The chair of each of the committees is appointed by the State Chair. Another question: should we be doing caucuses on off years and doing platforms every two years, or is this a waste of time and resources? We did get people at the caucuses who do not come to meetings. See action item above on caucuses.
  - 37.7 Legislative Action Committee:
    - 37.7.1 Toni reported that on March 6th the Burien City Council passed a memo of understanding to continue working openly with King County, Seattle and other public agencies on annexation. This is good news because the Burien City Council could just have proceeded to carve out a potential annexation area via change in their comprehensive plan. With this action Burien will work with the other jurisdictions before taking any unilateral action.
    - 37.7.2 Perhaps we should get a speaker from the Port of Seattle to talk about the ports/Dubai issue? Tabled this discussion.
38. District Caucus:
- 38.1 We talked about possibilities for a location: Evergreen, Sealth, West Seattle High Schools. White Center fieldhouse. Need to check availability. Leslie Harris moved and Ann Martin seconded that we look at Sealth first and the White Center fieldhouse. Passed. ACTION: Walter agreed to check these out.
  - 38.2 Ann commented that the date of the caucus should be on the delegate credential form form, plus with the process. ACTION: Leslie and Bruce will take this up with the State Committee who prints the forms.
  - 38.3 ACTION: Sarah and Jackie will work out a way to contact the 69 people who showed up for caucuses to outreach to them for membership.

- 38.4 Note: Ivan will preside over the LD caucus. Bruce has sent the revised rules for conventions and caucuses. These require notification of delegates at least 10 days prior to the LD caucus. We can't easily do this with the newsletter because it has to say "official call".
- 38.5 ACTION: Jackie will use the conventions and caucuses rules to do a separate mailing for the official call. Bill will help.
- 38.6 ACTION: Bill will update the District's letterhead for official mailings.
39. Alternative energy fair in May. Should we do it during the regular meeting or a separate Saturday.
- 39.1 Tim Nuse spoke: The purpose of the fair is to recruit new people and and raise our visibility in the neighborhood. A poll of Americans today showed 80% of the people (77% of conservatives) say this is a top issue which the Bush administration should handle. Issues with scheduling the fair in May are the holidays in that month, plus the County Convention and the White Center clean-up. The proposed dates are the 13th and 20th of May.
- 39.2 Discussion: we need a solid PR plan and communications plan which starts now. Les Treall and Tanya Aguilar are on the committee and will work to get the word out.
- 39.3 Where would we hold it? Camp Long - Richard has contact them about availability and cost - under \$500. Richard suggested combining the alternative energy fair with the annual picnic and doing it on a Saturday in May.
- 39.4 Beth suggested that we join with another district. Dave Updegraff of the 33rd District could pull in a good audience. Most of the E-Board was comfortable with combining the picnic and an alternate energy fair and doing it on a Saturday in July. We generally were supportive of getting support from nearby LD's for this as well.
- 39.5 The alternative energy committee will meet Monday the 20th at the Elliott Bay Brewery.
40. We agreed to reimburse Jackie Dupras for Christmas gifts for our sponsored family.
41. White Center Food Bank resolution. Tim passed out a written copy of a proposed resolution which calls upon King County and the King County Executive to provide financial assistance to the Food Bank.
- 41.1 One issue is the walk-in freezer. It is dying. They are moving to a new location in April but they cannot move the freezer and they need \$60,000 to replace it. There is a bill on the Governor's desk to fund the replacement but the Food Bank still needs urgent operational financial support as well.
- 41.2 Leslie moved to remove the whereas clauses and change the resolution to call on both the State of Washington and King County to do financial support. Tim seconded.
- 41.3 Discussion: We are allowed to register voters at the Food Bank in multiple languages there and Tim is training the intake workers to do the registrations.
- 41.4 After considerable further discussion, the resolution was amended and passed unanimously.  
ACTION: Tim will re-write the resolution based on the discussion and send it to the E-Board.
- 41.5 Also note: Rick Jump is the executive director of the food bank. Several people have asked him to join the District organization. There is also a person in the district named Feinstein who will match contributions to the food bank..
42. Ann Martin: Gurine Nordby approached Ann to coordinate getting poll workers for the election. There is training for this is on April 1st. The feeling of the E-Board was to allow Ann to do this. Since we are going to all-mail-in elections, this is probably the last time we'll have poll workers.
43. Good of the order
- 43.1 Drinking Liberally - Cherisse reported 25 people showed up at the first meeting last month. The came from places ranging from Seattle to Kent. Cherisse expects to double that number at next week's meeting. The leaders Liz Giba and Cherisse are not allowed to urge people to get involved in any particular cause, but anyone else who comes can do so. This is at Mick's Irish Pub in

Burien. Mick will have a banner made for Burien Drinking Liberally. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the future.

43.2 Community Spring Green Projects - Bruce reported that Delridge's event is June 17th and the West Seattle Junction clean-up is on May 20th (same date as White Center)

43.3 Leslie reported that the Pathfinder K-8 auction is this Saturday March 25th.

43.4 Cherisse reported Burien's clean sweep is sometime in April.

43.5 Cherisse is sponsoring a table for 8 (three tickets left) at the Hospitality house shelter for women at the Lake Burien Presbyterian Church. Sat April 29th at St. Vincent de Paul church hall in Federal Way. \$35

43.6 Toni: This Saturday is Jim McDermott's Potato Festival (see website for details).

43.7 Ivan: Pat Taylor is retiring – her retirement party is at 6pm on the same night as Drinking Liberally - Columbia City Theater.

44. Adjourned 8:54PM