

58. Chair Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM at Ann Martin's home.
59. Attending: Toni Lysen, Jackie Dupras, Ivan Weiss, Greg Doss, John Ehrman, Maggie Larrick, Bruce Stotler, Tim Nuse, Les Treall, Richard Bartlett, Ann Martin, Robin Hess, Tanya Aguilar, Cherisse Luxa, Steve Karbowski, Walter Sive
60. Chair's Report (Ivan):
- 60.1 Tickets to the Jim McDermott-Bill Clinton event on Saturday 3 June, 6-8pm Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, are available. Ivan has been assigned 15 tickets at \$50 each. They must be purchased via phone with credit card and an access code. Call or e-mail Ivan to get a code and purchase one. The 19 who attended the Outreach event on Saturday get first dibs on this. Then E-Board members, then, if any are left, we'll put an advertisement on the website. Must be sold by 23 May.
 - 60.2 Ivan received a lot of compliments from speakers and others about the transportation forum in May.
 - 60.3 Today the Senate passed, 83-16, a bill to build a triple decker fence for a length of the Mexican border. Murray and Cantwell voted no. Hillary Clinton voted yes.
61. First Vice-Chair Report - Tanya
- 61.1 Tanya talked to Wendell Hannigan, chair of the 15th LD, about the sister district program. His E-board is agreeable to it. She's trying to set up a meeting with them the Friday night of the State Convention, probably at 8:00 PM. Perhaps at Espinoza's restaurant – both Districts would do this instead of going to the banquet that night. The 15th should develop the agenda – but basically we'll be doing “meet and greet” and brainstorming what they need.
 - 61.2 ACTION: Tanya will set up this meeting and will e-mail us with the particulars.**
62. Treasurer's Report - Greg.
- 62.1 We have an \$11,000 balance. Greg and Walter are meeting next week to prepare a report format, with consistent categories for expenditures and will e-mail it out next week.
63. Outreach Report - Steve.
- 63.1 On Saturday 19 people came to the Outreach chore services event. They hauled off 1.5 tons of material. Les provided a flatbed truck. Steve, Greg, Cherisse all participated, as well as Brian and Sarah Earl, and Erik Poulsen. The location was on 37th SW near Charleston. Nearby neighbors helped and took note of the 34th Dems participation as well. Everyone worked for three hours. VCS and Adria are very thankful. (VCS = Volunteer Chore Services, of Catholic Community Services). Several new people joined the effort after reading the event on the website or in the newsletter. Our next VCS support event will probably be in July.
 - 63.2 Publicity: We should send photos to Tim St. Clair and the West Seattle Herald. ACTION: Steve will send photos to Toni, Bill and Jackie for website and newsletter. Bill will forward the photo and story to the West Seattle Herald. Toni will forward the photo and story to the Highline Times.
 - 63.3 Also this past month: Burien Clean Sweep - several 34th District members participated.
 - 63.4 This weekend: Clean Green White Center and City-sponsored at Solstice Park.

- 63.5 Other events: West Seattle Farmers' Market (Jackie and Beth Greiser handle this, plus, usually, Lois Garcia)
- 63.6 Burien 4th of July - all three of our state electeds (Poulsen, Cody, McDermott) are up for re-election, want to participate, but we need volunteers to march help with signs.
- 63.7 Outreach is planning a phone bank on Thursday, June 15th, 5:00 - 7:30 PM at Machinist Hall, South Park, to ask people to come to meetings and get involved. Target audience: 2004 and 2006 caucus attendees, long-time members who have fallen away, etc. Steve has set up this event.
- 63.8 ACTION: Steve and Ivan will write the scripts and will solicit input on the script via e-mail.**
- 63.9 Walter suggested calling the 2006 caucus attendees immediately.
- 63.10 ACTION: Walter will coordinate a phone bank to occur almost immediately to contact these folks.**

64. Membership - Jackie.

- 64.1 Jackie reported 386 members, up from 368 last month.

65. King County Report – Ivan, Ann, Robin.

- 65.1 Ivan attends all the KCDCC meetings. Ann and Robin have attended all the Platform meetings. Platform will be presented to the KCDCC next week.
- 65.2 Ann still needs an inspector for polling places on Vashon. Ivan suggested calling Roger Fulton.
- 65.3 Next meeting is Tuesday the 23rd. Ivan invited e-board members to attend. Renton Carpenters Hall.

66. State Report - Bruce.

- 66.1 Bruce reported that the main work at the State HQ right now is mailing out all the material for the state convention by Friday of this week.
- 66.2 The State platform committee is far behind in its work. Very few County platforms have been considered for inclusion - the King County platform was not even distributed for consideration. There will probably be new leadership for the platform committee next year.

67. Energy forum planning - Tim.

- 67.1 Tim passed out an outline of the plan. Date: July 15th, 12:00 to 2:00, program 11:00 to 2:00. Madison Middle School. Electeds: looks good for Jay Inslee to attend, but not confirmed. Eric Poulsen will moderate the panels. Name of the event: Clean Energy Future, A Discussion and Fair on Our Energy Situation and Options. First panel: "Our current situation." Presented by Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Sightline, Climate Solutions. Second panel: "Our energy future" Presented by: Apollo Project, Seattle Office of Environment and Sustainability, Seattle Biodiesel, Gear Works, Solar Washington.
- 67.2 There will be booths around area for people to visit before, after and during the program.
- 67.3 Tim has an extensive plan for publicity.
- 67.4 Discussion: Perhaps we should better define "Our" in the title, as the Puget Sound region or the world.
- 67.5 Budget: How much will Madison cost? Walter says this will be about \$350. Total cost is likely to be \$950. This will need action at the June meeting. Should we ask those who attend for a suggested donation? We agreed we'll ask for donations at the door and, at the very least, people will probably spend money for lunch - \$1 each for pop, cookies, chips, and anything else.

- 67.6 **ACTION: Ann moved we ask the membership to authorize an expenditure of \$1200 to support the fair.** When we present this to the membership in June, we will tell them that we will ask for donations and will ask people to pay for food, so these costs will be at least partially offset. We agreed to ask the membership for \$1200.
- 67.7 Food: Tim is seeking out solar cookers to cook hot dogs and other material. Toni suggested we should have food available during the whole event.
- 67.8 **ACTION: Toni will help with the food planning. Heather Woodruff has experience with this as well.**
- 67.9 Flyer: Dina Johnson is working with Tim on the flyer design. How else can we get the word out?
- 67.10 **ACTION: Bill, with Tim's information, will put together a webpage describing the event with logos and links. Include links from Washington Dems and KC and other locations.**
- 67.11 **ACTION: Tim will update the event planning document and will send it to the E-Board.** Next meeting of the event planning committee is Monday May 29th (yeah, it is Memorial Day, but tough agates).

68. Garden Party - Maggie Larrick.

- 68.1 Last year we raised \$6000 on the third Friday in September. Maggie proposed at date of August 11th - before people leave for pre-school vacations and after Seafair. We've probably outgrown the West Seattle nursery. Maggie is looking into the Alki Beach bathhouse, but parking will be impossible there on a summer evening. We talked about a number of alternative venues, e.g. Chinese Garden at SCCC. Maggie has a 20 page outline for the planning. She needs to have a committee and a meeting soon - she prefers a kickoff meeting and then do most of the work via e-mail: Jackie, Susan Jenkins, Les, Sarah, Les, Bruce, Ann Owcher are probable members. We need to start getting auction items, although Ivan stated our items last year were equal or better than most items found at other actions. The challenge, however, is getting people to the auction - we probably had 100 to 125 last year. We talked about emcees. Bob Watt is a good choice and he committed to do it when Bruce asked at the White Center CDA auction last year. We probably will increase the admission price to \$24 or so.
- 68.2 **ACTION: Walter will contact Bob Watt and ask him to emcee.**
- 68.3 **ACTION: We need to start trolling for donations immediately. This is an "all hands" effort.**
- 68.4 **ACTION: We should inform Mark Smith if we don't use the West Seattle Nursery. Ivan agreed to do this.**

69. T-Shirts

- 69.1 New design and dollars to print were approved at the last meeting. It will be nip and tuck as to whether we'll get them by State Convention. Buttons with the logo - Susie Sheary can produce buttons for 50 cents.
- 69.2 **ACTION: Richard moved we spend \$50 for 100 buttons and Ann seconded and it passed unanimously. Ivan will arrange for button production.**

70. Mailing List

- 70.1 Many people check the boxes on the bottom of the membership form that say "don't give out my name, phone number, e-mail". Jackie moved to remove all reference to mailing lists from the By-Laws. Robin seconded.
- 70.2 Discussion: We would then handle issues with mailing lists and disclosure of information through standing rules. The addresses of all members (who are registered voters) are public information and are on the voter file anyway. What are standing rules? We don't have them, but the E-Board decisions and actions really constitute rules.
- 70.3 Vote: Motion fails 7 to 5.

70.4 The E-Board agreed that we should convene the by-laws committee to consider revising the by-laws

70.5 ACTION: Richard Bartlett will solicit members for the by-laws committee via e-mail and convene the group. Bill, Jackie, Toni, Bruce volunteered to serve.

71. Endorsement Rules

71.1 We didn't have rules last year for endorsements - we just used the by-laws and then violated those by-laws, e.g. by not having all candidates fill out questionnaires. Was not a pretty meeting. Bill moved and Greg seconded that we ask Walter to convene a group to write endorsement rules to be published in the June newsletter.

71.2 ACTION: Walter will convene the group.

72. June Program:

72.1 Darcy Burner is the top bill for the meeting. We really have a chance to have an effect on national politics, i.e. taking back Congress by working hard to take this one seat. Darcy's campaign people will be working the June meeting. We also will make calls into the 2nd and 31st LD to assist them in identifying voters and getting the vote out for Darcy. We can recruit volunteers to help with both the Burner campaign and other winnable legislative races in nearby districts at the June meeting.

72.2 We still need other agenda items for the June meeting.

73. July meeting:

73.1 Should we have a July business meeting in addition to the picnic, like we did last year?

73.2 ACTION: Ivan will ask the members about this at the June meeting.

74. Good of the order.

74.1 Bruce - West Seattle Helpline event is coming up. Joe McDermott has been President of the Helpline. Bruce will get the info about this event to Bill for the website.

74.2 Tim - Amy Maxwell, formerly of Burien, now of Auburn, is organizing a virtual event next Monday on Internet blog sites. The blog-event is focused on sustainable agriculture and energy. Washblog is one such venue. Log on to Washblog Monday if you have time.

74.3 John - Four of five "A" listed Democrats on the eastside, still do not know who Darcy Brunner is. Really need to give her help.

74.4 Toni - KC LAC meets Ballard Library 2-4:30 PM on Sunday.

74.5 Toni - Item of note: Seattle Public Schools announced today that Fairmount Park, High Point, Genesee Hill schools will be closed. Pathfinder school will move to the High Point school

74.6 Toni - Tue the 23rd is the next North Highline annexation information meeting. Details are on the website.

74.7 Les - Senator Russ Feingold in town on Saturday the 20th. Need volunteers to help with that. Contact John Ehrman. Location: Whittier Elementary School in Ballard. Details are on the website.

75. Adjourned at 9:25 PM.