



Minutes of Caucus Planning Meeting
34th District Democrats
October 30, 2007
Puget Ridge Housing

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members present:

Beth Grieser, Bruce Stotler, Jackie Dupras, Les Treall, Jeff Upthegrove, Steve Dagadakis, Tim Nuse.

Call to order – Locations (Tim Nuse)

Need to have locations finalized by November 2nd to receive insurance from county. Currently have 16 locations and need two more. Tim will contact Cascade Middle School. Jeff will contact High Point Community Center. Need to shift some precincts from Alki and Lafayette to Madison. Specific precincts will be assigned to locations within the next couple weeks.

Outreach (Les Treall)

First outreach meeting is on November 7th. Will brainstorm outreach ideas and identify and assign tasks. Also talked about a questionnaire for caucus participants so we are better and plugging them in. 34th district has highest percentage of filled precincts in county and maybe in state. Many new PCO's and so Jackie will send an email about caucus expectations after the November election is over. Three trainings will be offered for PCO's in January so they are well-prepared to lead their precinct caucus. One training will be during or before our monthly meeting. One training will be on the weekend and one will be on a week night so it is accessible to everyone.

Affirmative Action Committee (Tim)

Tanya to chair starting the end of November/beginning of December. They will canvas White Center precincts without PCO's in January.

Greeters (Beth)

Want to utilize middle and high school students to be greeters and to help people find the correct room for their precinct. Tim will address the Saturday Women's group on November 10th and recruit more volunteers. Should be thinking about other groups to collaborate with, such as Grassroots Democrats and Sustainable West Seattle.

District Caucus (Tim)

Cannot lose sight of district caucus. Tim will convene group to troubleshoot after 04 experience. The purpose of the district caucus is to elect delegates. State has a 62 page document on how this is done. Bruce will bring this to the Nov 7 outreach meeting. We will not be doing platform/resolutions so a process to speed up count will be all the more important. One problem in the past is how to deal with people changing their votes. So far, the people that have expressed interest in troubleshooting are Jackie, Bruce, Bill, Walter, Brian, Sarah, and Ivan. Goal is to begin this discussion before the holidays to allow time to fully vet ideas and ensure we are on right track.

ACC's (Tim)

ACC's will be required to attend a training, perform a site visit, convene at one location the morning of caucuses and reconvene after caucuses. The only exception to this is Vashon since ferries would make it more difficult to travel back and forth on the day of caucuses.

Other notes:

Tim will be out of town (in Senegal) from December 14 until January 5.
Sarah Earl believes food and refreshments is not necessary and possibly a waste of resources.
Tim said, "Sarah doesn't know what she is talking about."

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Beth Grieser