

34th District Democrats
Executive Board Minutes
Meeting of 20 June 2007
By Bill Schrier

Chair Ivan Weiss convened the meeting at 7:15 PM at Toni Lysen's house.

Attending: Aguilar, Doss, Dupras, Earl (Brian), Harris, Hess, Luxa, Lysen, Schrier, Sive, Stotler, Weiss.

Chair's Report.

- Juan and Judy Aguilar have volunteered to run the picnic on July 9th.
- The Chair opposes instant runoff voting. Instant runoff may be implemented in Pierce County in which case it could endanger our chances of keeping the County Exec at the next election.

First vice-chair's report. Tanya reported on the 12 mile garage sale in the 15th District last weekend. They raised over \$1000. Dwight Pelz was there.

Treasurer's report. Greg Doss reported the current balance is \$8850, little change from last month.

PCO report. Ivan stated we gained one and lost two. Lost Laverne Lamoroux moved out of the district and Sharon Price moved out of her precinct. Will gain Jim Jones in the Belvedere area at the July meeting. About 113 PCO's at the present time. Have since lost Chuck Finney in SEA 34-1460 (health reasons).

Budget. Walter Sive stated the need to get the ad hoc budget committee together to make a preliminary budget for outreach including printing of door hangers.

Membership. Jackie Dupras reported 420 paid members, still ahead of where we were last year. If each PCO recruited one more member we'd get over 500.

State Committee. State Committee Meeting is next weekend. Susie Sheary, chair of the LD chairs, is having "how to run a caucus" training at the Red Lion, same location as the State meeting, Friday evening 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This is not a state party event but a chair's organization event.

"Ride the Wave" national event – Bruce sent this out in a flyer via e-mail. It occurs July 28th. We will have classic blue litter bags printed and will be encouraging local groups to clean up their neighborhoods and take photos of the results – "cleaning up" is the theme. Unfortunately, the King County Democrats Picnic is the same day. But if we can clean up after the picnic it "counts".

The DNC purchased a national voter database system. The State party intends to use this software/system to start hosting the state voterfile. But the State Party's tech guy has pneumonia and has not set up the interface yet.

Comment: It used to be that non-partisan (NP) candidates like City Councilmembers when endorsed by the local Democratic Party Organization get access to the state voterfile. Now they get charged a penny a voter in the district. Partisan races still don't have to pay, however.

News: 32nd District has endorsed Thom McCann for port commission who is not a Democrat.

King County report. Endorsements meeting is Tuesday night for races which have a primary. Ivan: "It will rock." From each LD only the chair the county committeeman and committeewoman can vote. Candidate questionnaire's are on the KC Website. The two KC prosecutor candidates should have a lively debate.

Bylaws report. At the June meeting we passed by acclamation the amendment to allow members in good standing last year to renew their membership and vote on issues like endorsements at the same meeting (rather than having to wait 30 days) The By-Laws committee has a number of other proposed changes. Richard will be presenting the by-law changes at the July meeting, with the proposal to act upon them in September.

Other possibilities for agenda items for the September meeting: General Election endorsements, perhaps Rosalinda Guillen, chair of the Washington State Party Latino caucus from Whatcom County to speak.

Garden party:

- Ivan, Bruce, Sharon, Jackie had meeting regarding garden party last Friday. Garden party is still "on". We are trying to work out the food situation.
- Bruce is meeting with the proprietor of the New Orleans restaurant to try and work out a deal for the catering. We'd have to handle the plates, silverware etc.
- Bob Watt is still on to do the auction and Ivan would write the script.
- Still need to solicit items and fill out the donation form plus have the solicitor of the item deliver the item to the party. Alternative: deliver the items to Jackie or Maggie's house and then we'll have crews deliver them all.
- Sharon Henderson and Susan Harmon have volunteered to help with set up.
- No music is planned. Last year music was too loud and was distracting. Last year we had Brian Butler Blue's band. Another possibility: the Bush-trashing music of Jim Hind at the Market. He'd probably be willing to do it if he could sell his CD's. We decided that would be a great idea. Jackie and Bruce will talk to him. Jim as unavailable.
- Our Achilles heel is getting people to the party. People who bid. This is everyone's job. A great idea: have tickets at the picnic. Also need to sit down and develop lists of people who should be invited to attend. Start with a list of electeds, candidates and people who live in the District and have jobs as a result of electing democrats. Lawyers, labor leaders, lobbyists. Ivan will get this started. Send names to Bill who will compile a list.
- How much to charge - \$34 single, \$50 couple? Ok if we have entertainment and food from the New Orleans, etc.
- Also talked about people to staff the party. Tim has volunteered to honcho the getting of people there, with help from Bruce, Jackie and Ivan.
- How many people to order food for? Disagreement about how many we had last year - 75 to 125 and volunteers eat too. Bruce will get food costs for 125 to 150.
- Who will print tickets? Will decide this after we know about the music and caterer.

July Picnic.

Judy Aguilar and Beth Grieser will handle this? Michael Harris' corncooker will be available. Tony Genzale (SW District Commissioner) will be approached to provide corn.

Caucus Planning (February 2008).

- Site planning. Vashon is nailed down for a site.

- Walter will dig out documents, forms and procedures. District caucus location – West Seattle high school? Too little space to queue. S. Seattle community college? Food is expensive.
- Suggestion: pick five people now to work on caucuses and make sure they work well because this is when the public will see us. Who can honcho this? Ask PCOs to do it because they want to participate more. Brian will make the pitch in July. Both people who can organize the precincts and the LD caucus. Follow up with an e-mail to all members asking for help.

Burien 4th of July parade. We don't have a ticket to march but we can march with the 33rd and the 11th. Tanya has the Dina banner and will bring it or get it to the parade. Ivan will bring the regular banner.

Burien Strawberry Festival street fair on Saturday at 10. Ivan will be there.

Jubilee Days. We do want to participate in the booth? Tanya will fill out the application and get it arranged.

News item: Great writeup in the West Seattle Herald for the candidate's forum.

Sample ballot for the primary. Idea: two ballots – one for N. Highline/Burien and another for Seattle. Put 'em on the website so PCOs can download and print or have Bruce print them. If we can get them printed, it would be better – higher quality. How about ballot measures? In the general there will be one on insurance abuse. Will we do newspaper advertisements? Jackie will call the four newspapers (Beachcomber, Highline Times, West Seattle Herald, etc) to reserve space for sample ballots.

News: Jovanovich dereliction of duty resulted in the former director of the SW sewer district getting a \$500k judgment.

Good of the order.

- Bruce will be hitting us up for donations to the auction.
- Schrier will send out an e-news with a link to KCDems site with the questionnaires.
- Website Updates: Make sure all candidates know they have to fill out a questionnaire to get an endorsement from us. Change to the by-laws. No district meeting in August.

Adjourned at some point when Ivan missed the ferry and had to take a boat after 11PM.