

34th District Democrats Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2007

Chairman Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
The flag was not saluted due to an absence of a flag in the hall.

The proposed agenda and Treasurer's Report were moved, seconded, and approved.

Robin Hess corrected the minutes to state that his amended resolution was approved not the original version which appeared in the newsletter. The corrected minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Ivan described his activity in labor causes and his participation as a "Labor Neighbor" in various contests which labor supports.

Waiting continues for legislative action on Maury Island Bill HB6011. If the bill fails, it will be back next session.

First Vice Chair's Report

Tanya Aguilar reported that there will be a festival in White Salmon on June 2nd. She asked for volunteers to help with the 15th District Democrats' booth.

King County Democratic Chair Susan Sheary thanked the 34th District for our financial support and for our challenge to other districts to match our donation.

Barbara Schaad-Lamphere introduced Peter Maier, candidate for Seattle School Board.

Election inspectors and judges are needed. Call Ann Martin, 206 735 4693, if you are interested.

Les Treall announced a PCO Support Group meeting on April 29th at 2:00PM. Location is Puget Ridge Coop, 7020 18th Ave. SW. All PCOs are encouraged to attend.

Dwight Pelz, chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, presented his Chair's Challenge outlining planned preparations and goals for the 2008 election. Key is the caucuses which have the power to build our party and produce activists. An improved and streamlined agenda will be provided to PCOs for conducting the February caucuses. Goals for the 34th Districts include 100% voter registration, 20 more voters in each precinct, and 5,000 more votes for Governor Gregoire.

Approval of 2007 Budget

Treasurer Greg Doss introduced the 34th District 2007 Budget explaining that its development was guided by this being a very expensive year. Finance Committee Chair Walter Sive summarized and explained some key points. Al Rouyer moved that the budget be approved. It was seconded and passed by a hand vote.

Dina Johnson produced a mock-up of a proposed door-hanger designed to introduce 34th District democrats to their Precinct Committee Officer. A committee will be formed to pursue the idea.

David Della, Seattle City Councilman, thanked the District for last election's endorsement and announced his current campaign theme, "Making Seattle livable and affordable." He asked for another endorsement.

Tim Burgess, challenger for David Della's seat, announced his campaign theme, "Every neighborhood matters." He asked for District support.

Steve Williamson and Elena Perez, UFCW Local 21, represented grocery workers and described their "Share the Success" campaign used in current bargaining. More information is available at www.UFCW21.org.

Five Precinct Committee Officers were appointed, Kari Lyn Frank – SEA34-1466, Lisa Plymate – SEA34-1521, Michael Stephan – SEA34-1496, Robert Privett – acting in SEA34-1508, and Jack and Dawn Wetherby –acting in BUR34-0524.

Old Business

Robin Hess moved that we adopt the reworded version of his Resolution On A First Stelp In A New, Positive Direction for U.S. Foreign Policy. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

New Business

Richard Bartlett announced "Step It Up – Stop Global Warming Now! – A Day of National Action" on April 14th. Details at www.stepitupseattle.org.

Allan Munro urged all to write, call, or e-mail their congressional delegation regarding the war in Iraq. The suggested message is, "Keep the pressure on."

Dan Fievez requested support for First Center For The Performing Arts, a project to create a space for local artists that is available and affordable to all. For more information contact Dan at 206 382 6087.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Henderson