

## **34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2007**

Chairman Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The flag salute was led by Ron Forrest.

The agenda, minutes of the last meeting, and the Treasurer's Report were moved, seconded, and approved.

### Chairman's Report

Adoption of the 2007 budget will be rescheduled to the April meeting after further study by the Board.

Cheryl Banks (PCO34-1497) and Les Treall (PCO 34-1498) have scheduled a second meeting for PCOs on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. The location is the Puget Ridge Co-housing Commons Room at 7020 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.

Representative Jim McDermott's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Our Roots Potato Festival will be at Town Hall on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 5:30PM.

Ivan gave a brief synopsis of the WSDCC's training sessions in Ellensburg. The focus was on strategies for the 2008 election including plans and preparations to improve the caucus process. One stated goal for the 34<sup>th</sup> District is 5,000 more votes for Governor Gregoire. More to come on this.

### First Vice Chair's Report

Tanya Aguilar reported that 15<sup>th</sup> District chair, Tomas Villanueva, is planning a PCO training in Goldendale. To improve organization, the district is dividing focus into the four counties that comprise it. The chair of Klickitat County has stated a need for support. If you are interested contact Tanya.

Darcy Burner was welcomed back and thanked the 34<sup>th</sup> District for our help in her campaign. Her message to PCOs is (1) talk to your neighbors, (2) recruit candidates for every office, and (3) be the conscience of the party – speak out on issues. She announced that she has filed papers to repeat her run against Dave Reichert in 2008.

Charlie Cunniff, director of the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle, spoke of bringing government, business, neighbors, and conservationists together in efforts to maintain healthy communities. There will be Earth Day work parties on April 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information see the website, [peopleforpugetsound.org](http://peopleforpugetsound.org).

Alec Fisker, Port of Seattle Commissioner, spoke of current Port issues and efforts. He is running for re-election and seeking support.

Burien city councilman Jack Block, Jr. is also running for a Port Commissioner seat. He described his platform as emphasizing "accountability, vision, leadership". He requested support for his candidacy.

The following three resolutions were moved, seconded, and passed by a voice vote. The complete text is printed in the current newsletter.

Better Use Of Money Than Fighting An Unnecessary War, submitted by Robin Hess.

Opposition To The Public Financing Of Proposed Sports Stadiums, submitted by Ann Martin.

Endorsement of the Washington State Health Security Trust Bills (SB 5756 and HB 1996 which are now before the Legislature), submitted by David McLanahan.

Two Precinct Committee Officers were appointed: Marco Milanese – 34-1516 and LaVerne Lamoureux – 34-1540.

There was no Old Business.

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Barbara Schaad-Lamphere reminded everyone that there are four Seattle School Board positions open.

Lisa Stuebing, immediate past chair of the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, announced her candidacy for Seattle School Board.

Bruce Harrell announced his candidacy for the Seattle City Council seat vacated by Councilman Steinbrueck.

Catherine Tlapak announced an event, “Health Justice In Action – Physicians For A National Health Program”, on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The location is Kane Hall on the UW campus and Representative Jim McDermott will speak.

Bill Schrier declared 677 days are left in the Bush administration.

Beth Grieser urged contributions to The White Center Food Bank. From now through April the Feinstein Challenge will be matching funds.

Tim Nuse spoke about the \$550,000 which Starbuck’s has contributed to a park renewal in White Center. Volunteers will be needed. More information is forthcoming.

Marcee Stone from Washington Public Campaigns invited all to a fundraiser on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. The showing of the film, “Who Killed The Electric Car?” and a raffle will be at the Bay Majestic Theater in Ballard.

Kathryn Sprigg reminded members of an anti-war rally on the anniversary of the war on Sunday at noon at Westlake Mall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Henderson