



# General Membership Meeting Minutes September 10, 2008 Hall at Fauntleroy

- 7:00 PM Call to order, flag salute led by Sen. Joe McDermott.
- 7:03 PM Adoption of agenda, minutes of July meeting, treasurer's report. Motions were made and seconded to adopt each. There was an amendment to the agenda to allow Council Member Rasmussen to speak about the Parks Levy. Amendment was passed. All other motions were adopted.
- 7:05 PM Chairman's report  
Ivan spoke about the fundraiser for Attorney General Candidate John Ladenburg. It will be held at Mike Wald and Lynne Ingalls' home Saturday 9/13/08 from 12 noon to 2 PM. White Center Food Bank Dinner will be Oct 18, from 5-7 PM at SSCC. Cherisse Luxa is collecting money for tickets  
Vashon House Party for Washington Public Campaigns, will be Sun 9/14, 3-5 PM. See Marcee Stone for details  
E-mail Doug Sutherland about the Maury Island Glacier Project, asking him to not approve. You can find more info at the People for Puget Sound Web site
- 7:15 PM First Vice Chair's report, Tim Nuse:  
Chris Porter one of the National Delegates will not be able to report on the trip as he is out of town for a Family emergency. There was a voter registration drive on Alki Beach, Les will report on it later this evening. The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) has come up with a final draft of its proposed Executive Board rules. It will be presented to the E-board at our next meeting. We will be voting to approve or reject the proposal at that meeting.
- 7:20 PM Report from Democratic National Convention  
  
Laura Hicks was Dwight Pelz' page reports there was tons to do and the message she wanted us to walk away with was "if we don't work hard we're not going to win this election."  
Jim Jones was not a delegate. But he was responsible for fixing many of the problems that arose during the convention. Stated at the beginning of the convention, things between the Clinton and Obama delegates were very tense, but by the end it seemed all were getting along and on board with the message to get Sen. Obama elected.  
Kimber McCreery was a Delegate. Said the INVESCO Field event was amazing. She was able to invite one person and chose the barista who worked the event. She found out that she would not be able to attend because she was a single mom and didn't have a sitter for her children. Kimber, not wanting this opportunity to pass this woman by, was able to get additional ticket so mom and children could attend. She also said this convention was one of the most amazing events she has ever attended.
- 7:35 PM On the ground organizing and GOTV report (Kimber, David)

Kimber and David reporting for GOTV: We need both Sen. Obama and the Governor to win, as well as all the other Dems running. We need people to sign up to be Neighborhood Leaders. They can be PCOs or people in the precincts. We are also looking for Regional Leaders to help organize. The goal as always is to get all eligible voters registered. Last day to do this is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Last day to register in person at the King County Elections office is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to do some volunteering please come to the office on 1310 Mercer, or to the respective staging areas for lit drop and pickup. We will be doing a Neighborhood Leaders Training session. It's quick, we just want to make sure all are sent out with the same info and message to pass on to the voters.

Howard Dean will be attending an event at the Renton Carpenters Hall Saturday 12 September; it starts at 11:00. From there people will be sent out with canvassing lists. Please attend.

We need people to start walking every weekend. Contact Kimber for walk lists. Please give a few days notice so she has time to prepare the list.

We also need people to phone bank at the Coffman Law Office, at 6041 California Ave SW. Sunday-Friday.

**Lisa McShane**, state field organizer from the Gregoire Campaign, reported that we have yard signs and need volunteers. She passed around signup sheets for those interested. Also if you need more signs please let her know and she can bring more.

**Jeff Parsons** spoke about Initiative 1029. It will require workers who care for the elderly and disabled to have 75 hours of training, be state certified, and have mandatory background checks. It will cost \$23 million per biennium.

**Seattle City Councilman Tom Rasmussen** spoke about the new Parks Levy. He's the Parks Committee Chair. It's a 6 year levy; the cost of the new project will be \$145 million. This will be an increase in taxes of \$81 for the average homeowner. Areas included in the project are Morgan Junction, Camp Long, and Delridge Park. Tom asked that we support this levy. Without it our parks can not be maintained or improved.

8:00 PM Discussion of campaign contributions to candidates, ballot measures from 34<sup>th</sup> LD

**Sen. Joe McDermott** made a motion to have the 34<sup>th</sup> District send out direct mail pieces with a sample ballot. His recommendation was to spend \$11,362.95 for 25,251 mailers; which would reach 30,788 voters. His motion was moved and seconded. An amendment was made to have a larger amount spent; \$12,975.75 for 28,835 mailers reaching 47,097 voters. Speakers for the amendment said it only made sense to spend \$700 more dollars to reach 17,000 more voters. The amendment and the motion passed

**Treasurer Greg Doss** recommended that to leave at least \$7,000 in the bank would be wise only because this will allow the organization to function if membership drops off or our Annual Auction is a bust. He suggested that leaving \$10,000 would be a safer figure. He reported that we have \$30,900.00 in the bank at this time. Considering the above figures we now have we have roughly \$20,000 more we can contribute to candidates. That is if we want to leave anything in the bank.

Greg also spoke about \$3,000.00 set aside for advertisements. A motion was made seconded and passed by acclamation to use those funds in for advertising in the local media venues. Jackie Dupras has the list.

**Jeff Upthegrove** made a motion to contribute \$1000.00 to the Jason Osgood for Secretary of State Campaign. It was seconded. The motion passed with only 3 voting against.

**Motion** made to give \$500.00 to the Yes for Parks Levy Campaign. It was seconded and passed by acclamation.

**Motion** made to give \$1000.00 to the yes on Init 1000 Campaign. Amendment made to reduce the amount to \$500.00. 41 voted for the reduction, while 11 voted against. The amendment passed, as well as the motion.

**Motion** made to donate \$1000.00 to the John Ladenburg for Attorney General Campaign. It was seconded and passed by acclamation.

**Motion** made to not spend any more money at this meeting until we have an accurate account of monies left in the account, it was seconded and passed with a voice vote [Julie@sueforjudge.com](mailto:Julie@sueforjudge.com).

8:30 PM

**Appointment of PCOs** none at this meeting

**Old Business:** Steve Karbowski reported that the final LDC draft was complete. He wanted to thank everyone for their input and thank the committee members for their hard work. He said he looked forward to reporting back the member the out come of the E-board's decision.

**New Business:**

Motion made to endorse Suzanne Parisien for Superior Court Judge Position 1

Motion also made to endorse Tim Bradshaw for Superior Court Judge Position 1

Both Candidates were there and were given two minutes to speak the body. Those against each motion were also given two minutes to speak against the motions.

The motion to endorse Suzanne Parisien passed 37 yes and 7 no.

The motion to endorse Tim Bradshaw passed 30 yes and 6 no

Motion made to endorse Congressman Adam Smith, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Motion made to endorse Sen. Obama for President passed by acclamation.

Motion made to endorse the Yes for the Parks Levy was seconded and also passed with a voice vote.

Motion from Conrad Knudtson the that 34<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats urge the King County Council to reject wrapped advertising which overlaps windows on metro buses.

Conrad speaking for the motion stated that from the inside it makes it difficult for the elderly to see out, and on dark rainy days it makes the inside of the busses very dark. Also stated it's hard to identify the buses because they are not that same color with the advertisements on them.

Dow Constantine speaking against the motion said it would reduce the Counties revenue by \$600.000 and there is already legislation pending to limit the window covered advertised busses to 25 through out the county.

A motion was made to table this discussion, was seconded and passed with a yes for of 32 and 8 voting against.

**Good of the Order:**

Barbara Mack wanted to thanks us for our support and announce that she made it to the November ballot.

Dave Coffman wanted to encourage us to come to his office and phone bank.

Mickie Meahan made a motion to endorse Init 1029. It was seconded and passed with only one member voting against the motion.

9:25 PM

**Adjourn**