

1. Attending: Greg Doss, Jackie Dupras, Laura Feinstein, Steve Karbowski, Kimber McCreery, Tim Nuse, Dorsol Plants, Bill Schrier, Walter Sive, Marcee Stone, Bruce Stotler, Jeff Upthegrove, Les Treall, Ivan Weiss. Guest: Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata.
2. Treasurer's report. Greg Doss.
 - 2.1. Balance in the account is about \$33,000.
 - 2.2. Walter Sive presented a historical view, 2008 budget, variance year-to-date and projection to the end of the year, which shows a net cash position, projected, of \$8,000 at the end of the year, presuming we spend about \$15,000 in this year's campaign cycle. This projection specifically includes KCDCC and Washington Public Campaigns contributions we've already authorized this year. However, the Back Office ("Complete Campaigns") software costs and ongoing costs need to be factored into these numbers. Artemis OakGrove is also requesting reimbursement for some expenses due to the Neighborhood Challenge and voter registration – this is an allowable expense.
 - 2.3. Action item: Greg Doss will call Greg Parry of the State party to discuss allowable expenses.
3. Campaign cycle discussion.
 - 3.1. The State Democratic Party, from a Federal Government point of view, is a single entity – State, Legislative District and all other party organizations. Since the State Party has already contributed the maximum allowable under federal law to the federal candidates, we can't contribute anything. Contribution limits for the state races are on www.pdc.wa.gov. Walter Sive is willing to convene a virtual subcommittee to consider and recommend contributions during this campaign cycle. White Center Community Development Association and White Center Food Bank fundraisers are coming up and we should support them financially.
 - 3.2. Action item: Walter will convene this committee and report back to the board on recommended spending, hopefully by August meeting.
4. Membership. Jackie Dupras. Last membership count was 1084.
5. Buttons. Jackie. The District has paid a total of \$995 for the button machine, materials, union dues, and so forth. Buttons are \$100 for 2000. Revenue has been \$736.89 at the street fair and \$230 at the Farmer's Market in addition to other sales – a total of \$1483.89. Greg thinks most of the income is covered as a low cost fundraiser, although he is not so sure about income for buttons we sell to other organizations.
6. T-Shirts. Jackie. We've never made a lot of money on this – it was conducted more for outreach and membership development. Walter feels there should be better financial controls around these sales.
7. Coordinated campaign. Now called the "Campaign for Change". Kimber McCreery.

- 7.1. Main thrust is not so much election of Barack Obama but rather supporting the down-ticket races. West Seattle Summerfest they registered 248 voters either new or address change. This is better than the numbers the Campaign for Change was able to generate during the 4th of July. Also got 46 registrations at the Vashon Strawberry Fest.
 - 7.2. GOTV efforts go into high gear 26 July. Phone banks every Monday thru Thursday now and will go to Fridays after 26 July. Have four phone lines now and hope to go to 18 soon.
 - 7.3. Action: Dave Coffman may need to ask for more dollars (\$200) to expand the phone lines – Kimber will talk to him about this.
 - 7.4. We also need to turn out primary voters for Gov. Gregoire so Rossi cannot claim a “close race” which would especially hurt us down-ticket.
8. July 24th Picnic. Dorsol Plants. Site is reserved. At 9am on the day of the picnic he’ll post signs to hold the site. Dorsol needs grilling volunteers – Richard Bartlett, Ivan and Tim volunteered. Mike Harris will run the corn cookers.
 9. Hospitality. Dorsol is planning to bring more non-alcoholic beverages / sodas per members’ requests.
 10. Outreach Committee. Les Treall. Burien Strawberry festival and parade went fine. West Seattle Summerfest went fine. White Center Jubilee Days is this coming weekend. Alki Art Fair is the weekend of 26-27th, voter registration only.
 11. Back Office Status update. Jeff Upthegrove. Stu Yarfitz has uploaded all the membership data into Back Office. Will go over downloading membership data Friday night for use in the newsletter. The next phase is loading the treasury data. Greg would prefer to load Garden Party data using the older manual method and convert data this fall.
 12. Garden Party. Tyler Smith chairing but was not present tonight. Bruce Stotler solicited material for the auction.

Old business

13. None.

New Business

14. Tim moved and Dorsol seconded that we spend about \$200 (more or less) for expanding phone lines on the phone bank. Passed unanimously.
15. Leadership Development Committee. We’ve set a forum for the West Seattle Golf Course on July 30th.
 - 15.1. Greg Doss moved we, the District fund the venue for \$150. Marcee Stone seconded it. Passed unanimously.
 - 15.2. Action item: Bill to send an E-news on this.

- 15.3. Comments about the proposed Rules should be directed to Steve Karbowski via e-mail and Bill will post them.
 - 15.4. We discussed the Rules a bit, e.g. why aren't there Neighborhood Organizing Committees proposed such as in the 36th District. These are good comments which should be fed to Steve and for the July 30th meeting.
16. Councilmember Nick Licata. Licata presented his opinion on the Mayor/Council's proposed "fix for the so-called "Mercer Mess" transportation issue in South Lake Union.
- 16.1. Nick laid out a schematic of the Mayor's proposal on rerouting traffic in the South Lake Union neighborhood. Includes "bulbs" on curb lanes to make the crossing distance for pedestrians shorter. Wider sidewalks. Trees. Bike lanes on Valley. Projected cost \$200 million. Licata also showed a prior (Schell) administration plan to reroute traffic in the area which would cost about \$100 million. Schell's plan did not include bike lanes. Pedestrian access is similar.
 - 16.2. Licata presented statistics to show that, as a "transportation improvement", the Mayor's plan fails because commute times will be longer than they are now, especially in the PM peak load commute time. In terms of pedestrian access to S. Lake Union Park, the plans are roughly the same in terms of number of traffic lanes pedestrians must cross.
 - 16.3. In terms of funding, there is a large hole – the Council approved \$43 million in bonds but may need another \$30 million to close the gap. Federal transportation funds are not available. Note: Spokane Street improvements also have a financing/funding gaps. Both the Queen Anne and Magnolia Community Councils are opposing the Mayor's plans.
 - 16.4. Nick is asking the District to oppose funding the \$43 million in bonds in the City's budget process this fall.
 - 16.5. Note: The Mayor and Seattle DOT's proposed plan has passed the Council 8 to 1, so there definitely is another side to this story which we have not heard.
17. August meeting agenda topics:
- 17.1. Discuss campaign cycle financing recommendations for state and local candidates. Contributions to other organizations, e.g. White Center CDA, White Center Food Bank, KCDCC etc..
 - 17.2. Richard Conlin asked for time to speak – and will likely have to field questions regarding annexation, jail etc.
 - 17.3. Endorsements – potential for the SPI race and other motions from the floor.
 - 17.4. Action item: Pass out the offices up for election and our endorsements document at the meeting.
 - 17.5. Candidates may speak if they call Ivan in advance.
 - 17.6. Gail Bergeron, our member, has been in touch regarding Terry Bergeson's candidacy but Terry has been unable to attend.
 - 17.7. Potential presentation by the Campaign for Change on GOTV.
18. We discussed this year's method for endorsements. Many of the races we've endorsed have been cut-and-dried. But in those cases where there are multiple candidates many of the E-Board members feel this year's process has not worked – we are endorsing some candidates without knowing who else is in the race or what their ratings are. We agreed that this

discussion is moot for this year with only one more general membership meeting before the primary. This is an issue a future Executive Board needs to consider.

19. Good of the Order

- 19.1. Peter Goldmark fundraiser here at Puget Ridge Co-Housing, Friday, July 25th. There's another one for Peter just prior to the KCDCC Picnic in August. Details on the website.
- 19.2. Bad week for Doug Sutherland – DNR lack of oversight basically handed over tidelands to Taylor Shellfish, the Times had a set of articles this week about landslides on Weyerhaeuser land with lack of DNR oversight, And an article today about Doug's sexual harassment. These events should help build support for Goldmark's candidacy.
- 19.3. Dave Upthegrove kickoff tomorrow night at the Des Moines Yacht Club.
- 19.4. Tomorrow night ACORN has a community meeting about financial aid. Details on the website.

20. Adjourned 8:45 PM