

**Minutes – July 15, 2009**  
**34th Legislative District Democrats**  
***Executive Board Meeting***

7:03 PM Call to Order

**Chair's Report – Tim Nuse**

Official debrief meeting is Thursday, July 23rd from 6 – 7:45 at High Point Library for the Endorsement Meeting. If people can't make it, send your thoughts to the Chair. Details will be posted to the website for all members to attend. Chair recognizes all the volunteers for the evening. All candidates and campaigns that have contacted the Chair thought our Endorsement Meeting was very good and that our endorsement is very valuable and important. Chair reviews a few negatives, including the ballots not being ready and how this added roughly two hours to the night. Candidates that didn't get full thirds would get dual endorsed. Chair thinks there needs to be a review process. Other issues will be brought up at the debrief meeting.

Miki Meahan will be stepping down as Secretary for personal reasons. Chair explains how kick-ass Secretary has been as member, Secretary, leader in district, and friend. Chair asks the Executive Board to get the word out to find someone to replace Miki. There is a review of the bylaws to elect a new Secretary. The opening will go in newsletter and the full membership will vote at the August Meeting. Chair has reached out to Michael Taylor-Judd to see if he would be interested. Kim will be chairing the Programs Committee.

Rich Medved had a stroke yesterday morning. He is looking at potentially months of recovery, but will return by November. The signing deadline for Assessor's race is the end of August. There are three candidates. Chair would like to do a candidates forum, but with Medved in the hospital this would not make this possible as it would leave only one candidate to attend. Marcee thinks that since he is a member, the 34th should send him some flowers. Chair makes a note.

7:21 **PCO Committee Report – Tim Nuse**

Kimber is not feeling well and sent out an e-mail updating the board regarding the candidate's literature for the PCOs. Tomorrow at Admiral Library from 1 – 4pm, there is a packaging meeting to put together packets for the PCOs. There are 97 PCOs that have confirmed. Chair wants to deliver packets to PCOs. Pick up is anytime Friday and deliver anytime Friday. Chair is going to send an e-mail out to all PCOs.

**GOTV:** There is an open canvass this weekend to cover all non-covered precincts. . Kimber will be at Coffee to a Tea Saturday and Sunday with extra packets. Ballots are mailed July 31st. Les is looking for literature for Jubilee Days. He will follow up with Kimber. Chair is okay if it is not there.

7:29 **Garden Party – Chris Porter**

There is a conflict with the Garden Party meeting at the Picnic, next Tuesday. There is

discussion. Result, Porter will find out when the next meeting will be through e-mail. It is TBA for the moment.

Porter discusses catering. Music is settled. MC is settled: New York Vinnie. Rachel Glass is the alternate. Beth Grieser is on decorations. Richard Bartlett is in charge of beverages. Walter Sive is going to work on the sound system. Everything should cost roughly \$3,500. If 100 come, then everything breaks even for cost, everything else will go to the district. There is some talk that the legislators are looking into sponsoring the food.

Porter discusses the advertising. There is discussion. Result: Flyer will be put together for the Picnic and the newsletter. We leverage the mailing list and will ask the legislators to send out an e-mail as well with the flyer attached. PCOs may get info for their walking list.

Porter is looking for three people with laptops and aircards that can process credit card purchases at the Garden Party. Porter will check to see if there is a wi-fi. Jackie Dupras suggests bringing paper to write everything down, just in case. There is technical discussion regarding the way to process purchases. Stu Yarfitz, Sive, Porter and Dupras will get together with Bill Schrier to discuss this further. Porter moves on to the solicitations of auction items. People need to these to Porter by August 1. There are roughly 20 items confirmed to date. He wants to send an e-mail to people to get new numbers. Bartlett will get a liquor license.

7:56 **Picnic** – Richard Bartlett

Picnic is Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30pm. Yarfitz will bring an extra BBQ. Chair offers to do the actual cooking. There is discussion regarding some details. Bartlett runs through additional items that he will be doing regarding the food. Everything else is potluck. There will be an e-mail sent out this weekend with the picnic included. Dupras will put up the sign on Shelter 3.

8:05 Chair wants everyone on the Executive Board to start using Complete Campaigns. There is confusion regarding access. All Executive Board members have access. Yarfitz will send out another e-mail to explain details.

8:06 Marcee Stone asks for a correction regarding a fundraiser for Dow Constantine July 26 from 4 -6pm in the e-mail the Chair will send out this weekend. The Blue Grass Trio will be there.

8:08 **Finance** – Walter Sive

Sive passes out budget reports to the Executive Board. There is net negative cash flow of <\$3,320>. With the balance forwarded the actual balance is positive \$12,180. After factoring in the other fundraising events and expenses there is roughly \$5,000 by the end of the year. Yarfitz thinks there has been a steady stream of membership dues. Sive does not think that there will be more dues coming in. Sive continues to discuss the details of the report. Sive thinks that unless we can raise money from the

Garden Party and the membership, there is not much money left over for campaigns and GOTV for the November races.

There is discussion regarding the newsletter, as the budget for this area was set low thinking much of the newsletter distribution would move to e-mail by mid-year. Because that hasn't happened, the newsletter will go over budget within a month or two. Chair discusses the original plan for the newsletter. There are many issues that need to get addressed before it can go electronic. There is discussion. Result: There is nothing that can be done until someone can manage the newsletter conversion and Dupras requests that one word in the bylaws regarding notification by mail be changes to include e-mail.

Sive continues to discuss the budget. He is mostly disturbed by the numbers of membership dues that are coming in. Sive wants to get out a membership drive. Dupras disagrees and offers an alternative. Chair wants a membership drive. Discussion returns to the budget. Result: Les wants less money for Outreach. Jeff Upthegrove will need to be contacted regarding membership drive for those members that signed up at the caucus last year.

8:28 **Outreach – Les Treall**

Les reviews the festivals and fairs that they have been doing. Jubilee Days is this weekend. Some people brought some supplies for Tent City. Signed up to do Picnic at the Precinct on August 15 at the Delridge Police Precinct by the Home Depot. October Fest in Burien is the weekend of September 21. Dupras and Helen are doing the table at the West Seattle Farmer's Market. Friday, 34<sup>th</sup> is involved in building a playground at Delridge. Next meeting August 13 at Beverage Place. There is some coordination discussion regarding the events specific to this weekend.

8:38 **August Meeting Agenda**

Executive Board discusses the agenda for the August Meeting. Lisa Plymate is asked to speak to the Board about health care reform. There is continued discussion as to time, so that Plymate can plan accordingly.

1. Chair and First Chair Reports will be 10 minutes.
2. New Secretary Election will get 5 minutes.
3. Assessors' Candidates Q&A (or candidates forum if Medved can make it) will get 10 – 15 minutes.
4. Garden Party plug will get 5 minutes.
5. Discussion on health care reform will get 45 minutes.

8:50 **General Election Endorsements in September**

Chair reviews the endorsement process and thinks that there might be positions that need to be reconsidered due to the primary election. There is discussion regarding

bylaw changes in August due to issues with the July Endorsement Meeting. Result: There is not enough time between now and the August meeting to make changes to the bylaws; this will have to be done after the September Endorsement Meeting. There is discussion as to whether candidates already endorsed would have to have their endorsements revisited in September. Result: After the election, races for endorsement will be considered per race result as to whether or not they will need to be revisited. If there is a question regarding the districts position, the race will be brought before the membership for a revisit. The September meeting is going to be all action.

9:03 Yarfitz brings up an issue with volunteers not being utilized for volunteer opportunities in the district. There are 250 people that are willing to volunteer. There is debate as to whether each of these volunteers should be contacted by phone or e-mail. Result: Volunteers will be contacted by e-mail when an event comes up that requires their services.

9:05 Adjourn

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