

34th District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – Puget Ridge Co-Housing

Attendees: Tim Nuse (Chair), Kim Becklund (First Vice Chair), Stu Yarfitz (Treasurer), Michael Taylor-Judd (Secretary), Marcee Stone (State Committeewoman), Chris Porter (State Committeeman), Lisa Plymate (King County Committeewoman), Brian Earl (By-Laws Chair), Walter Sive (Finance Chair), Richard Bartlett (Hospitality Chair), Greg Doss (Legislative Action), Les Treall (Outreach Chair), Kimber McCreery (PCO Chair), Jackie Dupras (Newsletter Editor), and Bill Schrier (Web Editor)

Guests: Steve Karbowski and Kathy Minsch

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim, at 7:10pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Michael then read into the record the underlined amendment to Section 2 of the Endorsement Rules, which had been proposed by Tim and previously discussed by e-mail:

General Election Endorsement Meeting - At the September general membership meeting every year the Organization will consider endorsements for races and ballot measures on the November General Election Ballot that have not already been considered. Any candidate already endorsed this year retains his or her endorsement for the General Election. A candidate who is certified for the General Election but not endorsed at an earlier meeting may return to request endorsement with the required 2/3 of eligible members present and voting in September.

After confirming each member's vote, Michael announced that the amendment had passed 14-1 with three abstentions and would be submitted to the body at the next Membership meeting.

Tim then led a brief overview of how September's Membership meeting will run, assuming approval of the proposed amendment to the Endorsement Rules, and the races and issues that he expects to be proposed for endorsement.

Finance Recommendation – Walter passed out a handout (*attached*) of the current finances to review with the Board. Since the previous meeting, he has revised his estimated monthly “burn rate” down to ~\$1,200 per month or ~\$14,500 per year – mostly due to plans to lower the cost of producing the newsletter as we transition to electronic distribution. He also reminded everyone that this year's revenue is “unusual” due to the \$5,000 bequest received from Nels Ekroth and the \$4,000 check from SEIU.

Discussion followed regarding the assumptions that went into the budget, and forecasted revenues and expenses for 2010. Board members also briefly brainstormed some ideas for increasing revenues next year – including raising the base membership rate and opting to switch to a credit card processor which would allow for monthly recurring donations.

Lisa motioned to raise the base membership rate to \$34 per year, which was seconded by Les. After a brief debate over what the appropriate rate should be, Kim moved to table Lisa's motion to allow for some more consideration by the appropriate committee(s), which was seconded by Marcee. The motion to table passed, with 13 for and 2 abstentions.

Tim next motioned to plan on carrying forward three months of operating expenses at the end of the current year, based on the \$1,500 per month “burn rate,” for a total of \$4,500. Les seconded the motion, which passed with 10 for, 3 against, and 2 abstentions.

Regarding an earlier comment that not all PCOs have paid their membership dues, Kimber offered to call through the PCO List by the October meeting in order to ask all who can afford to do so to make payment in support of the District’s work.

Discussion then commenced on the subject of crafting a proposal to take to the membership for how to spend the ~\$7,385 available to support campaigns in the current election cycle.

Kim moved the following list of contributions for consideration, which was seconded by Brian:

- \$3,434 to Dow Constantine for King County Executive
- 1,000 to Tom Carr for Seattle City Attorney
- 1,000 to Approve Referendum 71
- 1,000 to Max Vekich for Seattle Port Commission
- 250 to David Ginsberg for Seattle City Council
- 500 to King County Democrats
- 200 to Vote Yes on Proposition 1 – the Seattle Housing Levy

The motion passed with 13 for and 2 abstentions.

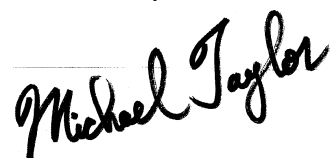
Membership List vote – Tim reported that requests for our membership list have been received from the Joe Mallahan for Seattle Mayor, Mike O’Brien for Seattle City Council, and Bob Rosenberger for King County Assessor campaigns. **He moved approval of the requests for the 34th District Democrats membership mailing lists, which was seconded by Kim. The motion passed with 11 for, 3 against, and 1 abstention.**

Good of the Order – Stu announced that the final number for the Garden Party is ~\$7,500 in net revenue for the organization.

Brian congratulated Bill on being mentioned for his work at the city in [the lead article](#) of the August issue of *Public CIO*, as well as for being featured in the cover photo.

Les reminded everyone that he is seeking volunteers for an organizational information table at the upcoming Burien Oktoberfest on September 26 & 27, 2009.

Submitted by,



Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary