

34th District Democrats
Minutes 5-14- 09 Outreach Committee

Attending: Les Treall, Mike Wald, Chris Weiss, Steve Butts, Jackie Dupras, Elizabeth Heath, Helen Daniels

Agenda: Chairs report – Fairs & Festivals – Clean Ups – Burien – New Business – Next Meeting

Chairs report:

- * Applications are in for Burien Strawberry Festival and West Seattle Summer Fest, and pending for White Center Jubilee Days.
- *We had a table at Sustainable West Seattle, with many face to face interactions and networking opportunities.
- *Jackie has started at the WS Farmers Market table again this year with Helen Daniels' help.
- * No word from Lou Mayfield on contacting area churches. Les will follow up.

Fairs and Festivals: We need to schedule people to staff the Burien Strawberry Festival booth. Les will be out of town, so we will need Leads for both days and others for voter registration and other support. The event is June 20 & 21. If interested, contact Les at les.treall@gmail.com.

We will need people to help at WS Summer Fest July 10, 11, &12, and Jubilee Days, July 18 & 19, too. Same contact if you can help.

Clean Ups: We tried to help at the Earth Day Duwamish Alive projects. We got only 3 of our committee members, with no other support. We had sent out an email to about 6000 people. The events were great with hundreds of volunteers helping restore 3 parks in our district. We are calling PCO's to recruit volunteers for White Center Spring Clean on Saturday 5-16.

We have been contacted to renew our involvement with Catholic Community Services assisting people in the area, with disabilities, with yard maintenance. The question put to the committee is "do we want to take on projects of this nature with the limited response we have had so far?" The committee was asked to think about this for next meeting.

Burien: Chris has contacted 2 groups in Burien, and attempted a third. They are Hospitality House and New Futures, and Para Los Ninos is the third. We made an ask for a microwave oven at the District meeting on 5-13 for Hospitality House. West Seattle Blog twittered that ask, and got a response. At meeting time we hadn't had direct contact with the responder. Chris will follow up with New Futures, where we have an opportunity to set up an on going, once a month service commitment. They need volunteers to staff their clothing bank.

New business: Elizabeth asked us to consider assisting Family Promise of Seattle. They offer shelter and food and shower facilities to homeless families in WS. They have some specific projects that we can help with.

We need to develop outreach opportunities for fall and winter. Attendees were asked to think on this for next meeting.

Next Meeting: We talked about the need to have ongoing meetings after the fairs and festivals were done. It will depend on having new projects to work on. Last year we met by email after the major events of summer, which allowed us to shift our focus to the campaigns. Next meeting will be June 11, in Burien, exact location to be determined.