

Minutes 6-11-2009 outreach meeting, 34th District Democrats

Attendance: Lou Mayfield, Steve Butts, Chris Weiss, Jackie Dupras, Dorene Carrel and Les Treall.

Reports; Chris reports that Hospitality House still hasn't gotten the microwave we found for them. They have been contacted several times and told we have one but they have not returned our calls.

Chris has contacted New Futures, and they could use some help with their clothing bank, but we need a closer relationship with them to work out the details.

Para Los Ninos has not returned our calls.

Les commented that we need people in Burien to lead our outreach efforts there, and asked Chris and Dorene to consider taking on this effort jointly. No commitment at this time.

Lou reports that he has contacted 5 area churches to see if they need volunteer support. None have said they do.

Les had contact with Catholic Community Services, and they could give us some projects, but we are reluctant to pursue them because we haven't had good success drawing volunteers for cleanups.

Les reports that we are doing Burien Strawberry Fest and that a schedule of volunteers is coming soon. We are also having booths at West Seattle Summer Fest, if accepted and White Center Jubilee Days in July. Les called the WSSF organizers and learned that they have not finalized the selection of entrants, but we should learn this week. There is a small chance we won't be selected and allowed a booth.

The development of the speakers bureau is on hold for now, and that the final draft of a district 'message' should be done this weekend.

We collaborated to put together a list of materials for the Strawberry Fest. Les will pull the materials together.

New Business

Nicklesville is back. Cherrisse Luxa has asked the district to offer support to the folks there. Les will draft a proposal to the board to use \$50 of outreaches' budget to buy bottled water to give to them.

We learned of the High Point Diversity Fest on July 4th. Les will ask Ginsburg and Plants to staff a booth there. If we get a yes he will submit an application. (Follow up: Ginsburg says yes, so we will proceed.)

Chris wants to approach several of the unions in the area and ask them to encourage their members in the district to become members. He will proceed with this.

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