

45th Legislative District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2008

Attendees: Martin Chaney, Priscilla O'Leary, Terry Linkletter, Ken Albinger, Ken Jauch, Duane Wentz, Diane Slota, Paul Yarbrough, Brad Larssen, Terry Thorsos, Ralph Gorin, Rita Margolies

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Martin Chaney, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Martin reviewed proposed agenda items. The agenda was adopted.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The January 2008 Executive Board meeting minutes were approved.

General Meeting Agenda Review

Martin reviewed the proposed agenda for the general meeting. Items of note and/or discussion, included:

- Martin suggested restructuring the general meeting agenda for this month to focus on the probable increase in new attendees from the caucus process.
- Expect to have more than 100. Room has chairs for 180.
- Discussed costs for getting larger room at (location) for general meeting. There is room to invite lots of people and Darcy will be speaking.
- We will use the meeting to partially be a political rally. We want to focus on signing up volunteers.
- This will be the last general meeting before the All Fool's Day Parade. We need to emphasize this and recruit people to participate and help organize our efforts.
- Terry Thorsos suggested taking orders at the meeting for t-shirts. Lynn Norwood could provide us with past costs. Diane Slota will help with the sign ups and Terry will help get people excited about it. Brad suggested that lapel pins are also popular items. Terry Thorsos suggested we buy some and sell them at the next meeting.
- Priscilla noted that in anticipation of the larger attendance, we will be expanding the sign in area and number of sign in sheets. She recommended

that when we invite people to attend we encourage them to not wait until the last minute to show up.

- Diane Slota will bring more food than the usual amount. Terry suggested perhaps 2 – 3 times the usual amount.
- Political signs from the various candidates are welcome, though we should hold off on using signs for our legislators and governor until after the legislative session is complete. We need to make sure the invitation is issued to both campaigns to keep things balanced.
- Martin arranged for a microphone for this meeting at an extra cost of \$40. In the future we can bring our own system if all we need is power and not their built in speaker system. Ralph suggested it might be a sensible investment to purchase a system for the district.
- One of the agenda items will be for Martin to put forward the recommendations for the people running the LD caucus committees and get approval from general meeting attendees.
- Martin currently has 8 applications for PCO appointments. There is a person who wants to be a PCO (from Union Hill area) but cannot attend because he has a standing professional commitment. Ken will check to see if he can attend a portion. Martin noted that we can still give work with him in his precinct even before he stands for election as a PCO. Also he can file for PCO in June and get elected in November. Martin confirmed that the 8 current applicants are from precincts that currently have no PCO
- Terry Thorsos shared that at a previous LD caucus a sign was displayed showing all the precincts that did not have a PCO. She knew of at least one instance where having this posted led to a PCO coming forward to volunteer. She suggested updating and displaying this sign for both the general meeting and an LD caucus. Ken will send an updated list of the PCOs to Terry.
- Rather than having the usual committee reports, Martin suggested using the time for a “volunteer fair” (like job fair). We should have various signs about the types of volunteer activities and have representatives speak briefly about those activities. Meeting attendees can then sign up for the activities that interest them. Martin will insert the volunteer fair on the agenda.
- The following activities were discussed for inclusion in Volunteer Fair. Other categories or suggestions should be emailed to Martin. Martin will also include these on the back of the agenda in place of the calendar.
 - Hosts for Neighborhood Leader organizing & PCOs – Ken Albinger
 - Newsletter – Lynn Norwood
 - Website – Melissa Waldie
 - Office Support – Priscilla O’Leary
 - Parades and Fairs – Norm Puri
 - Hospitality – Kathleen Reynolds and Diane Slota
 - Letters to the Editor – Ken Jauch
 - Affirmative Action & Outreach – Priscilla O’Leary
 - Endorsement Committee – Kathleen Reynolds

- Terry suggested as part of the rally/convention theme for the meeting that people create signs which help attendees find others who have similar interests. These could be geographical (precinct/neighborhood), youth (under 30), issue related (out of Iraq), etc. Those interested in making this happen can take the lead and send out an announcement.
- We need to close business for the meeting by 9:00 p.m. to allow enough time for room clean up.

Woodinville All Fool's Day Parade

- Do we want to pay extra to guarantee a position at front of the parade? Norm Puri sent a message to let us know we can buy one of the 10 front spots for \$100 instead of the normal \$25.
- Martin noted that there is someone who has offered to loan us a couple of baby donkeys. Rita Margolies will send the contact information to Martin. Being in the front might not be an option if we have animals
- General consensus seemed to be if it works out can have spot at the front it's worthwhile to spend the money. A motion was made and seconded to authorize paying the \$100 fee.

VOTE: passed, unanimously

Proposed Resolution on Super Delegates

- Diane Slota gave an explanation of the resolution, followed by brief discussion.
- Terry shared her perspective that any urgent resolution which was brought forward by at least 60 people should be considered at the general meeting rather than waiting for the LD caucus.
- Martin reminded everyone that our process calls for the Executive Board to decide if the resolution is formed in a way so that if pass we know what to do with it. The Executive Board also decides if it is urgent enough to place it on the general meeting agenda. Debating the merits of the resolution is done by the general membership before voting on it.
- If it is determined the resolution should be on the general meeting agenda, it will need to be published to the announcement list by Wednesday.
- Ralph moved that we publish the resolution and have it on agenda. The motion was seconded.
- Martin called for discussion, with none being offered.

VOTE: passed, unanimously

LD Caucus Committee Structure Review:

- Martin shared his vision of the structure for the LD Caucus committees. TO address some of the requirements from the rules, he suggested:
 - We designate people on credentials and rules committees to also be on the affirmative action committee.

- Other functions not specified fall under purview of the credentials committee
- Martin then shared a chart of proposed roles. He noted that he has reviewed the Executive Board members' support of delegates and made the assumption that those who are not delegates don't want to be. It was confirmed that this assumption is not true in all cases.
- Martin will be considered an ex-officio member of all committees.
- We need to verify the span of time for which the meeting room has been rented.
- The board then discussed the make up of the committees. The main committees have two designees that were previously identified; however there should be a minimum of three or more. Through discussion, the following suggestions were made. (Note: The names in italics are being proposed as additions, but were not present to confirm their inclusion.)
 - Credentials – Priscilla O'Leary, Matt Loschen, *Mike Burner, Andy Herron*
 - Rules – Andrew Villeneuve, Mandy Wertz, *Ralph Gorin*
 - Platform & Resolutions – Judith Shattuck, Diane Slota
 - Facilities – Duane Wentz, Paul Yarbrough
 - Program – Brad Larssen
 - Communications – *Melissa Waldie, Jennifer Shepherd*, Ken Jauch
 - SUB CAUCUS CHAIRS
 - 1 CD Obama – Ralph Gorin
 - 1 CD Clinton – Paul Yarbrough
 - 8 CD Obama – *Joe Lane or Amy Ockerlander*
 - 8 CD Clinton – Terry Linkletter
- It was noted that the platform and resolutions segment of the meeting should be limited and can be used to fill lull times such as when we are waiting for results. An additional committee member will be recruited at the next general meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve this structure and tentatively approved the appointees, subject to their agreement.

VOTE: passed, unanimously

- Priscilla shared that to better help in organizing and preparing for the caucus, the Credentials Committee is exploring a process to enable people to declare the candidacy in advance of the caucus. She asked that once the process is set up we encourage those interested to take advantage of it. Ralph noted that his belief that the rules require that we accept walk in candidates. Priscilla agreed that a process will be created to manage walk-ins, but advanced declaration will still be strongly encouraged.

Other Committee, Officers, and Representatives Reports

- Terry Linkletter shared updated financial information resulting from the caucuses. He noted paid membership numbers including:

- Prior to the caucuses, for 2008 we had received 15 Club 45 membership payments and 25 Individual membership payments.
 - We now have 109 Club 45 memberships, and 153 Individual memberships.
- No other reports were made due to time constraints.

Old Business

- None presented.

New Business

- Martin discussed a proposal from the state party regarding the payment of caucus related bills and the reasons behind the proposal. It was agreed to have the Treasurer consider the benefits, have further discussions with state, and make a decision on the proposal in consultation with the Chair.

Good of the Order

- None for this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. to allow time to reset the room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
45th Legislative District Democrats