

45th Legislative District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2008

Attendees: Brad Larssen, Ken Nelson, Ken Albinger, Ralph Gorin, Terry Linkletter, Priscilla O'Leary, Terry Thorsos, Diane Slota

Note: Duane Wentz and Andrew Villeneuve were unable to attend due to the Endorsement Committee meeting being held at the same time. Martin Chaney and Judith Shattuck were both out of town.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Brad Larssen, First Vice Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

Brad reviewed proposed agenda items. The agenda was adopted.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The May 2008 board meeting minutes were approved.

General Meeting Agenda Review

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

- Visiting Candidates – We will ask them to leave the room before endorsements discussion begins.
- Agenda header is out of date – it will be corrected before the meeting.
- Endorsement Committee is meeting tonight and they will have additional input at the meeting. We will need their information to complete the agenda.
- Diane noted that Judith will be out of town and not available to give an update on the summer picnic.
- Meeting agenda was approved.

Parade and Fair Preparation Update – Carnation, Kirkland, Redmond

- Carnation – 7/4
- Kirkland – 7/4
- Redmond – 7/12
- Terry Thorsos advised that applications are filed for all three parades. We've invited the 48th LD to join us in Kirkland, as well as march with us at Derby Days and help staff the booth. The 48th LD just transitioned to a new Chair. Their board wants to join us at these parades. Terry has provided them with maps, etc. They will help us with the fees, as well.
- Terry is waiting to hear back from the Vice Chair from the 48th LD about coordinating the volunteers.

- Terry still needs to talk with Judy Lipton about the baby donkeys. Consideration is being given to having photos taken with the baby donkeys and making the photos into buttons. Power would be available for an extra \$50. A printer is still needed.
- Terry needs to file the liability documentation.
- Terry has contacted someone she knows who is searching for a portable stall for the baby donkeys.
- Will want to have the Slim Jims with our endorsements at Derby Days. We should try to get them to the printers on 7/3.
- Should we purchase Obama buttons in large quantities to hand out at the parades and booth? Costs were discussed.
- Ralph moved that we authorize Terry to acquire 1000 buttons at \$.35 each. Brad called for discussion. There was belief that we could ask for donations and much, if not all, of the costs could be covered. Terry will also ask Rita to provide 45th LD Obama buttons.

VOTE: passed, unanimous

- There is a fair in Carnation, but we are not planning to staff it. The Kirkland parade starts at noon, so many will go over to Kirkland after Carnation.
- Terry needs to update the statement submitted to the parade officials for the announcement. It needs to also include information for the 48th LD.
- Redmond – Needed at booth:
 - Someone with camera
 - Someone making buttons
 - Some to tend to donkeys
 - At least 5 people all day long
- Terry has a tall stand that pivots which could be used at the booth to display candidate literature.
- Need to confirm with Darcy about her campaign being present.
- Ken Nelson noted that anyone who is connected with candidates might want to let them know that this Saturday they might like to go to Party in the Park at Bridal Trails Park. There are all kinds of horse-themed events throughout the day. Terry noted this is most likely valuable for candidates from the 48th LD than the 45th LD.

Voter Identification Drive Update

- Some activity, but going slowly.
- Terry noted that her area is having a meeting on Saturday to boost activity.
- Priscilla noted that about a dozen volunteers have been issued phone bank IDs.
- Ken Albinger added he will want to talk up the program at the general meeting.

Summer Picnic Update

- Judith is out of town so no update was given at this meeting.
- The picnic is scheduled for August 16th at Farrel McWhirter Park.

- Volunteers are needed to help plan the picnic and activities.

King County Democrats Dues

- King County has requested the annual dues.
- The value and benefits that the King County organization brings to the LD were discussed..
- A motion was made to pay King County dues of \$1045. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: passed, unanimous

Treasurer's Report

- Terry Linkletter shared the state of our finances and how much we would have available for candidate donations after we maintain enough of a balance to cover the remaining 2008 and 2009 expenses.
- Discussion was held about whether or not it would be appropriate to contribute money to the state in recognition of the changes made in the caucus process that allowed us to manage the donations made rather than submitting them to the state.
- A question was raised about the limits that can be contributed to candidates.
- A recommended formula was determined. Discussion continued around the timing of the donation. Terry Linkletter suggested making the donations to the six candidates (Darcy Burner, Larry Springer, Roger Goodman, Eric Oemig, Jay Inslee, Chris Gregoire) discussed in two rounds with those with the most critical need being made in the first round.
- A new agenda item was proposed for the general meeting to bring the recommendation to the membership.
- A recommendation was also developed to donate \$750 to the 5th LD. Ralph will make the motion at the general meeting and explain the benefit.

Other Committee, Officer, and Representatives Reports

- No reports offered.

Old Business

- Terry Thorsos asked if there was any interest in looking into a sister LD relationship elsewhere in the country to support the election season. The possibility of helping out one of the areas that has been devastated by the recent floods was discussed. People in those locations have more critical things to deal with than working on political campaigns and we might be able to help them in this area. We could enlist help from Rita and Jeremy in identifying a town we might be able to help out.

New Business

- None for this meeting.

Good of the Order

- Ken Nelson reported that there was a great turnout at the fundraiser for Darcy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
45th Legislative District Democrats