

45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2008

Attendees: Martin Chaney, Priscilla O'Leary, Rita Margolies, Paul Yarbrough, Duane Wentz, Terry Thorsos, Jeremy York, Ralph Gorin, Ken Jauch, Ken Albinger, Judith Shattuck

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Martin Chaney, Chair.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The February 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 reviewed a list of the Elected Officials and Candidates who may provide reports at the general meeting. The list will probably change between now and the meeting.
- Appointment of the Endorsement Committee – Andrew Villeneuve has agreed to Chair the committee. A few new people have expressed interest. Duane Wentz expressed an interest in being part of the committee again this year. We will also ask at the meeting if there are others who want to participate. We are not expecting there to be controversial races this year. We have two incumbent representatives who are up for re-election, Larry Springer and Roger Goodman.
- Jeremy York will give the update for the Obama campaign as Rita will be out of town.
- Martin has 8 PCO applications in hand. He will email them to remind them that they need to be at the meeting to be appointed.
- Under the caucus update section we will also recruit for additional help.
- Rita asked about including discussion of the Take Back America conference where Darcy Burner spoke today. Martin will invite Darcy or someone from her campaign and see if they can provide materials, videos, etc. for the meeting and/or caucus. Terry added that we should invite Jay Inslee, as well.

Ken Albinger will contact Darcy's campaign specifically about speaking to the conference held today.

### **Woodinville All Fool's Day Parade**

- Terry Thorsos reported that we applied for being in the first 10 spots and we will be the tenth spot. She has sent out one announcement and has invited our legislators. Roger and Eric will be marching. Larry is out of town. Darcy will not be able to make it. Terry has had some difficulty reaching Jay Inslee's campaign.
- Terry has two or three signs for our candidates who are up for election, as well as a small variety of others. We could use more if we can get them.
- The parade is on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **T-shirt Purchases**

- Candy Bartleson volunteered to help with the t-shirts. She has explored a variety of websites of designs. Terry Thorsos provided a variety of designs to review and asked for reactions from everyone. She has an inquiry into one organization to see if some of the designs can be incorporated into t-shirts.
- Martin noted that he doesn't see a pressing need for a new design. He also feels the Executive Board might not be the right group to make a choice on the design. There should probably be an open process to submit and choose designs. He is not sure this is the right time to do this.
- Rita added that she thinks it would be a good idea to have a contest.
- Paul Yarbrough stated that he doesn't like the current white ones.
- Martin would prefer a design that more prominently features the 45<sup>th</sup> LD and not the "blue" themed message that is currently popular.
- We do not have time to go through a redesign process for this year's parade season. It was asked if we need to purchase additional t-shirts for this year and could we do so in the existing style. There was not enough agreement to proceed at this time.

### **Preparation for Other Parades and Community Events**

- Norm Puri will take care of the registrations for the other parades, but he has expressed a desire to have someone else work on this in the future. We are looking for someone who would take the lead in organizing these going forward.
- Ken Albinger suggested sending out a more full description and focusing on one specific position at a time through email. The Area Leader project is developing a long list of people. It was suggested that we look at merging that list with the announcement list so that we aren't sending separate messages to separate lists.
- Terry shared that she received a notification about the Duvall parade and booth process being separate. Martin will send Norm a message and ask him to check about a booth with a petting area to include the miniature donkeys one of our members owns.

## **Meeting Locations – Executive Board and General Meeting**

- We've been offered some meeting rooms at Emerald Heights next to Redmond High School. This is a gated community and access would be through the guard who directs parking, as well. There are a few handicapped parking spaces.
- These rooms would be free. The larger room is able to accommodate around 100, but not more. They would also want it managed so that people are not roaming around the building and the residents are not being disturbed. There is some possibility we could be bumped, but we would get notice. It is also not available until July.
- They also have another room, referred to as the Board Room, which could easily seat 20 people. We could try this out for our board meetings to see how it all works out before committing for the general meeting. We have the library conference room for next month's board meeting, but after that it will not be available due to remodeling.
- Ken asked if there would be issues with guest speakers. Martin noted that they have a new political policy that might be of some concern, but the scheduler has said that as long as we stay within the space allotted, it should not be an issue.
- Jeremy asked about bus access. This will need to be researched further.
- Martin will check to see if we can schedule the April board meeting in their Board Room as a trial run.

## **LD Caucus Preparations**

- Ken Jauch asked about organizational structure. Martin reviewed the committee structure, speakers and program. He also talked about the how the process works with proposed rules and approval at the caucus.
- Rules and Credentials Committees have both met and reviewed the materials provided by the state party.
- Terry asked for reports from the committees.
  - Ralph reported that the state provided materials were reviewed and adopted with small edits. They discussed adding further regarding the split of delegates before men and women. The sub-caucuses will be given specific direction on exactly how many men and women are in each sub-caucus.
  - Priscilla reported that the list of delegates and alternates has been compiled and reconciled. The committee has also reviewed a variety of issues and challenges that arose from the precinct caucuses. The sign in and tally materials and processes are under development and credentials design is also underway. The packages for the call to caucus mailing are also being created.
- Terry wanted clarification on the rationale of having delegate selection tallying done by the Credentials Committee. Martin gave an overview of his reasons for his decision to include these functions together.
- Facilities – Duane Wentz needs to know table placement, electrical needs, etc. Martin visited the site last week. It was decided that Duane, Priscilla

and Martin will do a site visit either this week or next to solidify layout and equipment needs.

- Catering – Duane provided sample box lunches from one company. He needs to get an idea of how many lunches to order. Jeremy volunteered to try and determine a percentage for the Obama delegates and alternates. Terry suggested that Duane also contact Suzie Sheary to get some of experiences from the county.
- We can also include an item in the pre-registration to try and get a sense of the numbers interested in purchasing box lunches. We will work with a \$10 figure for that inquiry.
- Platform – Judith took the Slim Jim opening statement and divided the sections. Statements are being developed for each section. She plans to have this complete this week and she will send it to the Executive Board for further ideas.
- Resolutions – Judith plans to use the dot system to determine interest in putting resolutions forward. If one is flagged, it will be pulled and looked at further at another meeting.
- Set aside money to help a delegate go to state if we have one go forward.

#### **Endorsements**

- Not discussed due to time constraints.

#### **Other Committee, Officers, and Representatives Reports**

- No reports were made due to time constraints.

#### **Old Business**

- None presented.

#### **New Business**

- Martin shared that there are still some open concerns related to small dollar collections. He is working through these with the state. Terry noted that some additional information as found with the envelope check lists from the precinct caucuses that might help Terry Linkletter regarding these collections.

#### **Good of the Order**

- None for this meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary  
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