

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

Chair Martin Chaney called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were two additions to the proposed agenda (attached). The April Executive Board meeting minutes were adopted as distributed.

Present were Martin Chaney, Terry Thorsos, Don Kindred (Emerald Ridge resident), Melissa Waldie, Dwayne Wenzel, Ken Albinger, Ken Nelson, Paul Yarbrough, Ken Jauch, Terry Linkletter, Bruce Johnson (Emerald Ridge resident), Judith Shattuck, Andrew Villeneuve, Judy Yorth (Emerald Ridge resident and PCO in this area). Judy reported 91 out of some 462 residents at Emerald Ridge are known Democrats.

Melissa will make our LD Dems platform available for reading on our website. Judith will send the platform to feedback@45thdemocrats.org for Melissa to post.

Melissa, Andrew, and Martin discussed how to avoid the fact that Comcast is periodically blocking port 25 email from the mail server we are currently using. They will determine the appropriate action among themselves.

We need a volunteer to keep the district calendar up to date. Martin is doing it currently.

General Meeting Agenda Review

Martin opened for consideration the proposed agenda for the June 11 general meeting. Related discussion included these points:

- Andrew brought us up to date on races and initiatives where our public endorsement or opposition might be appropriate, noting that a candidate must request our endorsement to receive it.
- The parades agenda item will include a written note to encourage signups for the July events.
- We decided indeed to carry out a summer picnic. Judith will initiate the organizing, but will be out of town for the event, and will need organizing help. Andrew will help. _Farrel McWhirter park worked well last summer, and we will try to schedule it again. We are targeting August 16, just before national convention week.
- A question came up as to whether committee reports might better be done by email, so the valuable general meeting time could be spent on more interactive items. There was a sense that we want to let newer people, or those who do not read much email,

hear what other activities are going on outside the general meeting, see who the leaders are for these activities, and find out whom to approach if they're interested in helping. Enough should be reported to develop enthusiasm, but not to bore.

- The list of committees reporting this month will have "Legislative Action Committee" removed, because that committee will not yet have met. We'll replace "Neighborhood Leaders" with "Voter Identification Initiative".
- Martin will add to the agenda a fund-raising plea to support the \$300-a-month meeting room at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse.

Sponsorship of National Delegates

Michael Finkle, our 8th CD national delegate for Clinton, will be asked by Martin to attend our June 11 general meeting so we can present to him the \$1000 "scholarship" to help defray his expenses. Terry will then privately ask him to provide receipt documentation upon his return from the convention, and will ask him if he would like to become a dues-paying member of the 45th.

Melissa will ask Susan David to interview Michael and post an item on our website.

There was a brief suggestion that we also provide funding support to the delegates to State Convention, but no action was taken.

Caucus Review

Terry Thorsos reported the caucus feedback review meeting was held as announced, and some five people attended.

Duvall Days Parade and Fair

- We need sign-ups for the booth.
- There will be literature, banners, and campaign signs, as well as things for kids to make, including buttons.
- We'll do voter registration there, and recruit for PCOs and neighborhood leaders. Ken Albinger has a brief explanation of what PCOs do that should be on hand to give people during recruiting discussions.

Redmond Derby Days

- The 48th LD Dems haven't yet responded on joining forces with us (and splitting the \$300 fee) for Derby Days.
- We expect to collect donations for pictures of children with the baby donkeys. There is some question as to whether the donkeys will be available for the LD booth or will remain with the Obama Campaign. The Derby Days organizers are fine with having the donkeys take part.

PCO Recruitment and Training

- The PCO Support Committee met Saturday. They planned how to do the voter drive by email.
- They are sending out the instructions to all the PCOs, who must then do their part. There are about 30,000 voters to contact across the LD, although we do not have phone numbers for all of them. We want to winnow this down to less than 10,000 unknowns well before the election. This will be useful to us and to the campaigns. This comes to between 100 and 200 per precinct. There will be a two-question script and we will proceed by using a phone bank process. PCOs should look at the VoteBuilder script to understand it, and then go ahead and recruit helpers.
- The name of each person we recruit as a neighborhood leader should be sent to Priscilla, so she can add phone bank access to VoteBuilder for them.

Eastside Dinner

- Martin needs volunteers to work with the Eastside Dinner committee, and will request them at our June 11 meeting.
- September 21 is the event itself. The venue will be either the Snoqualmie Ridge or Newcastle golf course facilities.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Linkletter provided an update on our current financial status. We have \$6,263.38 in non-exempt checking, \$25 in exempt checking, and \$15,000 earning interest in a non-exempt CD.

Other Committee, Officer, and Representative Reports

- Slim Jims will be ready by Derby Days.
- Abbott Smith is working on the proposed 45th LD Dems logo design, and we will need to settle on one soon.

General Meeting Location

The current contract at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse is up in June, so we discussed pros and cons of continuing to hold our monthly general meetings there. Their larger meeting room costs over \$300 per month. But parking and location are real problems at Emerald Heights. There was a suggestion that we ask whether the city council room in the Redmond City Hall might be made available, or the meeting room at the Lake Washington School District building. It was noted that parking may be a problem there.

Very important is continuity of location.

The upshot was a decision to renew the Old Redmond Schoolhouse for another six months while we continue to look into other venues for a possible subsequent transition.

Old Business

None for this meeting.

New Business

Terry Thorsos noted that our campaigns are likely to win this year. She proposed that our LD organization consider setting up a sister-organization relationship with an LD Democratic organization (or with an Obama campaign organization) in a swing state such as Ohio, where we could make additional efforts where they will make a real difference.

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None for this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Linkletter
45th Legislative District Democrats