

45th Legislative District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007

Attendees: Martin Chaney, Priscilla O'Leary, Brad Larssen, Duane Wentz, Paul Yarbrough, Diane Slota, Mike Burner, Gary Gelow, Terry Linkletter, Dwight Baker, Andrew Villeneuve

Guest:

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

- Martin distributed copies of the proposed agenda. The agenda was approved without change.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The October 2007 Executive Board meeting minutes were approved.

General Meeting Agenda Review

Specific items discussed that relate to the General Meeting agenda include:

- **Guest Speaker**
 - Judith Shattuck is planning to present a resolution regarding condo conversions and has invited a guest speaker to discuss the topic. This topic has already been discussed and resolutions have been adopted by some of the legislative districts and King County Democrats.
 - Judith will be having the resolution posted to the website and will send a message to the announcement list to let people know it will be presented at the general meeting. As Judith was not present to confirm this, Martin agreed to insure the announcement is sent.
- **Candidates & officials speaker**
 - Martin is not aware of any elected officials who are asking to speak at this month's meeting. Andrew Villeneuve has requested time to present information about Northwest Progressive Institute.
 - Paul Yarbrough will call Jessica Greenway to see if she wants to speak about her election results.
- It was agreed that a brief update should be given about the change in school levy results. Martin will be sure this is communicated at the general meeting.

- The agenda for the November General Meeting was approved with the changes made during the above discussions.

Resolutions at Caucuses

- Mike Burner asked if we are committed to not considering resolutions at the caucuses. Martin confirmed that people can submit resolutions, but we won't debate and vote on them at the area caucuses. The plan for the legislative district caucus is not yet clear. Martin will check further with the state party.
- Duane Wentz asked how resolutions will be submitted and expressed concerns that a process is in place. Considerations need to be made for submissions in advance of the caucus and plans for how to handle resolutions that are presented at the caucuses by attendees.
- Martin noted that we will need to put together a committee to work on the resolutions that are submitted. His hope is that those who submit resolutions will be motivated to come back and work with the committee to help get them through the process.
- Paul suggested that if there is a plan to read the resolutions out loud at some point, we might consider requiring a summary be included to make it more efficient. Mike added that we should provide a standard format to use as a template by those who want to submit resolutions.
- There was discussion of the difference in timing at caucuses between presidential and non-presidential years. Delegate voting makes it difficult to get to resolutions at the legislative district caucus meetings due to the wide disparity in the amount of time it takes for all the groups to finish electing delegates. Martin agreed and noted that this supports the need for more effective sub-committees between levels of caucuses to make the consolidation of resolutions more effective and efficient.
- Duane Wentz reminded everyone that it is not too early to think about the team that is going to organize the LD caucus. The current team members have other commitments that would make working on that project difficult. He also shared that the location has been reserved for the LD caucus.

Caucus Preparation Status – Gary Gelow and Duane Wentz

- Martin confirmed that we plan on sending out a letter about the caucus to the 2004 attendees.
- There is a plan for the PCO committee to call people to make personal invitations, as well, and to try to line up some PCOs for precincts that don't have one. Duane has provided Martin a script for these calls. The Caucus Committee is awaiting confirmation of this plan from Bob Horn.
- A question was raised if the existing PCOs would be asked to oversee multiple precincts. This is not a workable plan as the PCOs need to be leading the caucus for their own precincts.
- Locations have been identified and the committee has a proposed list of leaders. Martin asked if the list is ready to distribute and Duane indicated

- that they are confirming the last couple of changes and it should be ready in a couple of days. They also need to confirm the leaders for two sites.
- Martin shared his perspective that it is time to start pushing the work down into the organization. Caucus leaders need to make sure they have enough conveners for each of their area caucuses.
 - Martin requested that the committee get the training sessions on the calendar and start publicizing them even though training materials are still under construction.
 - There will be caucus training provided by the state party on December 2nd at the Westin Hotel in Seattle. A reminder will be sent to the leaders to encourage them to attend this training session.
 - If area caucus leaders want help recruiting precinct caucus conveners, they can contact the PCO Support Committee to find out if/when they are planning to make calls to their precincts. We also need to be prepared for fact that we won't have a convener lined up for every precinct before the meeting.
 - Priscilla agreed to set up and share queries in VoteBuilder for each of the caucus sites. When run, these queries will provide a list of the 2004 attendees for all of the precincts within each area caucus.
 - A proposal was put forth to expand the mailings to include all SD/LD voters. Concerns about costs and resources were discussed. Mike Burner suggested sending postcards with basic information and a link to the website for additional details. It is estimated this would add an additional 3,000 pieces to the mailings. A motion was made to approve the additional mailings subject to confirmation from the Treasurer that the costs can be covered. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: Passed

- It was noted that we need to identify a place, or places, where we can meet to consolidate and prepare the paperwork after the caucuses.

State Party Challenge Coordinator

- The state party has asked us to designate a coordinator for the State Party Challenge. The commitment for the coordinator is through the general election in 2008. If not filled, the role most likely defaults to the Chair.
- No volunteers were immediately identified. Martin will put out a message to the announce list to see if someone wants to take on this role.

Holiday Party (December 8) Status – Diane Slota

- Diane shared a handout with the plans that have been made to date and information that will be on flyer. Lynn Norwood volunteered to put together the flyer.

- Cost will be \$3 per adult and it will be a potluck. Families are welcome. There will be music and dancing.
- Priscilla will send Martin and Diane a current copy of sign in list to cull for a phone list.
- Volunteers are still needed for several tasks listed on the handout.
- An email will go out with the flyer asking for more volunteers.

Other Democratic Holiday Events

Martin reminded everyone of other Democratic holiday events that are scheduled:

- November 30th – KCDCC Party
- December 2nd – WSDCC Party
- December 14th – Roger Goodman dinner

Sherman Race Funding Irregularity Issue

- The general feeling is that if the Sherman campaign wants to pursue investigation of the issues that have been shared then we are happy to support the effort.

Other Committee, Officers, and Representatives Reports

- None were given due to time constraints.

Old Business

- None at this meeting.

New Business

- Dwight shared that he has a donation he would like to make with some provisions. He currently has in storage some cubicle partitions that he acquired at auction of a dot com company. Due to a variety of circumstances, they need to be moved out of their current storage locker immediately (24 hours). There are enough panels to create 12 – 15 cubicles, including the fittings. These could be used for phone banking, extra office space, or possible dividers at the caucuses. It takes approximately 5x10 feet to store them.
- It is possible that the state party or other political organizations might be interested. There were offers to Dwight to follow up with a variety of potentially interested parties.

Good of the Order

- None for this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. to allow time to reset the room per the library's requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
45th Legislative District Democrats