



45th Legislative District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2008

Attendees: Martin Chaney, Priscilla O'Leary, Paul Yarbrough, Diane Slota, Ken Nelson, Terry Linkletter, Brad Larssen, Gary Gelow, Melissa Waldie, Shelley Kloba, Matt Loeschen, Ken Albinger, Bob Horn, Ralph Gorin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Martin Chaney, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Martin reviewed proposed agenda items for this meeting. After review, the agenda was adopted.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The October Executive Board meeting minutes were discussed along with the revised September minutes. Minutes for both months were approved.

Speaker Requests for General Meeting

Martin reviewed the speaker requests we've received for the December meeting.

- Gail Tarleton – Port of Seattle Commissioner
- Noemie Maxwell – fix3strikes resolution
 - Judith Shattuck previously noted to Martin that this in alignment with one of the top priorities voted on at the Legislative District caucus.
- Director of Elections candidates:
 - Candidates who have contacted us so far include Lloyd Hara and Jason Osgood. Others have been rumored but we've not yet received communications from them.
 - Director of Elections race is scheduled for February 3rd. All mail ballots will be used and voting will take place between January 14th and February 3rd. The board discussed how we want to proceed in regards to possible endorsements.
 - It was noted that the filing period for this position will not close before our next general meeting.
 - Ralph recommended that the Endorsements Committee review the candidates after the filing period closes and make their

recommendations at the January general meeting. If an endorsement is made at the January general meeting, the endorsement can be posted on our website.

- Ken Albinger encouraged getting the Endorsements Committee queued up to begin reviewing known candidates. Martin will send Andrew a message to schedule a committee meeting.
- Brad suggested posting a notice that election is coming up and may be having time to discuss it at the general meeting. Martin will include this information in the message to the announcement list regarding the general meeting.
- Mathew Kwartin – Department of Ecology Car Care Clean Air presentation
 - It is expected this would be a lengthy presentation (25 – 30 minutes). It is unlikely to fit in the agenda for the December or January meetings. Further research is needed to confirm that this aligns with the district’s goals, platform and priorities.

General Meeting Agenda Review

In addition to discussions around speakers as noted above, the following topics for the general meeting agenda were discussed:

- Melissa suggested that including a legislative session preview may be premature but if they are available it is possible that our legislators could speak in a more general way about the budget shortfall and other issues.
- The LAC wants to do a survey of priorities at December meeting. Melissa or Kathleen will send a message to the announcement list to get people thinking about the issues they want the LAC to work on.
- Martin obtained more t-shirts for the membership promotion. A message will be sent out ahead of time to let people know they will be available at the meeting.
- The agenda for the general meeting was approved with the adjustments discussed.

Holiday Party – December 12th

Paul Yarbrough reviewed the plans for the holiday party.

- Publicity – Melissa Waldie and Bob Horn
 - Melissa will provide Bob with a list of the email addresses from the announcement list. Bob will combine that list with what he already has to make a full email list for the Evite invitation.
 - A hand out will be made for the next meeting.
- Food Committee – Shelley Kloba and Matt Loeschen
 - The district will provide the meats and drinks
 - Shelley priced out soft drinks and is pricing out the meats.
 - Beer and wine are permitted on a BYOB basis. This message will be included in the invitation.
- Decorations and Setup – Diane Slota, Duane Wentz, and others

- Paul has tablecloths and decorations we can use
 - Expected to be around 12 tables
- Raffle Committee – Judith Shattuck and Company
 - Judith needs help soliciting for raffle prizes
 - Ralph, Diane and Martin have items that can be raffled
- Program – Gary Gelow, Ken Nelson, Jeremy York, Martin Chaney
 - PCO recognition – Martin is willing to put together the certificates. Ken Albinger will solicit input on who should receive recognition. He will send a request to the announcement and PCO email lists requesting their input.
 - Ken Nelson will bring recorded music and sound system.
 - Martin will bring the microphone/equipment for announcements.
 - Paul to contact legislators to see if they will be attending and if they want to speak.
 - Shelley suggested the possibility of having some sort of photo display. Matt will check into this option.
- Motion to approve \$250 budget for event. Motion was seconded.
VOTE: passed, unanimously

2009 Membership Drive

- Kathleen will present a call for 2009 memberships at the meeting and reiterate the t-shirt offer (while quantities last).

LAC Plans for 2009

- Melissa announced that Kathleen Reynolds will be taking over as acting Chair of the LAC.
- The LAC is currently meeting with all of our legislators and putting together the district agenda.
- The LAC is looking into ways to encourage more active involvement with the various town councils and county council.

45th Legislative District Reorganization – January 7th

- Martin recapped the messages that have been sent over the past few weeks regarding the results of the PCO elections and the requirement to have enough votes to meet the 10% rule.
- Two possible mechanisms to enfranchise those who meet the statutory requirements but do not meet the state party requirements for recognition.
 - Option 1: A motion can be made to include the votes of the statutory PCOs. The motion would be voted on by all party recognized PCOs and would need to pass unanimously. Ralph noted that in order to utilize this option, there would first need to be a motion to suspend the rules. Since this would need to take place while someone from the county organization is chairing the

meeting, we would need to coordinate with that person to make sure they are aware that the motion would be expected.

- Option 2: If the chair of the King County Democrats is present at reorganization meeting, once we have elected an LD Chair we could proceed with making PCO appointments. Since the King County Chair would be present to accept those appointments immediately, the appointees would then be able to be included in the remainder of the voting.
 - Bob Horn suggested that we consider appointing all candidates at the same time rather than individually in recognition of our time constraints.
- Option 2 is the method that Suzie Sheary is recommending we pursue. After discussion the board members agreed that option 2 would be preferable. Martin will follow up with Suzie to confirm the availability of the King County Chair for our meeting.
- Martin suggested that we prepare two different colored credentials so that the statutory PCOs can be conditionally credentialed when they sign in.
- A question was raised if we will consider PCO appointments for anyone other than the statutory winners who did not meet the 10% threshold. This will need further discussion.
- Terry Linkletter provided a questionnaire from the Recruiting Committee regarding the positions for the reorganization. He will get it sent out to the various email lists.

Other Committee, Officers, and Representatives Reports

- None offered.

Old Business

- None presented.

New Business

- None presented.

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- None for this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary
45th Legislative District Democrats