

45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
October 27, 2008

Attendees: Martin Chaney, Priscilla O'Leary, Paul Yarbrough, Ken Albinger, Judith Shattuck, Diane Slota, Ken Nelson, Terry Thorsos, Terry Linkletter

**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. Suggestions for additional topics were incorporated and the agenda was adopted.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The February 2008 Executive Board meeting minutes were discussed. Priscilla will make a final revision based on the feedback provided and sent to the board via email for approvals.

**General Meeting Agenda Review**

- It has been suggested that the General Meeting be focused around celebrating our victories from the elections the day before.
- The set up will be tables rather than the usual theatre seating format.
- It was suggested that Michael Finkle might be able to share pictures from the DNC convention in August. Martin will follow up with Michael about his availability.
- Ken Nelson suggested we start the meeting by providing updates on where we are with the various races and possibly have the King County and State websites on display.
- Screens and projectors would be valuable. Ken Albinger will coordinate this effort. Terry Thorsos has a screen. Martin and Andrew have projectors. Dave Asher and Matt Loeschen also have projectors.
- A suggestion was made to communicate to people about taking down yard signs and bringing them to the meeting so that they can be returned to the campaigns. Ken Nelson will write an email for PCO list and send it to Ken Albinger for publication.

- Martin suggested that we include a reminder to sign up and pay 2009 dues. He would like to have a table for dues and filling out registration forms. He noted that this is the official document we will be using to track members for voting purposes in 2009. As an incentive, Martin has some convention t-shirts to give to those who pay dues.
- It was decided we should put out call for people to bring potluck items (finger foods and snacks) to share. Non alcoholic beverages will be provided. Judith will send out a message for potluck items. Terry Linkletter offered to purchase drinks from Costco. Judith Shattuck will bring ice. Paul Yarbrough will bring an ice chest & ice as well. Priscilla will provide utensils.

### **Election Activities Update – Ken Albinger**

- Literature drop – nearly 10,000 endorsements sheets (Slim Jims) were distributed. Some areas were blanketed.
  - Ken Nelson noted that he was impressed with overlap he saw in the flyers that were out from a variety of group.
  - Judith confirmed similar experiences.
  - Ken Albinger felt that literature related to the initiatives arrived later than we would have preferred.
  - Terry Thorsos reiterated a previous suggestion that the endorsement flyer have space so a PCO can add a label.
  - Martin also suggested space for writing a short “sorry I missed you” note.
  - Ken Nelson indicated some confusion around literature distribution and whether or not areas were canvassed.
- Terry Thorsos commended the PCO Support Committee for using the right approach of friendly encouragement.
- Ken Albinger gave an update on the great phone banking party held at the Rutledge’s.
- Wednesday night Jeremy is coordinating phone banks 2 district homes. The weekend events will include phone banking and canvassing based out of several others homes throughout the district.
- Volunteers are also being encouraged to continue the Neighbor to Neighbor calling.
- Ken Albinger provided a recap of the fantastic rally that was held last Saturday.
- Roger Goodman’s campaign has been out sign waving and will continue most days this week, as well as two evenings during commute times.
- The Campaign For Change office is scheduling volunteers for shifts on Election Day.
- Martin shared information he received at the KCDCC officers meeting regarding King County taxi companies who have volunteered to provide taxi time. Suzie Sheary will send out more detailed information shortly.

### **Holiday Party Plans**

- The question was raised if we should consider as a date for a holiday party the December meeting date (12/3). It was concluded that it would not be viable to hold the holiday party at the Redmond Community Center where we have the general membership meeting as it does not have the kitchen facilities we would need.
- Paul Yarbrough will work on identifying venues/dates. Any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday in early to mid December should be possible.
  - North Kirkland Community Center – Paul will research
  - Juanita Community Center – Diane will research
  - Heritage Hall – Ken Nelson will research
  - Kirkland Congregational Church – Paul will research
  - North Lake Unitarian Church – Judith will research
  - Lake Washington Methodist – Ken Albinger will research

### **Reorganization Preparation**

- Martin has corresponded with Suzie regarding the scheduling the meeting. It appears the January meeting (1/7/09) would be the best opportunity. The tentative plan is to schedule the reorganization meeting on that date.
- PCO qualifications:
  - Martin recapped the recent communication from Dwight Pelz identifying the state party requirement to meet the 10% rule. Most write in candidates will not meet this requirement and will not be considered elected PCOs.
  - Suzie has provided Martin the certificates of election. The board discussed how to distribute them.
  - After discussion, it was determined that in order to include those who were write in candidates in the election process during the reorganization meeting, a motion will need to be made to allow the “write in” votes to count. If the motion passes, the PCO who were write in candidates will then be given ballots. These ballots will not be differentiated from the elected PCO ballots since by that point the elected PCOs will have agreed to have their votes be a part of the process. Martin will review this plan with Suzie.
- The question was raised if we want to have a committee for recruiting candidates for board positions. It was decided to announce this opportunity at the general meeting and ask for volunteers to form a committee.

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

- Terry Linkletter provided a Treasurer’s update.
  - Ken Nelson requested an update regarding the proceeds from Eastside Dinner. Terry Linkletter confirmed the amount received and shared that the corresponding contributions were sent to the candidates.

- Terry Thorsos asked about other contributions. Terry Linkletter reviewed both the incoming and outgoing contributions.

### **Old Business**

- None presented.

### **New Business**

- Terry Thorsos recapped the information that Judith previously sent via email regarding an ad in the Times comparing Reichert and Burner's positions on torture. The National Religious Campaign against Torture Action Fund Group wants to put in a ¼ page ad about the issue contrasting the candidates' positions. They are seeking donations to cover cost of the ad. Donations need to come from individuals, not organizations. They are moving forward with publishing the ad on faith that the funds will be donated.
- Terry Thorsos shared observations she made while taking part in election training on Monday. It was also the last day of in person voter registration that was taking place at the same location. The crowds were large and the place was quite busy.

### **Good of the Order**

- None for this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O'Leary, Secretary  
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