

45th Legislative District Democrats
Regular Meeting
Minutes, March 1, 2006

Chair called meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The passing of Bill St. Germaine was announced, the husband of Anne, whose hospitality we enjoy at McDonald's bookstore during Executive Board meetings. The pledge followed this announcement.

Movement was made to change the agenda so that the Iraq Resolution is addressed as the 6th item on the agenda. Additionally, we will also consider early endorsements at that time.

Agenda, as amended adopted.

No Guest Speakers present

CANDIDATES

Eric Oemig reports that while doorbelling he spoke to an older woman who was at first unwilling to talk, however, as he talked about what Democrats stand for she warmed to his message of fiscal wisdom, and honesty. The woman wants now to invite Eric's wife to tea. Eric stated he sees caucus as a prime opportunity for recruiting new party members and converts.

Mike Burner, speaking unexpectedly, on behalf of Darcy, said Henry is doing well! He stated the clam feed was a very nice event, saying the entire delegation there and spoke on behalf of Darcy. A delegation of Pierce county folks started a chant of "Darcy, Darcy, Darcy..." The campaign's policy board has come together and had a first meeting and is working in a thoughtful and organized way to go about setting policy. Ralph spoke to the district's territory, using map to show that at least a 1/3 of the population of the 45th lives in the 8th CD.

Larry Springer cannot campaign for a bit yet.

We don't yet have a candidate to run against Toby Nixon.

Minutes of previous meeting posted on website. Need to be approved next time

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Leonard introduced an **Iraq War Resolution**, already passed by the 1st LD, the 36TH and the 46TH. LD's.

Lincoln spoke against adoption saying the scope is too broad.

Judith spoke for adoption saying Bush's approval rating stands at a low of 34%, 2300 American boys and girls are dead for lies.

Wayne Stafford spoke against wanting not to alienate anyone.

Martin spoke for standing up for principles, saying he felt taking a stand was important.

Motion to close debate was seconded and approved by majority
24 for adoption/ 8 against
Motion to adopt resolution approved.

Paul moved **early endorsement** for tonight's meeting only, not a new policy. Andrew seconded this. Joe made a friendly amendment that this would apply only to candidates who asked for the early endorsement. This was accepted.

Sue stated she does not want to lose the process of vetting candidates through the process we used in the previous election cycle, and upon which we made endorsements.
Terry, spoke to the point that we know these candidates, they are part of our organization. This is not like someone coming to ask as a Port Commissioner.
Andrew echoed Terry's comments.
Joe spoke to the reasons we have endorsement rules in place because of the party switching of Bill Finkbeiner.

Question was called.

Martin moved we endorse Darcy. Unanimous

Bob Horn moved we endorse Eric Oemig. Unanimous

SHORT TOPICS

David South called our attention to the April 22nd LD Caucus, stating we will need people to help set it up and to run the event. He sent around a sign up sheet for volunteers. His goal is to get various set up tasks are taken care of.

Terry Torsos said she called all A's and B's from voter file to inform of precinct caucuses with good results.

Inge Theisen also door belled. Found discrepancies in the voterfile.

Andrew Villanuevue reported that NW progressive institute now carries a Blog in digest form daily. 94.5 FM runs commentaries from NWPI.

Ralph announced Andrew received the 2006 award for Rising Star, male, at the King County Awards Banquet on February 17th.

Judith announced Scott Ritter would speak on the 10th of the month at University Temple Methodist.

Martin announced website updates, and stated the resolutions are posted on the website.

Thanks were given to Melissa, Andrew, and Martin for the website and to Bob and to Joe for getting us started. More thanks to Kris for maintaining the events calendar.

Mike Burner spoke to initiatives designed to drive wedges between people and divide and undermine candidacies.

Wayne spoke to having the newsletter being printed. His constituents miss it. Virtual is hard for elders.

Lynn spoke as newsletter editor who tried to assess the \$1000/yr we pay for the 80 people who receive it. She surveyed all 80 and received only 2 responses.

PCO APPOINTMENTS

None tonight

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ralph stated we won 3rd prize for increasing PCO numbers during the year. The Eminent domain legislation is dead in this session. Please note the following calendar events: Scott Ritter, Ron Sims /Ken Hutchinson debate, Caucuses, LD caucuses, King County Convention, and State Convention. Elected PCO's are automatic delegates; Designated PCO's are not automatic. An acting PCO is not automatic. At LD caucus we will elect delegates to the state convention in June.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$818. in bank

KCDCC REPORT

The Legislative Action Committee and Panel are very interesting. We should have one here. There is interest in pursuing state legislative issues. Melissa felt this committee inspiring, stating the big subject was school levies. The committee would like to see a change to passing simple majority from the present 60% to win with a 40% turnout. The bill is SB 51. Write or call your rep. Also a new WASL bill HB 2582 is active. The Fair Share Health Bill 2517 is trying to get at Wal-Mart and other large employers who try to dodge providing employee health insurance. Also discussed was oppositon to I 920, an initiative to repeal the reinstatement of the estate tax; the proceeds are dedicated to education. Additionally, there are two Referenda (65, 66) attempting to undo the Legislative action (ESHB2661) adding "sexual orientation" to the anti-discrimination laws; KCDCC voted to oppose signature gathering efforts and to oppose any effort to undo this statute.

PRECINCT CAUCUS RUN THROUGH

The following tasks will need to be accomplished:

Put up Maps

Set out Packets

SIGN IN

CALL ATTENTION TO THE MISTAKE...NEXT Caucus MEETING AT 9 AM NOT 10 AM

Bring your PCO button.

Be there at 1 PM

Meeting adjourned 9:07

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Shattuck, Secretary