

45th LD Democrats
General Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008

Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney, Chair, at 7:04 p.m. and Blair Busenbark led the flag salute.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by a show of hands.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the last month's meeting, previously posted on the website for review, were adopted by a show of hands.

In Memory of Ken Jauch

- A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken Jauch who recently passed away.
- Caroline Jauch, Ken's wife, along with their daughter, Debbie, shared with everyone how much Ken appreciated being part of this group. They spoke about his passion for politics and desire to help bring changes that are needed.
- Caroline noted that Ken would regret not being able to be here to see Darcy Burner get elected as he was a one of her staunch supporters. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Darcy's campaign.
- Martin provided cards for everyone to sign with messages to Ken's family.

Obama Moment

- Jeremy York shared an audio video presentation on the use of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor tool. Links available on www.barackobama.com

What You Can Do to Win the Election – Volunteer and Election Activities

- Judith presented an overview of activities everyone can do to help insure victory for our candidates. The presentation included a calendar of the GOTV events, which starts 10/16.
- Judith will email all the documents from the presentation to the announcement list.
- Ken Albinger shared information about what to do in the next 5 week until the election. He included information about persuasion outreach, debate

watching with neighbors, Voter ID phone banking, delivering the 45th LD Endorsements (Slim Jims) and campaign literature, as well as GOTV efforts.

- Priscilla O'Leary reminded everyone of the importance of data entry and updating information found during canvassing and phone banking. She shared some tips for saving lists to make data entry easier and reminded everyone that if they are not able to complete their own data entry there is a team in place to help get it done.

Handling of Donations Between Now and Election – Ralph Gorin

- Ralph Gorin shared that a donation has been received from the House Democratic Campaign Committee donation. The Executive Board has recommended that the money be spent on Roger Goodman's campaign.
- A motion was made and seconded to follow the Executive Board's recommendation.
- Ralph called for discussion. None was offered
VOTE: passed, unanimously

- Ralph then noted that should additional funds become available to the district between now and Election Day, the Executive Board has proposed that they be allocated in the following manner:
 - 75% to Roger Goodman
 - Divide the remaining 25% equally between Chris Gregoire, Peter Goldmark, Jim McIntire, John Ladenburg, and the No on I-985 campaign.
- A motion was made and seconded to follow the Executive Board's recommendation.
- Ralph then called for discussion.
 - Jeanette Merki pointed out I-1000 is struggling and could use assistance. She proposed an amendment to divide the portion allotted for No on I-985 between the No on I-985 and Yes on I-1000. The motion for this amendment was seconded.
 - Ralph called for discussion on the proposed amendment.
 - Jay Arnold expressed concern we might be spreading the funds too thin. He asked for additional information about how the Executive Board arrived at their recommendation. Ralph then recapped the Executive Board discussions.
 - Andrew Villeneuve provided a point of information, stating that the No on I-985 campaign has raised around \$31,000 while the Yes on I-1000 campaign has raised donations of over \$2 million. He suggested putting the money where it can have most impact.
 - Ellen Hanly reminded everyone that what I-1000 needs most is help making calls.
 - In light of the information provided by Andrew, Jeanette withdrew her proposed amendment.
 - Discussion then returned to the original proposal.
 - Duane Wentz spoke about supporting the Washington Public Campaigns organization. Ralph shared that the Executive Board had

considered this organization in determining the recommendation. While they agreed this is an organization we want to support, it was decided not to recommend providing funds to them at this time since the current ballot does not have a WPC sponsored initiative. However, the current board has elected to bring forward some funds to next year's budget. It will be up to the new board to decide how to use it, but it is hoped that some will be used in support of WPC.

- David Olix asked if there would be a point where Larry Springer's or Roger Goodman's campaigns might not need addition funds and they would tell us not to send any more. Ralph noted that this scenario is not likely and shared his belief that the funds will not be wasted.
- No further discussion was offered.

VOTE: passed, no opposition

Further Reports by Elected Officials and Endorsed Candidates

- Holly Hill Campaign – David, a representative from Holly Hill's campaign, thanked everyone for their support of the campaign and offered yard signs for those who would like to have them.
- Campaign for Change – Joe and Dylan spoke together about the upcoming activities. All 16 campaigns will be working together as one large campaign to efficiently spread the GOTV message. They encouraged use of the Neighbor To Neighbor tool Jeremy shared previously and passed around sign up sheets for those willing to help with GOTV.
- Roger Goodman – Roger shared that the campaign is going really well and they are picking up new supporters every day. Getting the message out is critical. He thanked everyone for all their help and noted that yard signs are available for those who would like them.
- Chris Gregoire – Dylan spoke briefly about the debate in held in Spokane tonight. He also noted that a 2x4 sign is available for anyone with a major street where it can be display. There will be a fundraiser with Al Gore on 10/24. Information will be sent to the announcement list.
 - A question was raised about the recent advertisements focused on casinos. The talking points about this issue will be sent to the announcement list.
 - A question was raised about Rossi's ad touting a supposed deficit. People should be aware that the budget is balanced through 2009 as is required by law. There is a projected deficit for the future, but actions are being explored to reduce that possibility.

Stop the Bubble, Bust and Bail Out Cycle – Judith Shattuck

- Andrew Villeneuve spoke about the bail out legislation passed by the U.S. Senate this evening and he provided information on how the Washington delegation voted. He also shared Senator Cantwell's message regarding the legislation, which is available on her website/blog.
- Rita Margolies asked why the FDIC limits should be raised. It was shared that current laws are out dated. They were created in Franklin Roosevelt's

time and incomes have gone up since then. With the current situation, people afraid of losses started moving money out of banks and contributed to the banking crisis. The legislation is to help keep this from happening again. Joe Lane added that the insured limit hasn't been raised in more than 30 years. This can have a big impact on small businesses that have to keep large accounts of cash for payroll and accounts payables.

- Judith Shattuck presented a resolution on the \$700 Billion Paulson Plan. She noted that the current legislation will like go back and forth between the houses of Congress before revisions are done and believes we have an opportunity to stand with 45th LD values by passing this resolution. Our platform supports putting the community before corporations and this is an opportunity for us to tell our members of Congress about the things we want them to consider as they work through the legislation.
- Using a projection system, Judith then reviewed updates that have been made to the resolution since the printing of the copy that was previously distributed.
- Martin asked for general information questions. None were offered.
- A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution as presented by Judith.
- Martin called for discussion.
 - Bob Horn asked as a point of order if the resolution met the procedural qualifications for notification to members prior to the meeting. Martin noted that the resolution was reviewed by the Executive Board and sent out to the announcement list. Martin stated his belief that this conforms to our rules.
 - Wayne Farrar spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that a lot of work has clearly been done on this. He would like to see an amendment stating that people be held accountable and criminal investigations be undertaken right away.
 - Judith shared that under one of the statements already included regarding reforming the bankruptcy laws it is resolved to make the Wall Street speculators pay for the bailout. Also, the resolution includes a call for limits on CEO pay and prohibitions on profiteering from the bail out.
 - No amendment was offered.
 - Joe Lane spoke in opposition to the resolution. It is his feeling that this is based in emotion and it would take years for Congress to put together legislation to address the issues. In a capitalistic society, pay is between the corporations and their executives.
 - Judith Shattuck spoke in favor of the resolution. She noted that a very similarly worded resolution was passed at the King County Central Committee meeting. In addition, the facts behind this resolution came from the Institute for Policy Studies. The resolution was put together originally by a number of progressive PACs and policy study institutes through a national conference call and has been modified and looked at further.
 - Abbott Smith spoke in opposition of the resolution. He noted that one of the reasons he got involved in politics is that he sees there is currently a

fundamental lack of balance in society. He expressed his frustration that his viewpoint has not been represented for the last eight years. He has concerns about this particular resolution. The crisis is about all Americans – those who think like him and those who don't. There is a need to come up with a compromise and find common ground. He advocates for tolerance, and for a progressive agenda. First and foremost, though, he advocates for balance.

- Gary Gelow spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that 6 or 7 years ago the Bush administration told the American people there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Then they came and said the war would only cost \$10 billion because Iraqi oil revenue would pay for it. Those were lies. Then they went to Congress and convinced them it was the truth and they voted for war. Now the Bush administration is saying that we have crisis and have to have this money now. He believes we need to step back and try and find out the truth. He is voting for this resolution because he believes it supports the idea of stepping back, taking a look, and making sure there really is a crisis and we really need to spend this money.
- Richard Cole spoke in opposition of the resolution. He noted his appreciation for the efforts made to create the resolution and shared that he does not disagree with the points. He shared some examples of impacts from the credit crisis and how the city council is struggling to get money for projects because of it, as well as examples where people are beginning to get laid off from their jobs.
- A motion was made to allow for up to 3 more speakers for and against the resolution.

VOTE: motion to allow more speakers failed

- A vote was then taken on the resolution.

VOTE on resolution: failed 15 in favor, 19 opposed

Committee, Officer, and Representative Reports

- Martin reminded everyone it is not too early to send in your dues and complete your membership form.
- District Reorganization – It appears our meeting date in December is too early in relation to the county meeting so it is more likely we will hold our reorganization meeting in January.
- The Eastside Dinner was a tremendous success! It was a sold out crowd at 300 seats. Martin thanked everyone who volunteered and helped, including Aileen Carter who was the Treasurer. They will endeavor to get the final numbers by next weekend.
- Martin noted that copies of the calendar of events page were provided.
- Judith Shattuck reported on further King County endorsements for races and initiatives. She will provide the list in an email. She also shared briefly some information on the 4th CD campaign. A representative from George Fearing's campaign mentioned at the King County meeting that for a donation of \$25 they can get two media spots.

Short Topics / Open Forum

- Terry Thorsos reminded everyone that if you get a flyer from a campaign opposing one of our candidates, contact the campaign ASAP and get it to them. Terry recently received two pieces for Toby Nixon from People For Jobs.
- Joe Lane shared a call he received from a “polling organization.” It included a question about whether or not you think Reichert is an independent guy. If you respond in favor of Burner, the person conducting the poll then reads statements against Burner.
- Rita Margolies shared another way to help the Campaign for Change. She encouraged people to sign up to provide some home cooked meals for the volunteers.
- Priscilla shared some recent successes with debate parties and encouraged everyone to use this as a great opportunity for outreach in your precincts.
- Jeremy York noted availability of signs and materials. Contact him if you have needs as they have combined funds to make economical purchases.
- Andrew Villeneuve noted that NPI has electronic equipment. If you get lots of calls like the polling call Joe Lane mentioned, NPI can loan microphones for recording the calls to turn in for further analysis. Citizen intelligence will help with election.
- Duane Wentz shared that they are working on getting newly elected PCOs involved. Starter kits are being provided to get them going. Some are in precincts that have current PCOs. The PCO Support Committee is sorting through all the variations.
- Wayne Farrar shared praise and appreciation for Judith Shattuck. She is one who really works hard and we appreciate her efforts!

Good of the Order

- Abbott Smith reminded everyone of the first Redmond Digital Arts Festival this weekend. Information is available on the City of Redmond website.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla O’Leary, Secretary
45th LD Democrats