

153. Chair Ivan Weiss convened the meeting at 19:49 at Kells Pub, immediately after Dow Constantine's 7th Annual 39th Birthday party.

Reports

154. Chair Weiss' report.
- 154.1 Weiss is actively recruiting PCOs. Hopefully Tania Maria Rosario, who now lives in the district, will sign up for a precinct with large concentration of Hispanics. Ivan has also added 4 PCOs in Burien in two days. His goal is to have 20 new PCOs by the January meeting and 10 more per month thereafter. Tania Maria has agreed to be acting PCO in SEA 34-1514.
 - 154.2 Weiss suggested that the regular Treasurer's reports to the membership could include the status of PDC filings. Walter Sive said our procedures reconcile PDC filings as a matter of course.
155. First Vice-Chair Tanya Aguilar's report. Tomás Villanueva lost his bid to become a State Senator in the 15th. He is not happy about losing, but is very pleased about the community building which took place during the campaign. There is a celebration of this on Sunday the 19th. Tanya will head out about 11AM or so if someone needs a ride.
156. Richard Bartlett announced a By-Laws committee meeting on Wednesday the 29th at Richard's home. Richard will e-mail details to the Board.

Old Business.

157. Garden Party - Maggie Larrick.
- 157.1 The District will need to make some decisions by the end of the year—specifically the date and location for the auction. Maggie distributed a document "Garden Party 2007—Initial Decisions to Make" which described the issues. While South Seattle Community College is available, it is also expensive and has very restrictive terms. Should we go back to the West Seattle Nursery?
 - 157.2 Ivan and Maggie will work together to determine a date for the auction and we'll discuss it by e-mail. Once the election is certified the e-board is de-constituted and cannot legally act.
 - 157.3 Bob Watt has agreed to be auctioneer if we have a date and location by the end of the year and it fits into his schedule. He is a phenomenal auctioneer.
 - 157.4 On a different topic, Maggie's work has become very demanding and she doesn't have time to chair the auction. She has a number of client commitments. Maggie will put together her outlines, what worked and what didn't, and help whoever takes the auction chair position. Ivan stated Enid Ahlstrom—Steve Herndon's sister—would be a good candidate to chair the auction. Maggie is willing to co-chair with someone who can work with her crazy schedule.
 - 157.5 We briefly discussed two other items—caterer and music. These don't need to be decided tonight but need to have some thought as well.

New Business

158. Schools First.
- 158.1 Barbara Schaad-Lamphere discussed "Schools First", the upcoming Seattle Schools' \$397

- million operating levy and \$490 million capital bond issue for the ballot in February. Both require a 60% supermajority to pass. See also her handout describing this, or www.schools-first.com.
- 158.2 The operating levy is about a quarter of the operating budget. In the past Seattle voters have passed these by majorities of 78% and 74%.
 - 158.3 The overall budget for the Schools First campaign is \$350,000. It needs contributions. Barbara encourages us to endorse as individuals and give a check to the campaign.
 - 158.4 Brian Earl moved and Walter Sive seconded a motion to endorse these measures. Barbara asked for a public endorsement on the website.
 - 158.5 Ivan stated that we cannot endorse as an E-board but can recommend a do pass" of a motion to endorse at a meeting of the full membership. But we do not have a regular full meeting until January.
 - 158.6 The motion to recommend an endorsement to the full membership passed unanimously.
159. Holiday Party.
- 159.1 Entertainment: The Chief Sealth band is not available. The Mexican Children's Folklore dancing group is available at \$200 for 20 minutes.
 - 159.2 Brian Earl moved and Walter Sive seconded that we spend this money to engage the group. The motion passed with one person opposed.
 - 159.3 Tim Nuse discussed adopting a family for the Christmas season. Last year we adopted a family thru DNDA. Do we want to adopt a family this year too? Or perhaps just re-engage with DNDA sometime next year and support their causes?
 - 159.4 One possible conflict this year: Beth Grieser is already conducting the turkey drive. While individuals can contribute cash to the turkey drive, it is actually better to have members purchase cheap turkeys and donate them. The Food Bank has to pay a higher price than is available to individuals in stores.
 - 159.5 Jackie also stated that adopting a family is a problem, because they usually have very specific requests, clothing sizes and so forth. Making sure that our contributions match those specific requests takes a lot of logistical coordination. We tend to get, for example, all kinds of dolls, but no men's black shoes. Adopt a Family works well with small groups but not with large organizations like ours. She suggested we work with an organization like Helpline where we don't have specific items to buy.
 - 159.6 Walter suggests just contributing dollars to DNDA. We do have extra funds available because we couldn't contribute as much as we authorized to the federal election races this year. Walter and Greg will come up with a dollar amount available to contribute to various community organizations. Walter and Greg will send e-mail with suggestions and then we can have an online discussion about which orgs to support.
160. Brian Earl moved adjournment and Richard Bartlett seconded. We adjourned at 8:27 PM.