

**43rd District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting**

May 9, 2007

Present: Hillary Madsen, Chair
Julian Saucedo Wheeler, 1st Vice Chair and Vice Chair for Programs
Rob Dolin, Interim Vice Chair for Communications
Kirk Shirley, Vice Chair for Events
Stephanie Pure, Vice Chair for Membership
Neal Traven, Secretary
Karelina Resnick, Treasurer
David Kunselman, State Committeeman
Javier Valdez, Special Advisor

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:51pm.

Old business:

Spring Fling – Shirley reported that he has obtained about 45 auction items so far, but he would be delighted to accept more. He asked all present to try to locate more items. The E-board discussed potential food items to be solicited in addition to the organization-provided hors d'oeuvres, and possibly holding a dessert auction if such items can be obtained. Volunteers will be needed for such tasks as auction accounting, bartending, room setup, etc.

PDC – Resnick informed the E-board that PDC has just released a Mac version of their reporting software. She is having much better results working with the new software. The PDC will hold training sessions, which Resnick will try to participate in.

New business:

Endorsement rules – Traven reviewed his proposed revisions, mostly minor or definitional, in the rules for the 43rd District Democrats' endorsement procedure. The E-board accepted those revised rules, tasking Traven to prepare copies of the rules for distribution and approval at the next membership meeting on May 15. It was decided to hold the primary-election endorsement meeting in July, with a candidate forum for at least one major race in June. Deciding on a date for the general-election endorsement meeting was postponed – an August membership meeting was tentatively scheduled for on the fourth Tuesday of the month (avoiding Primary Day), so either that or September could be the second endorsement meeting.

Caucuses – The precinct caucuses are scheduled for February 9, 2008, just nine months from now. Valdez reported that 2004 caucus expenses were \$9031, of which about half was for renting venues for the precinct and LD caucuses. He

has a list of the locations used at that time. There was discussion of prospects for attendance as large as 2004's, with no resolution or decision.

2007 budget – The E-board created a potential 2007 budget for the organization, generally based on those of previous years. It is anticipated that fewer on-paper newsletters will be distributed, as we will push to have members opt for email or web-based newsletters. Savings on additional expenses will be pursued, as will ways to raise more money from events and from member dues. The proposed 2007 budget will be distributed at the May membership meeting.

The E-board meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Traven
Secretary