

MEETING MINUTES
Sixth Ward Democratic Organization
Southside Wellness Center – Saint Louis, MO
General Membership Meeting – September 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Alison Gee (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

- ❖ Reading and Approval of the Minutes
 - Minutes of the June 19, 2008 General Membership Meeting were discussed, edited and approved.

- ❖ Treasurers Report:
 - \$5,660.00 as of 9/4/2008
 - We made approximately \$800.00 - \$900.00 at the Taste of the Sixth Ward

- ❖ New Business:
 - Reusable, oversized “Vote” yard signs discussed, voted and passed
 - Between \$70.00 and \$100.00 per sign
 - Will be made out of material that can withstand weather/elements
 - Strategic placement for maximum exposure
 - Reused for other elections
 - Two-week turnaround from today to ensure signs out in time for exposure
 - Committee
 - Jen Sieve
 - John Maxwell
 - Kacie Triplett
 - Mary Sue Rosenthal (design)

 - Nominating Committee for January Board elections
 - Will present slate at the November meeting
 - Committee
 - Brandi Davis
 - Mary Sue Rosenthal
 - Theresa Hebron

 - Ballot Measures
 - Proposition “A” presented by Cynthia Todd
 - An education initiative
 - Vote yes on “A”
 - Will raise the taxes on casinos from 20% to 21% off the top
 - Eliminates the loss limit/overturns it
 - Caps the number of Missouri casinos at 13
 - Gets rid of the tracking card (not serving its purpose)
 - Casinos pull in 12,000 full time jobs with benefits = good for economy
 - Jobs here in the city (riverfront)

- Many more border states now have casinos (only 2 did in 1992 when first passed in MO); these other casinos do not have gambling limits
 - In the past, the State Legislature redirected funding for education when it found out how much the casinos were given; this will not be true of Prop. “A”
 - A state audit will be done every year to ensure schools are receiving their allocated funds
- Proposition “B” presented by Alfonso Mayfield
 - Missourians for Quality Home Care – SEIU
 - Creates Quality Home Care Council
 - Makes recommendations to legislature to keep solvent and reactive to people’s needs
 - Gives Missourians a choice about where to receive care
 - Home
 - Institution
 - There are currently problems with high turnover due to low pay and bad benefits
 - Oregon state model is good
 - There’s already money allocated for this; the Council and consumers will address desires of those with needs
 - Hiring, training and firing done by person in need
 - Council would be legally binding
 - Ballot initiative is funded by SEIU
 - Clean Air Initiative presented by Claire Miller
 - Creates a renewable energy standard for Missouri
 - Currently, Missouri sends \$9 billion dollars per year to Wyoming for 80% - 85% of the coal used for our electricity
 - We have the capabilities to utilize wind and solar power
 - Coal creates problems:
 - Air quality
 - Asthma
 - Mercury
 - Global warming
 - This can create \$330 million dollars in savings for Missouri
 - 26 states have similar laws
 - Electricity companies would have to use 15% renewable energy by 2021
 - Little to no cost to consumers
 - Providers cannot increase rates more than 1% per year.
- Ken Franklin for Jay Nixon
 - Hulshof joined McCain’s belief that the economy is fundamentally sound

- Kids should be covered under health care
 - We need jobs
- Mary Kay Christian re: the Obama Campaign
 - 20 more days to register voters
 - 2 weekends left to canvass
 - Volunteers will be bussed in and will need places to stay
 - Call Mary Kay if you have hosted volunteers in your home (497.0640)
- ❖ Elected Official Reports:
 - Kacie Triplett
 - Introduced Jarin Lanwick. He is an intern for Kacie and is currently a student at Harris Stowe
 - Please volunteer for the Clinton Peabody voter registration event
 - See Christine Ingrassia if interested
 - John Maxwell
 - We need poll volunteers and precinct captains
 - Beverly Bucheit
 - The Central Committee will pay for our ballots for the general election if all democratic candidates and propositions are placed on the mailer
- ❖ Miscellaneous:
 - Mary Kay Christian to speak with Brandon regarding absentee ballots
 - Ollie Stewart mentioned the need for poll drivers
 - A Notary Public may be needed (Christine Ingrassia can assist)
 - 9/30/08 voter registration at Almost Home with Theresa Hebron
 - The October 16, 2008 meeting will be at the Obama HQ on Olive
- ❖ Endorsement of Ballot Measures:
 - Propositions A, B, and C were discussed, voted on and were all endorsed.

The meeting was adjourned.