

MEETING MINUTES
Sixth Ward Democratic Organization
Southside Wellness Center – Saint Louis, MO
General Membership Meeting – January 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Mary Entrup (Chair) called the meeting to order.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes was not completed, as minutes were not presented.

New Business

Representatives for Presidential candidates Dennis Kucinich, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards spoke on behalf of each campaign.

President of the Board of Aldermen, Lewis Reed discussed:

- ❖ Passing of cyber harassment legislation in the city (Ordinance #67800).
- ❖ February ballot – ½% sales tax increase
 - There is currently a \$40 million deficit in the city due to a successful lawsuit regarding pensions.
 - If it passes it will place 45 new police officers on the streets and will give the city \$1 million in crime prevention money.
 - If it fails, 120 police officers and 45 firefighters will be cut immediately
- ❖ Kacie Starr Triplett is doing very well as a representative for the Sixth Ward.

Representative Robin Wright Jones:

- ❖ There is not a lot of “serious legislation” in Jefferson City since it is an election year.
- ❖ Senator Maida Coleman and Rep. Wright Jones are terming out and Rep. Jones is pursuing the Senate seat (S05). She has raised \$30,000.
- ❖ Tishaura Jones and April Harris are interested in Jones’ House seat (H63).

Officer Elections – New Officers of the Executive Committee:

- ❖ Alison Gee – Chair
- ❖ Brandon Davis – Vice Chair
- ❖ Treasurer – Steve Zeiger
- ❖ Recording Secretary – Ollie Stewart
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary – Christine Ingrassia

Alison Gee would like the group to focus on increasing voter registration and voter turnout. We will be utilizing technology (website, e-mail notices) to further promote the organization’s purpose. Per the new by-laws, we will also use Robert’s Rules to assist with keeping order. Nametags will be used to help everyone get to know each other.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Zeiger/ The report was moved/seconded/approved.

-Total ending Balance 4th Quarter 2007: **\$4,429.13**

-Total Deposits this quarter: **\$220.00**

-Total Expenditures this quarter: **\$517.2**

-Total Starting Balance for 1st Quarter 2008: **\$4,131.89**

-Steve will have a budget ready at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Website Update – Mary Sue Rosenthal/The site is under construction and can be viewed at www.sixthwardstl.org

Mary Entrup informed the membership she has hired Mark Levison with Lathrop & Gage to represent her before the Missouri Ethics Commission. A fine of \$300 was issued and \$2,700 is stayed as long as the organization remains violation free for two years.

Alison Gee was under the impression Brandon Davis was handling the MEC issue, pursuant to our last meeting. Christine Ingrassia, Steve Zeiger and others agreed.

The members discussed the need for a checks and balances system, so we ensure all reports are filed on time. Alison Gee states this will be a topic addressed at the February Executive Committee Meeting.

New Business (cont'd)

Ollie Stewart will head the Membership Committee; Steve Zeiger and John Maxwell volunteered to join.

David Lee will Chair the Voter Registration Committee. Brandon Davis and Theresa Hebron joined.

The organization will be handing out flyers to encourage people to join at polling places the day of the primary (2/5/08). Alison Gee, Bev Bucheit, Kathy Grillo, Becky Lindsey and Christine Ingrassia volunteered.

After the primary, Matt Potter will train us to register voters properly.

A representative from the Barr Branch Library reminded everyone they are able to register people at their location.

There will be no Sixth Ward endorsement of a candidate for the 2008 Presidential Primary due to missing the 30-day deadline under the by-laws (Article VII, Section 2D).

Per Bev, she and John Maxwell will attend the caucus training on 01/26/08. John will be presented as the new Committeeman for the Sixth Ward. Filing opens for Committeewoman and Committeeman on 02/26/08.

Jay Nixon's fundraiser is from 5-7:30pm at the Electrician's Hall on 02/06/08. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased through Bev.

John Maxwell states we need record turnout to ensure Missouri goes Democrat this election year.

The next general membership meeting is 02/21/08 at 7:00pm. The Executive Committee Meeting will be on 02/07/08 at 8:00pm (1617 Pennsylvania).

The meeting was adjourned.