

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

Alison Gee (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

Treasurers Report:

Steve Zeiger reported a starting balance on 04.17.08 of \$2,522.29. A total of \$25.00 was deposited since the last meeting, with total expenditures of \$322.62. Expenditures were for bank charges, the MEC fine (\$300.00) and a voter registration meeting.

Candidate for St. Louis City Treasurer:

A representative for Daniel Schesch spoke to the general membership.

- ❖ He is concerned with the number of parking meters in the city
 - It is discouraging business in some places
 - There are too many meters with time limits
- ❖ He has requested and received financial reports from the treasurer's office; they are posted on his website: www.danielschesch.org

Candidates – Missouri Senate – 5th District:

Rep. Rodney Hubbard:

- ❖ Grew up in St. Louis and is a product of the public schools
- ❖ He is concerned about the drop-out rate in St. Louis city.
- ❖ He recently worked on a project to train and reintroduce parolees in to society.
- ❖ Didn't really answer the voucher question
- ❖ Stated he was in favor of protecting city police pensions
- ❖ Has bi-partisan support and can work well with both parties to accomplish goals

Rep. Connie Johnson:

- ❖ She is terming out of the Missouri House
- ❖ Grew up in Chicago until she was a young teen
- ❖ Went to Bradley University and SLU Law School
- ❖ Father was a police officer and was killed – she received his pension as a young girl, so the pension issue is important to her
- ❖ Is not in favor of vouchers
- ❖

Rep. Robin Wright-Jones:

- ❖ She is terming out of the Missouri House
- ❖ She continues to work hard for the 63rd District in the Missouri House

- Joint Committee on Tax Policy
- Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight
- Appropriations Committee for Transportation and Economic Development
- ❖ She has strong relationships with the elected officials in the 63rd District
- ❖ She was a single mother raising two sons and knows the issues of the people
- ❖ Healthcare and education are important to her

Committee Reports:

Steve Zeiger (Membership) stated the committee was looking into other meeting locations throughout the ward for general membership meetings. In addition, ads will be placed in papers such as the *Marquis* in order to help get the word out about our organization. Placing information in ward businesses was also discussed.

David Lee (Voter Registration) described the second voter registration training and canvassing. They registered eleven new voters. Voter registration drives will be held at Harris Stowe career day (May 19th), Roosevelt High School graduation (May 20th at Keiner Plaza), and, pending approval from the administration, Hodgen School's graduation (May 27th). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David.

What are the job descriptions of the Circuit Attorney, Public Administrator, Sheriff and Treasurer?

Christine Ingrassia gave a brief report on the responsibilities of the city-wide offices we will vote on in the August primary.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings: Alison Gee stated there is an Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7:00pm at 1617 Pennsylvania Street.

The meeting was adjourned.