

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sixth Ward Democratic Organization**  
Van Gohz Martini Bar – Saint Louis, MO  
General Membership Meeting – May 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm

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

Robin Carnahan - Candidate for MO Secretary of State:

Kelsey from Carnahan's campaign spoke on her behalf regarding the upcoming election.

- ❖ The office is in charge of elections, state archives/library, and businesses
- ❖ Please contact the CWE campaign office (408 N. Euclid), or [www.robincarnahan.com](http://www.robincarnahan.com) to volunteer

Daniel Schesch - Candidate for St. Louis City Treasurer:

- ❖ City resident for over 40 years
- ❖ The parking division does not track where it is spending money
- ❖ Parking garages are losing money
- ❖ We need to measure expenses and figure out a plan
- ❖ It is difficult to know what is going on in city government – we need more transparency
- ❖ He doesn't believe in a clean sweep of jobs if he's elected – qualified people can stay
- ❖ Patronage is okay if the candidates are qualified

Elected Official Report:

Lewis Reed spoke:

- ❖ A legislative agenda is being created by the Board of Aldermen (BOA) to determine what issues need to be addressed this year.
  - An invitation for resident participation will be extended, as well.
- ❖ A regional coalition on the environment is being created (St. Louis, St. Charles, Madison County, etc.)
  - Attorneys are working on the structure and funding right now
- ❖ The city courts requested 4 new sheriff's deputies. The BOA will give approval if the new positions allow for the deputies to provide assistance at the board meetings. Presently, police officers are pulled for this duty.

Steve Zeiger - Treasurers Report:

Balance – April 17, 2008 (2nd Quarter 2008):

**\$2,224.67**

Total Deposits this quarter:

**\$0.00**

Total Expenditures this quarter:

**\$17.87**

Total Starting Balance for 15 May 2008:

**\$2,206.80**

### Membership Committee Update:

Steve Zeiger reported that the committee will begin rotating meetings to various locations in the ward to increase membership.

### Andria Simkes - Candidate for State Treasurer:

- ❖ Wants Democrats to take back Missouri politics
- ❖ We need to reinvest our dollars to sustain business and create jobs
- ❖ Programs for high school students to learn about mortgages, financial aid, credit cards and check books are important
- ❖ She was the legal assistant to Gov. Carnahan
- ❖ She helped raise 1.6 million to re-elect Carnahan and Clinton
- ❖ Worked for the Dept. of Economic Development
- ❖ Executive Director in not-for-profit development
- ❖ Has been a stay at home mom of 3 and is ready to come back

### Reading and Approval of the Minutes

April minutes approved.

### Voter Registration Committee:

David Lee is looking for volunteers for the Harris Stowe graduation on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the May 20<sup>th</sup> Roosevelt HS Graduation, and the May 27<sup>th</sup> Hodgen School Graduation. Ten members volunteered to assist. Mary Sue Rosenthal agreed to produce signs.

### Committeeman – John Maxwell:

John gave a brief overview of his time at the state Democratic Convention presidential delegate selection meeting in Columbia, MO.

### Brandon Davis – End of the Missouri Legislative Session Notes:

- ❖ 4 ballot initiatives have been turned in
  - 2 eminent domain
  - 1 renewable energy
  - 1 quality home care
- ❖ Affirmative action was not turned in

### Jeff Harris – Candidate for Attorney General:

- ❖ He was the Democratic leader in the House right after Blunt was elected – tough time. Harris headed up and led the fight on issues such as:
  - Health care cuts
  - Photo ID bill

- Governor evoking Sunshine to bully and intimidate
- ❖ His role will be as a consumer advocate, people's lawyer and managing partner of the state's law firm.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ Alison Gee thanked Van Gohz for the free meeting space
- ❖ The Stock's stated there will be an event for Lewis Reed on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Gast Haus

The meeting was adjourned.