

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE WASHTECH PLANNING COUNCIL

October 10, 2006

Attendees: Marcus Courtney, Barbara Rader, Rick Saling, Todd Tollefson, Dan Gillespie

Minutes taken by: Barbara Kempf

Monthly Report (Marcus):

Membership is about the same. Todd did some phone banking and door knocking of subscribers. We're getting a few new members.

Todd has been talking to network people at Cingular to get more members. We distributed an attrition survey. We're working with stewards to get the word out and get more people signed up.

Marcus talked to some people at non-licensed child care centers to see if they might be interested in organizing. We might be able to build a health care plan around multiple employers. We hope to learn more about the industry and what might be possible there.

General meeting wrap-up:

There was a general agreement that we should look at opening up the contracting positions that we have available. We might need to redefine what the job descriptions are and what would be required from a contractor.

Rick summarized the budget changes. Cingular members wanted us to divide up duties involved in web site maintenance. We'll re-evaluate it. Dan is going to investigate the composition of our membership to analyze whether our affiliation contributions are equitable based on where our members live so we can adjust it if necessary. We'll discuss the numbers at the next PC meeting. There was a question about miscellaneous affiliations. Those will now be broken out individually. We also realized that we need to have a professional audit done because we haven't had one for several years. There is enough variance so that it will be included in our budget. We have taxes that'll be due that Dan will pay out of the budget. Next month we'll have figures for what has actually been spent to compare to what we had budgeted and those figures will be available monthly going forward.

8th District Plan: We got the results from phone banking about tech workers and outsourcing. We also found that it was split between Reichert and Burner. We'll be targeting undecideds and Reichert supporters, using COPE money to support the campaign.

Darcy Burner day 10/14/06, 10-3 in Auburn, door knocking in support of her campaign.

Retreat in 2007: probably 1/20 or 1/27. We'll discuss it more later.

Communications Committee (Roberta absent): We're trying to re-format it so we tone it down to shorter, brief articles. Erik will be doing more stories and we're looking for more writers.

Education Committee (Barbara R.): Nothing to report.

Legislative Committee (Erik absent): He's working on the Darcy Burner campaign.

Membership Committee (Dan): The last thing the committee did was the picnic. We are getting t-shirts. Dan wants to do some civil disobedience, holding up a banner or sign for Washtech. We're collecting cards from Cingular and sending them off. The process has been fairly smooth. We now have someone pursuing members who aren't paying dues. We don't know if it's the company or the district office. Something similar is happening with COPE. Dan is pursuing it. He thinks the card processing and responsibility of pursuing cards and dues should be a paid position. The responsibility could be handed to the stewards if we could trust them to follow through on it.

Technology Committee (Brian absent): He's still working on the VPN connection for Loretta.

Good and Welfare (Rick): Mini Microsoft's blog talks about deadwood at Microsoft. There are rumors that there will be extensive layoffs at Microsoft.

Good and Welfare: None