

Conference Call, May 22, 2005 8pm

In attendance – Chad, Larry, Sandy, Martha

Chad attended the DFA Conference in Everett, which was geared towards meet-up hosts. The 46th has a new logo which will be put on t-shirts and bumper stickers. Chad Shue from the 38th LD has requested Chad's help with their website, as well as Snohomish. Chad mentioned that Snohomish has a Yahoo Group for their Progressive Caucs but it is for Snohomish progressives only.

Larry stated that the Democrat Party is getting candidates lined up before going before the body. Need ample representation through Washington State Progressive Caucus, PDA and DFA for next year.

Martha spoke of doing more outreach and encouraging issue focused activists to become PCO's and get involved in electoral politics.

Larry suggested that congressional hearings are being held; get congressional representatives to come to Town Halls for people to air their grievances.

Resolution on Healthcare-Universal single payor. Where we are, where we are going and how to get from point A to point B. HR 1200, 676 and 2067 were brought up. Example letters to write to governor and others for people to write. The 46th LD now has a Health Care Working Group, headed by Charles Heaney, the chair of the King County Medical Association.

Sandy spoke of the Healthcare information being handed out to counties and Congressional District meetings. Planting the seeds and will continue to do so. The hope is to spark interest and get people involved.

Sandy asked question regarding Field (congressional) coordinators, the structure of the coordinator – Congressional coordinators will recruit for LD's and Counties. Sandy will be send information to Aaron Case, 4th CD coordinator.

Martha brought up Junteenth/Gay Pride – June 17, 18, 19. (weekend of Father's Day). Does anyone want to participate? Martha will put out a call on statewide list.

Larry brought up WEAVE, on June 15. He is looking at going.

Wellstone Training, per Chad and from what he was told, is full. Chad also stated DFA is planning training in September, with a goal of reaching 2000 this year, 5000 next year and 10,000 the year after.

Suggestion brought up that the CD Coordinators be brought in on a conference call. They may want to chime in as well. Larry will get in touch with Judith and others. Larry indicated the need to go throughout the state to different CD's to start up coordinator positions.

The State Central Committee meeting has been set for July 29 and 30 in Tacoma. There will be the Rosellini dinner on the 30th. New Mexico Governor Richardson has tentatively agreed to come.

Larry will be coming up with goals to increase the numbers for Caucus on a monthly basis.

Jessica and Chad are getting together regarding the database for WSPC. What kind of information do we want to gather for the database?

Martha asked about a post office box number for the caucus. Larry asked about a button on the website in order to ask for funds – which can be done as soon as we get a Treasurer and an account.

Next conference call will be on June 5 at 8 pm. The second conference call for June will be June 19 at 8pm.

The Caucus Executive Board will meet June 11 in Ellensburg.