

9/18 HPDiA; in attendance (we need a regular recording secretary):
Bob & Lou Dean Howard, John Linten, Bob Healy, Al Campbell, Lloyd Bragoz, Kay Spangle, Kirby Heard, Lynn Dostal, Bob Davidson, and Emma Mieden

Kirby opened the meeting with a reading from Saul Alinski [from his book *Rules for Radicals*]: “Once people are organized so that they have the power to make the changes, then, when confronted with questions of change, they begin to think and to ask questions about how to make the changes.”

Good brainstorming last week – think globally and act locally. To that end, we have local races that we need to sort thru and help where we can.

Emma’s piece on Sat was very good. We need to support all our writers: Al , Emma, Kay and Angel. Do we need a group who will write on a rotating basis to ensure we are supporting our position in the HPE???

Ordered 500 stickers and they will cost \$54. Were supposed to be here, but not yet. Maybe next meeting. Passed out iron-on and Blue Dot stickers. Davidson had some Kerry stickers that are still relevant.

Had a small vigil of 25-30 on Thursday night. Is it a good idea to repeat vigils or do we need more of a push like from Move-on.org. Permit was easy. Had a good experience with a disabled vet and biker and a bad experience with a counter protester.

We had a great opening voter registration at City Lake Park. Registered about 18 most D & I’s that day. At least we were there and making our presence known. We need to stay out there and get people to come over to our side. Beth & Lynn made a list of things to do in prep for the next day like that.

We got into a heavy discussion about how to sort out who we support in local elections without coming to any solid conclusions. Need to sort those who are Dem in spirit and ask if we can help them. We support them in their name, not as HPDiA; some are playing the fence and cannot afford to be “labeled” by a party.

Robert Healy will spear-head a taskforce of people to pose question to City Council candidates to begin to sort who is with us and who is against.

Lynn was elected as Treasurer and we have \$44 in the pot. Next meeting is 10/02.

St. Christopher’s at Johnson and Eastchester will hold a bold drive on 10/01. All donor are asked to come out and give.

Let’s take back America. From John Kerry: Katrina is a symbol of all this administration does and doesn’t do. Michael Brown -- or Brownie as the President so famously thanked him for doing a heck of a job -- Brownie is to Katrina what Paul Bremer is to peace in Iraq; what George Tenet is to slam dunk intelligence; what Paul Wolfowitz is to parades paved with flowers in Baghdad; what Dick Cheney is to visionary energy policy; what Donald Rumsfeld is

to basic war planning; what Tom Delay is to ethics; and what George Bush is to "Mission Accomplished" and "Wanted Dead or Alive." The bottom line is simple: the "we'll do whatever it takes" administration doesn't have what it takes to get the job done.