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Follow The Money

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Abstract

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In this email, Steve Driscoll, Co-Chair of the Stonewall Democrats, discusses the nonsupport of the Human Rights Campaign in the efforts of the NSD to elect Obama for President.

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To: _____

Cc: jhoadley@stonewalldemocrats.org

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 2:24 PM

Subject: HRC Sucks.

In light of HRC taking the weasel way out - again - I think we should take the lead.

I might also add, that after beginning discussions with HRC in OCTOBER about collaborating on events for the Democratic National Convention (to avoid the the anger and resentment they engendered by their high-handedness in Boston four years ago) as well as requests for sponsorship of the NSD Denver convention, AND following up with phone calls every two months with no return calls, I finally heard from them TODAY that no sponsorship would be forthcoming. When I pointed out

to Marty Rouse last week that they sponsored the Logs Convention, his response was “Oh right, we did, didn’t we”. I then pointed out the obvious, that there were a lot more of us than there were of them - and I got no response when I asked what they got for their purportedly \$10,000 to the Logs. When I called him (twice) today he said that budget constraints were the reason why they would not be giving us a comparable (or any) sponsorship. I said that there was an inequity here and asked if no one took NSD under consideration when they decided to sponsor the Logs. I then suggested that perhaps they could come up with some other way show support. His response: “there will be couple of HRC staff people in Denver”.

I don’t know about the rest of you, but I am absolutely furious about this. Not only is this inequitable, it’s fuckin dismissive and disrespectful. The task Force is at least giving us a stack of tickets to their Unity Dance. From HRC we’re getting bupkiss - and worse.

I, for one, will not attend their concert - and I will not go quietly into that good night either.

Any ideas?

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