

Senate District 34 DFL Planning Meeting Minutes,  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
Maple Grove Community Center, Maple Grove, MN

Present: Nancy Meyerhoff, Karl Reinhard, Kyle Tonn, Lee Carlson, Amy Van Schepen, Bonnie Westlin, Kristin Bahner, Kristy Janigo, Matt Crea, Erin Osborne, Chris Evans, Michael Vogel, Andrew Zenk, Elaine Rasper Borth, Susan Njoku, Erin Osborne, James C. Evans

**1. Call to Order**

Nancy Meyerhoff called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Affirmative Action Statement**

Mike Vogel read the affirmative action statement.

Members introduced themselves.

**4. Minute of last meeting**

The minutes of the March Convention, March 7 meeting and April 4 meeting were moved for approval. Passed.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Lee: Our balance is \$2734.40. The bank removed the four credit card charges from the Netherlands – a total of \$100.

**6. Report from the Chair**

Nancy: I have been going to a lot of trainings and trying to get the precinct meetings together. I have two people willing to host and a couple nibbles. Other SD's were having difficulty as well.

We decided we needed to go heavier on the visibility.

- Caucus/Convention
  - Find people, raise funds and book the venue
- Visibility/Community Meetings
  - We are all but invisible in MG
  - Parades
    - CD 3 has a Generic Banner for SDs to borrow
  - Socials
  - Business Expo
  - Picnic
  - Listening Sessions
    - Not many hosts right now
    - Maybe one at Look Out, Library and other places
  - Social Event for people elected Precinct Chairs
  - Blog and Social Media
  - Issue Forums/Meet Ups
  - Align with Progressive and Community Organizations
  - Generic Business Cards for SD 34
    - You can write own name on
- Training
  - CD3 will have a workshop on underserved communities
    - May 20 and June 24
  - CD3 – how to be a Treasurer
    - May 31
    - Email Kyle if you are interested
  - Camp Wellstone
    - July 16 – 18
    - Candidates need to apply
    - Limited spots
- Fundraising
  - One is coming up – see below
  - Humphrey Mondale Dinner – June 3
  - Can sit together
    - Send an email to Kyle
  - Jackie Stevenson Dinner
    - Still in planning stages; trying to get Maxine Waters to come
    - \$75 - \$100 for tickets
- Finding Candidates
  - Haven't heard from the A side
  - Anoka Hennepin School Board
  - 2018 MG Council (two) and Mayor
  - 2018 Osseo School Board
- Organizing
  - Maybe later after other things
  - Maybe work with community groups

- Or they may want to help work on organizing local areas
- Campaigning
- Advocacy
- Messaging
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There are people who are not happy with the party politics, and align with our views. We need to entice them – so we need to have structure. We have to welcome them in, and listen to their voice.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Meeting Dates and Places:

Nancy: We have the Rogers Room for the next meeting in June. Motion to pay for the Rogers Community room. Seconded. Passed.

Kyle: Are we having a July Meeting this year, in the past it was the Parade night so we encouraged people to go to the parade.

Nancy: I have a hold on a room in the Library for July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Parade is July 13<sup>th</sup>.

A lot of people are on Holiday.

Maybe have this be a Social Event. Maybe after the Parade is over.

Meeting in Dayton, maybe at Dehn's or Community Center. Meeting in Osseo possibly at their community room.

### b. Fundraisers

May 16<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8 pm at Omni. It is posted on Facebook. Low cost, only \$10 donation. We will be emailing once we get a list.

Have posted on Indivisible or Indivisible CD3. No.

It is going up on the CD 3 calendar. A save the date has gone out.

We can post the event on Facebook for a fee. Motion last month that we could spend up to \$20 per month for things like this.

Amy will do so, and then get reimbursed.

Can RSVP only on Facebook right now. Can go on SD 34 website and

pay there. But you can just show up.

c. Parades and Business Expo

Amy: WE have not submitted anything for Rogers or Maple Grove yet. We have submitted for the Maple Grove Expo. We can submit for the parades a week before the event.

Nancy: We need to have a meeting for the parade committee – there are three to four people interested.

d. Picnic

Amy: French Lake roads under construction. Elm Creek is \$255 - 285 for a shelter (flushable toilets, grills, electricity) or \$140 for not shelter, picnic shelter, beach and is in center of District. Saturdays of August 12 and 19 are available.

Nancy: I looked into Central Park – not as much to do there. Cost is \$50 an hour for a minimum of three hours. So Elm Creek would be a better option.

Thoughts on when we want to do this. August? Maybe a weeknight, a picnic instead of a meeting? Might get more people, as some go out of town on the weekends. Maybe start gathering around 5:30 and start eating at 6. That way we can be out by dusk.

Bonnie: Weeknights are tough for families with kids. What if we did it on Saturday early in the day or Sunday at 3?

Motion to allocate the \$285 to get the full shelter for a date to be approved by the SD 34 Chair. Seconded. Passed.

e. Candidates

DFL has a provisional endorsement that gives our two candidates to access to the VAN. Letter of support for other candidates can also have access. Would last until December 31 or when another candidate for that office comes forward – until there is a formal endorsement.

Point of Clarification – my understanding was it lasted until December 31 or the year to the prior election. For the house that would be this year, for the Senate that would be 2019.

Kyle read from the DFL Constitution

- Requires a 90% vote at meeting called with prior notice
- Would last until December of the year before the election or until another candidate comes forward or the SD decides to withdraw the provisional endorsement.

Nancy: We should have a policy in our constitution. SD 36 has some policy language. We may want to think about that for our convention next year. There would be a standard set of questions for each type of office, so that everyone is treated fairly.

Who is willing to work on questions? I will talk to other districts. Kyle, Matt and Amy.

f. State Central Committee

Contacted state, process if to upgrade the first alternate and then elect a new alternate. Deb Norgaard may have left district – no response to email, phone is disconnected. All three delegate spots are filled – Deb is gone and Carolyn Pennis moves up, so we will have two openings for female Alternates. We also have openings for two male alternates.

Kyle and Amy will each run. Elections will take place next meeting.

**8. Announcements**

- a. Update on Picnic – Saturdays are all booked, Sundays are open.

**9. Guest**

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman talked to the members. Mayor Coleman is running for Governor of the State of Minnesota in the 2018 election.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:47.

-----Minutes not official until approved-----

Karl Reinhard, Recording Secretary  
Senate District 34 DFL