

Senate District 34 DFL Planning Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Rogers Community Center, Rogers, MN

Present: Nancy Meyerhoff, Karl Reinhard, Kyle Tonn, Michael Vogel, Matt Crea, Elaine Rospel Borth, Brad Gangnon, Chris Evans, Kevin Anderson, Elsa Levin, Bonnie Westlin

1. Call to Order

Nancy Meyerhoff called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Affirmative Action Statement

Elsa read the affirmative action statement.

Members introduced themselves.

4. Welcome

Nancy welcomed everyone in attendance.

A representative, Aurora Botran from Erin Murphy's campaign (governor's race) read a letter from Representative Murphy. She then took questions from the members in attendance.

The agenda was approved.

5. Minute of last meeting

The minutes of the May 2nd meeting were moved for approval. Passed.

6. Treasurer's Report

Nancy: Our balance is about \$2734.40 (as of last meeting). We have put down a \$285 deposit for the picnic and the fundraiser took in about \$700. Lee should be back next week.

7. Outreach and Inclusion Report

Elsa: I was trained on the VAN and I need help with it, another three people or so. We need to clean up the information in the VAN. I would like to send lists to people to check to see that they are DFL and have the correct contact information.

Elsa explained how the VAN works. The more contacts you have for attending DFL functions the more of a super DFLer you become.

The other must need is a business card – one for the district. There will be one phone number that all officers can access. The difference between 5000 and 10000 cards is only \$10. Postcards that are returned; we can use to clean up the VAN.

Action Item – business cards

The cost depends on how many emails are on the card. Thinking we should have our website and the Google phone number. Do we need any other information?

We need one email and at least a name.

Lets decide what we want and then we can go to different companies. Should say SD 34, website phone number, Facebook and Twitter. Putting Officer names on, means we have to throw them away if Officers Change.

Do we have generic email accounts for each officer? No, we have one for the chair.

Kyle for example I can do outreach@df1.org (similar for each officer).

So three email addresses, website and phone number.

Can we have multiple orders so that the chair, vice-chair and outreach officer can have separate cards?

Elsa, how about senate34outreach@df1.org or outreachsenate34@df1.org- and all three officers can look at it.

Kyle we have are own domain so outreach@sd34df1.org

We need a motion with a dollar amount, but without a quote that is difficult.

Elsa I can write a grant to the DFL, since SD 34 hasn't had one.

10,000 cards two sided in four colors for \$600.

What is the cost of reordering? We may be able to not order that many to start with.

Motion: Move that we allocate \$600 to purchase as many cards as we can with that amount after finding a suitable printer. Seconded. Passed.

8. Final Report on Fundraiser

We had about 40 people. The thank you notes are done and will be mailed in the morning. There was a mixture of old faces from the past and young people.

9. Parade Committee Report

I am presuming we are all set for the Rogers Parade. Kevin and Mike are our set up people at the parade. The parade steps off at 12 and they start lining up at 9:30. If people are there by 11 am that will be fine. We are hoping the banner from CD will be ready by then.

Lee may have about 20-25 shirts. So wear something blue. Our goal is to get 20 people to march.

We came up with a list of items all Democrats could agree on, and a sign was designed. They are \$7 each and you have to buy them in groups of 10. So maybe we need 20 signs. Stickers were also designed, which includes our website (blue sticker with state of MN border in white and website below). We also need to think about candy. Need about 35 pounds per mile of parade, according to an Internet search. Mike stated they used about 16 pounds last year for Bonnies campaign.

Suggestion to had cities of SD 34 to the sticker as well.

Action Item – Signs and Stickers

Motion to spend up to \$200 for signs for parades. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to spend up to \$350 for rolls of stickers for a minimum of 3000 stickers. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to spend up to \$100 for candy. Seconded. Passed.

10. Provisional Endorsement of Legislative Candidates

The committee came up with a questionnaire for all candidates. There was a discussion of the questions on the questionnaire. It is the intention to give the questions to the candidates in advance so that they can prepare to answer them when they are being screened.

Motion to approve the questionnaire. Passed.

Bonnie responded to the questions.

Motion to give Bonnie Westin Provisional DFL Endorsement for the Senate Race in SD34. Seconded. Passed.

11. Election of Alternate to State Central Committee

Amy VanShepen was nominated for an Alternate to the State Central Committee. Elsa is also interested. Elsa Leven was also nominated. Seconded. Passed.

Kyle Tonn was nominated. Seconded. Passed. Andrew Zenk was nominated. Seconded. Passed.

12. Appointment of Business Expo Committee

Nancy appointed Elsa, Amy, Mike and Kyle (along with Nancy). Nancy will also post on Facebook if others are interested.

13. Appointment of Picnic Committee

Nancy appointed Elsa, Andrew and Elaine (along with Nancy). Nancy will also post on Facebook if others are interested.

14. Precinct Chair and potential Precinct Leader Social; set date

July 20 at Nancy Home's. Nancy is not getting must response from Precinct Chairs to do this, so these will be the people will contact to be at the social at her home.

15. Listening Sessions – set dates

June 19 7 – 9 am at Maple Grove Starbucks

July 10 6:30 pm at the Rogers Library

July 22 10 am at the Maple Grove Library

16. New Business

a. **Westboro Baptist Church**

Plan to protest tomorrow at the High School. Bonnie – the school has asked people to not show up to counter protest. SAGE is the group being targeted and they have asked people to not show up. They are expecting 5 or 6 people from Westboro. Chalk drawings have been done to show support for the students tomorrow. I am encouraging people to donate to their group.

Motion to donate \$50 to SAGE. Seconded. Passed.

b. **Fall fundraiser**

We need to start thinking about this, so we can give our candidates funds.

c. **July Meeting**

There was an idea to do a cookout after the parade. I am willing to open our room. I have also reserved a room at the library on July 6th in case we need a meeting.

d. **Changing Date of August meeting due to National Night Out**

We will move the meeting to Thursday that month.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:56.

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

Karl Reinhard, Recording Secretary
Senate District 34 DFL