

Senate District 34 DFL Planning Meeting Minutes,
Thursday, August 3, 2017
Maple Grove Library, Maple Grove, MN

Present: Nancy Meyerhoff, Karl Reinhard, Kyle Tonn, Michael Vogel, Amy Van Schepen, Georgiana Ruzich, Lee Carlson, Elaine Rasper Borth, Kevin Anderson, Elsa Levin, Bonnie Westlin, Andrew Zenk, Kristy Janigo, Catherine Thompson, Kristen Bahner, Carroll Holmstrom

1. Call to Order

Nancy Meyerhoff called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Affirmative Action Statement

Kyle read the affirmative action statement.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved as is.

5. Guest Speaker

Gubernatorial Candidate Representative Paul Thissen spoke about his campaign. Paul then answered questions from members at the meeting.

6. Minute of last meeting

The minutes of the June 6th meeting were moved for approval. Passed.

7. Treasurer's Report

Lee: Our balance is about \$2908.82; we had printing costs of \$298 and \$19.79 for

Nancy – I have some expenses of about \$500 for the parades and expo.

Lee – I have contributions forms with me and the PCR forms so you can get your money back. If we keep spending money like this, we need to recoup – we need to lead by example.

Need to put that “the PCR is back” on our website.

Amy – we have been doing Facebook posts for memberships – can we put up the link to our debit card account on it.

Lee – No, I need to keep control of it to know what is coming in for our reports.

Elsa – I will have printing costs for our business cards – I will need the information.

Catherine: I have you checked with Seven Corners?

8. **Outreach and Inclusion Report**

Elsa: The business cards have a generic DFL label and there is a generic g-mail phone number that will go to Nancy and I will get an email as well (the name is Mary Olson). The phone number is 763-515-1045.

Lee what quantity are you ordering; we will have redistricting in a few years.

Elsa – I ordered 3000. The nametags will be available for volunteers during events. I would like to mail the cards to the super volunteers in the area. Impact will print them, stamp them and mail them.

Nancy – can we move your items until we are done with parades?

9. **Parades**

Osseo Parade - \$150

Motion to approve \$150 for the Osseo Parade (September 9th at noon – line up at 10:30 at Osseo High School). Seconded. Passed.

Dayton Parade – donation

September 16th at 1:30 p.m. Wright County Road 36 and 42 on the West Side of Dayton.

Motion to donate \$15 to Dayton for the Parade. Seconded. Passed.

Candy

Kevin – how much money?

Kevin – the last was \$180 for the 15 bags from Costco. I am willing to buy again, but will look at other places. If we could approve \$200 that should cover the cost of the candy.

Motion to spend \$200 for the parades. Seconded.

Kristin is it possible to split the parade fees, so I can have my own signs.

Most parades make each unit pay their own fees.

Motion to spend up to \$200 on candy passed.

10. Picnic Budget

In the past the SD bought the hotdogs, buns and pop. And then had people bring a dish to share.

I think this year we should buy the meat and the Bring your own Beverage and a dish to share.

Isn't there a meat shop in Osseo? We should price it out to see if we could get a deal.

Amy, I say if we appropriate ---

Nancy if we could get 100 people to attend, so hotdogs, hamburgers....

Kevin we spend about \$300 on meat and buns for 250 people.

Maybe we should just do hot-dogs, one per person

Motion to spend a maximum of \$200 for the picnic.

The Picnic is August 20th at 1 pm at Elm Creek Park Reserve.

Nancy – how much for post-cards Elsa?

Elsa – Business Cards, nametags and post cards will fit in the \$600 already appropriated. I would like to put the dates of the future meetings until December and the Picnic.

Motion to use the Maple Grove Library space as much as possible.

11. **Appointments**

Fall Fundraiser Committee

Catherine one of the most effective members of using the PCR (Political Contribution Refund) never had events – he would just send out letters, so the cost was the printing and the stamp. Since we are low on funds, maybe want to do this?

Lee: The PCR is a program that allows you to donate up to \$50 for any statewide candidate or party and fill out the form and get your money back.

Bonnie: Just know that you will be competing with each other with this.

Elsa can you help me call the people near you.

Bonnie: Camp Wellstone events have a 15-20% response rate, whereas personal contacts have a 50-75% response rate. I suggest we do multiple things.

Georgiana we can put a line for the PCR on the card Elsa is doing and even if they don't know what it is, they will find out with a follow up phone call.

Motion to form a Finance Committee. Seconded. A friendly amendment -that the chair can appoint members to the Finance Committee in the future. Passed.

12. **Provisional Endorsement of Legislative Candidates**

Kristen spoke to them members about why she is running for office.

Kristen responded to the questions.

Motion to give Kristen Bahner Provisional DFL Endorsement for the Legislative Race in SD34B. Seconded. Passed.

13. Resignation

Mike Vogel announced that he is resigning as Vice-Chair for SD34 at the adjournment of this meeting as he and his family will be moving to Brooklyn Park soon.

Motion to accept Mike's resignation. Seconded. Passed.

14. Announcements

No time for announcements as the library was closing.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:59.

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

Karl Reinhard, Recording Secretary
Senate District 34 DFL