

Senate District 34 DFL Planning Meeting Minutes,  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
Maple Grove Library, Maple Grove, MN

Present: Nancy Meyerhoff, Karl Reinhard, Bonnie Westlin, Kristen Bahner, Dave Hoden, Lee Carlson, Georgiana Ruzich, Brett Maxon

Guests: John Freude, Tony Jensen, Mayor Chris Coleman

**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**

Not read, no copy to read from.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with Caucus Report moved upped to after Treasurers Report.

**5. Minutes of last meetings**

Motion to approve the September Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Motion to defer the November Minutes. Approved.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Lee: As of Nov 30 we had a balance of \$3612.00, now we have \$4012.00.

## 7. Caucus Report

We have the High School booked; the committee has gone up to assign rooms to precincts. We are planning for 1050 people (state thinks 200 people). We would rather plan for too many.

I will be looking for conveners, as well as a person willing to be the secretary to help out the convener.

There will be electronic registration available – if we can get a laptop in each room (or two for the bigger precincts); people can sign in and we do not have to do the data entry. It is possible to download the info so we are not dependent on the Internet.

{Break for Mayor Coleman}

Next Monday night the CD3 chairs are getting together to make sure they get all the info they need. I will be exploring the best way to put the packets together.

Dave: I am worried that we won't have enough people to run the caucuses. Some may already be committed to working for other campaigns.

Bonnie – I wondered if the party would put up a challenge grant for our fundraiser. I sent Ken and Marge a private email about this. They both read it – I explained how much the Republicans spent in our district. Not response from either of the – this is very frustrating that the state wants money and us to volunteer and they don't seem to want to give any of it back.

Bonnie's question for all candidates is – what are you going to do to help out the races down the ticket.

Nancy: I met with Melissa Horton and John about candidate recruitment – they are going to help us try to find a candidate for the A side.

There are 900 some women who vote every year, but have never been to a caucus – we need to think about ways to get them to attend.

Dave – you need to get the people you know to come to caucuses and support the person they want for Governor.

Jan 16 for convener training at the library. Jan 20<sup>th</sup> is also open – but I can't reserve the room twice in one month. We could caucus training on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – to show people how a caucus runs – we need a venue.

Bonnie booked the room from 9:30 – noon on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at the Library.

## 8. **Speaker**

Mayor Chris Coleman spoke about his campaign for Governor.

## 9. **Finance Committee Report and Call Time**

Bonnie – suggests

The idea was we would have a 10-minute time to call. So my suggestion is why don't we send the script around by email and have people call six people by the next meeting. Call in your own network, rather than call the people who always give. Can call people outside our district that are in safe DFL districts – they may be willing to donate to us.

Nancy: The finance committee has set a goal of \$2000 by the end of this year and \$10000 for 2018.

## 10. **Chair Report**

### **SD 34 DFL Mailing Address now is:**

13500 Grove Drive, P.O. Box 1302  
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Cost is \$100 for the year. Motion to allow the expense. Seconded.  
Passed. Lee and Nancy have the keys.

Motion to amend the previous motion to change the amount to \$108. Seconded.  
Passed.

### **Osseo School Board**

There was a story in the paper this week. Kevin put the editorial on our Facebook page. Not sure what the next steps are. We probably want to budget money for the school board races – they would need to be endorsed.

### **State Central Committee**

#### Budget

The raised more money last year than they thought they would.

### Sexual Harassment Task Force

They want to set up something beyond requiring training just for campaigns.

### Binding Super-delegates

Chair, Vice Chair must remain neutral until there is an endorsement. Others can campaign until there is an endorsement – then it is proportional to what the vote was.

### **Candidate Recruitment**

Nancy met with Melissa Hortman – to see if there were elected officials we can approach. Otherwise I am thinking about calling people on the list in the A side to see if they are interested or if they know if anyone is interested.

Kevin is also talking to someone – she has two young children, so she is thinking if it is doable. Bonnie is happy to talk to her. Katie Rodriguez might be good to talk to her as well.

### **11. Outreach**

Post Card Proposal: Elsa was not here. Tabled to next meeting.

### **12. Strategic Plan**

Nancy brought back the sheets from last meeting, wants people to select the top five. Nancy will also type it up and send it out to others to get their thoughts.

Then Kevin and I will get together and put together a plan for approval at the next meeting.

Kirsten – is it worth trying to set something up in December for meeting with Sabrina or should we wait until January.

### **13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:54.

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Karl Reinhard, Recording Secretary  
Senate District 34 DFL