

Senate District 34 DFL Planning Meeting Minutes,  
Thursday, January 4, 2018  
Maple Grove Library, Maple Grove, MN

Present: Nancy Meyerhoff, Karl Reinhard, Bonnie Westlin, Kristen Bahner, Dave Hoden, Lee Carlson, Heather Klindworth, Erin Osborne, Chris Evans, Rachel Riesgraf, Elaine Raspel Borth, Chris Stromm, Elsa Leven, Brett Maxon

Guests: Charlie Carlson, Dean Phillips, Laurie Wold

**1. Call to Order**

Nancy Meyerhoff called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Body recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Affirmative Action Statement**

Nancy read the Affirmative Action Statement.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Additions to the agenda –

Ryan Winkler Campaign

Laurie Wold with Indivisible

Agenda was approved with changes.

**5. Minutes of last meetings**

Motion to approve the December Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

**6. Outreach Report**

Elsa: I have an example of a post card for people to see. Will discuss more under caucus planning.

Nancy: CD3 is having a candidate forum and we are the host – Tuesday, Jan 23 doors open at 6 pm, program starts at 6:30 at Maple Grove Community Center Banquet Room. If you are able to help let Nancy know (information tables, help people find out what precinct they are in, help people get to where they need to be.

## **7. Representatives from Campaigns**

Charlie Carlson spoke on behalf of Tim Walz's campaign for Governor of Minnesota.

Laurie Wold spoke about Indivisible – they are focused on CD3 and are focused on a voter outreach campaign. They are writing postcards to send to voters. They are focusing on registered voters who did not vote in the last election. There will be two opportunities to write postcards. The dates are Sunday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at Laurie's Home and Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Grove Library, which is open to anyone. The time for both dates is from one to four p.m.

Suggestion to put precinct number on the postcards as that is the most asked question.

She has leaders for about half of the precincts so far. She would also like to organize volunteers to help get people to the polls.

Dean Phillips spoke about his campaign for Congress in CD3.

Ryan Winkler spoke about his campaign for Attorney General for the state of Minnesota.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Lee: We started the year with \$1580 we know have \$5700. \$2650 came in through me; Bonnie is the only other one who came in with substantial amount.

Calling does not work, you need to go and speak to people. Have been pointing out that if we have a republican governor and legislature – the districts will be gerrymandered so that we will have a difficult time in the future.

It is the beginning of a new year, so I have PCR forms if you want to contribute.

Questions what is the money used for? We want to have money to be able to support our candidates. It is easier to come to the SD to get a larger check than it is to get it from individual contributions. Bonnie: Last year – the Republican candidate got \$34,000 from the state party and I only spent \$32,000.

Right now we don't have endorsed candidates – so it is not possible to give to a candidate instead.

Need to have an ask priority – first ask for money, then ask if they can volunteer (and how).

## **9. Finance Committee Report**

Lee: A lot of people don't know what the PCR is, so I encourage you to look around your sphere of influence and ask if they exercised your PCR capability yet this year – if necessary explain to them what it is. Follow that up with that you are concerned about the state of our democracy and this is how you can do something about it. Republicans use this more than democrats do.

We can get envelopes to you so they can send it to our Post Office Box.

## **10. Caucus Planning**

We need to let the state know when we are having our pre-convention committee meetings. Maple Grove Government Center is open Feb 13 or Feb 15 (all rooms); my suggestion is we have a brief central committee meeting starting at 6 or 6:30 and then have the pre-convention committee meetings (Resolutions, endorsing, nominations committee, constitution, arrangements, rules, credentials, etc.)

Motion to set the meeting for Tuesday, Feb 13 with 6:30 for the Central Committee Meeting and 7:15 for the pre-convention committee meetings.  
Seconded. Passed.

The DFL has developed an online tool to register people for caucuses. It hasn't been released yet – but we had some training on it. Kyle: I have not heard any more information about it, nor how it works off-line. I think we should have a back up plan.

Kyle: have one place to register and then give them a pink slip and they are good to go to their precinct, then exchange the pink slip for a blank ballot.

Nancy: Decision to make – should be try the online tool or not; what form of paper should be use as a back-up. If we don't use it we have a lot of data entry after.

Kyle: I recommend we try the on-line system and have the half form sheet as a paper-back up (we would need to print about 500 copies).

Motion to do the online system. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to print registration cards. Seconded. Passed.

Nancy: Second question, how many resolution forms should we print.

Motion: print 10 copies per precinct. Seconded. Passed.

Nancy: Laurie is sending postcards to all registered voters who did not vote last time. The DFL may or may not. Some districts go together to get a cheaper rate. We want to get the information out. How much money to we want to spend on postcards?

David Hoden: Whatever it takes – that is the biggest logjam.

Nancy: when I add up all the items in the list I have about \$800 for miscellaneous items and another \$800 for printing, \$700 for postcards.

Motion to authorize up to \$2500 to be spent on caucus supplies and printing. Seconded. Passed.

Elsa: The cost of the postcards I put together is at most \$1; in most cases it is only 80 cents.

## **11. Budget for Caucuses**

## **12. Candidate Recruitment**

Nancy: Kevin is not back, we will report back to you later.

## **13. Kristen Bahner**

I am on leadership team; we have a series of events planned. The first is on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at the Depot. Please go on line to get your tickets to do so. We have an exciting evening planned.

MN x MN has a series of events planned for activists. Please check those out.

I need to set up a new date to introduce you to Sabrina who is helping with my campaign. Let me know if there are any dates I need to avoid.

My campaign is doing well; we have made a lot more connections. I have a meeting next weekend with a person who is a special education teacher.

I also need more boots on the ground to help me with activities, so please let me know so I can get you on the email for the next kitchen cabinet meeting.

#### 14. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:54.

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

Karl Reinhard, Recording Secretary  
Senate District 34 DFL