1. Call to order by District Chair.

Nancy Meyerhoff called the convention to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Flag ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance.

Donald Wickens and Kristy Janigo lead the convention body reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome.

Nancy welcomed all visitors and explained with what we would be doing today.

4. Report or the results of the Precinct Caucus Straw Poll

The results of the Precinct Caucus Straw Poll were as follows:

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5. Reading of Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Statement.

Elsa Levine read the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion statement. She also explained what outreach and inclusion means.

{Speakers}

Nancy welcomed Representative Erin Murphy who is running for Governor.

Erin Murphy talked about her campaign for governor.

Rebecca Otto spoke about her campaign for governor.

Adam Jennings spoke about his campaign for Congress (3rd District).

Dean Phillips spoke about his campaign for Congress (3rd District).
Julie Blaha spoke about her campaign for State Auditor.

Mark Liebow spoke on behalf of Tina Liebling on her campaign for Governor.

Melissa Hortman (House Minority Leader) spoke about the fact that only eleven seats need to be picked up in the upcoming election for the DFL to take control of the MN House. She spoke on behalf of Kristen Bahner’s campaign. She asked for the conventions help in finding a candidate to run against Joyce Peppin. Call Melissa if you are interested or know if someone who would be a good candidate.

6. Credential Committee Report & Resolution of any Credentials Challenges

Nancy asked for a preliminary credentials report.

Kristy Janigo gave the Preliminary credentials report. We have 165 delegates present and 2 alternates checked in. Kristy requested that alternates go out and upgrade to delegates.

7. Election of Convention Chair(s).

Amy VonScheppen and Mike Zagaros were nominated for convention Chairs. No other nominations. Passed.

8. Appointment of Secretary and other Convention Officials

Karl Reinhard was nominated for Secretary and Brad Gangon was nominated as Parliamentarian. No other nominations. Karl Reinhard was elected secretary and Brad Gangon was elected Parliamentarian.

9. Adoption of Agenda and Rules.

Mike Zagaros called Kyle Tonn to speak about the rules. The rules are those we have used in the past, however we changed the speaking time for candidates from 5 minutes to 2 minutes.

Jeanne Wickens proposed an amendment to add Rule 32b (and to change the current wording to 32a):

The Delegates and/or upgraded alternates shall vote for up to 34 resolutions on a written ballot and then turn them into the convention secretary at a time to be determined by the chair.
Seconded.
Point of Information – can you explain the purpose of this.

Jeanne – the resolution committee met and ranked the resolutions based on the number precincts that passed them. We have more than 34.

Question: Why 34?

Mike: That is what is allowed by the state by our district.

Question: Are the proposed the resolutions gender balanced? That is was the committee gender balanced; and were the resolutions that are proposed gender balanced by those who submitted them?

Jeanne Wikens: The committee was made up of those who volunteered – four women and two men. The resolution form does not indicate gender, so we have no way of knowing how many were submitted by either gender.

Question: Why are there are 37 on the ballot rather than 34?

Mike: They collated and then reduced to 37 and you can only submit 34.

Nancy: Explained that the committee met for four hours on Sunday and ran out of time. So they decided to have a democratic process to decide which will go on.

Question: How many were totally submitted?

Nancy: We pulled out those already in the platform. We then ranked by # of precincts that submitted a resolution- that got us to 21. We then discussed the rest and then ran out of time.

Question: What happens to the 3 that don’t go on?

Brad Gagnon: Two of the 37 are about the party, so they don’t count towards the 34. So only one needs to be removed.

Question: I do not see my resolution, so how do we know what they didn’t pick?

Bonnie: Can I as a series of questions? Do you have a sense of the raw number of resolutions submitted?

Jeanne: That is difficult – I am not sure to be honest. We took out those already in the platform. We did not include for an example something like: The DFL will follow Joseph Kennedy’s platform – very vague and difficult to determine what is actually meant.

Bonnie: Then to be clear if multiple precincts submitted you listed how many supported it in the
report, and then there are a number of those that only came from one precinct. The process then for these singletons was which of them should be included in the report.

Jeanne: Correct. Numbers 21 to 37 are singletons.

Question: Can I make a motion to include mine?

Mike: There is a motion on the floor that needs to be voted on first. You may make a motion after that if you wish.

Question: You identified two that correspond to the party which are they?

Brad Gagnon: Number 26 and Number 34.

Question: Are we prepared to actually ballot on these?

Nancy: We will be by the time we get to them in the agenda.

Re-reading of the amendment:

The Delegates and/or upgraded alternates shall vote for up to 34 resolutions on a written ballot and then turn them into the convention secretary at a time to be determined by the chair.

Passed.

{Speaker}

Steve Simon spoke on his campaign for Secretary of State.

J.P. Borone, DNC member, brought greetings from the State DNC leaders.

John Hall Moved to adopt the agenda and rules as amended. Seconded.

John Heinz: I make a motion to move agenda item #17 to after agenda items #18 and #19. Seconded.

Nancy: It may take a while for people to consider the resolutions and mark their ballots, so we may want to get the ballots out sooner.

Question: Would you be opposed to a friendly amendment of handing out the ballots early in the convention and that it would be a time certain to turn in ballots at the time of the now moved agenda item #17?

Friendly amendment was accepted. Motion as amended was passed.
Bonnie: I would like to amend the agenda to add between 13 and 14 a brief fundraising topic.

Mike Zagaros: We are already ahead of you on that one, as it is at the discretion of the chair.

Amended Agenda passed.

{Speaker}

Matt Pelikan spoke on his campaign for Attorney General.

10. Officer Reports
   • Chair

   Nancy reported that we have done a lot in the last year. We have set up a lot of infrastructure and building alliances to get ready for the campaigns this year.

   A blue wave seems to be forming, red areas are flipping blue and our district seems primed for that. We need you all to vote in the election this November.

   I want to challenge you to do something additional to your voting. Door knocking, signs, phone calling. Other areas are getting food, taking pictures, etc.

   Most importantly we need you to talk to your neighbors, to help inform the community.

   We do have power. There is a myth that there are no democrats in the NW suburbs. I will keep working until that myth is gone. Amy Klobuchar carried this district, Hillary Clinton carried this district, so if there are no democrats who is voting for these people? We have to be brave to wear our T-shirts and putting up lawn signs.

   • Vice Chair

   Kevin Anderson spoke. I was elected a few months ago, when the elected vice chair moved out of the district. I was excited and I wanted to be involved. It is up to each one of us in the room on how to find other democrats.

   I will be in touch with Precinct Chairs so we can start building a neighborhood movement.

   We need to find candidates for School Board and City Council and Mayor. We need all of you to help us succeed.

   • Outreach Officer

   Elsa Levine spoke. Outreach means if you know a person who would like to be on the city commission that is outreach.
I was in awe in seeing democracy in the discussion of the resolutions.

So get five people to talk to, no matter where you do it. Inform them that we are organized.

Think about including others of different backgrounds.

Please take a look again at our affirmative action statement – we are much more beyond just race.

- **Secretary**

No Report.

- **Treasurer**

Kyle Tonn, Deputy Treasurer, gave the report. Our current balance at the end of February is $7146.31; this does not include some expenses for caucuses that still need to be paid. Today also costs money – so we want your support both monetarily and as volunteers.

As of now we have $1585 in expenses that have not been paid yet.

Mike Zagaros: How many are here for the first time? If you do not understand something please ask; it is my job to make sure that you do.

**11. Consideration & Adoption of SD34 Constitution and Bylaws.**

Kyle: In the proposed constitution the additions are underlined, changes/removals are marked with a strike-through.

Article 3 – Section 3; add electing delegates and alternates to the state DFL Central Committee;
Article 3 – Section 4; Arrangements committee added;
Article 4 – Section 1; Removal of term county unit;
Article 4 – Section 4; Adding or until such a candidate signals intent to fill vacancy
Article 6 – Section 8; changed date to today.

Motion to adopt the changes. Seconded.

Suggestion that these be sent before the convention so people can look at them before the convention as it is difficult to get through in this short time.

Motion was passed.

{Speaker}
Sally Miller spoke on behalf of Tina Smith’s campaign for U.S. Senator.

Amy: We are going to recess the convention until 12 p.m. for a short break.

12. Ratification of Unit Central Committee members.

Mike Zaragos called the convention back at 12:09; in the opinion of the chair a quorum has been met.

Those who precinct chairs and vice chairs please stand up.

This is the opportunity to challenge any Chairs or Vice Chairs elected on caucus night. No challenges. Since there are no challenges we will consider the Central Committee members and Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs ratified.

{Speaker}

Jon Tollefson spoke on his campaign for State Auditor.

13. Election of Senate District Directors

Bonnie Westin, Nominations Chair: We had a committee of six and we met four times. Bonnie introduced the committee members.

We have screened candidates and are making a recommendation. You are free to nominate from the floor. We had no one screen for finance director.

We are proposing for Web-site Director our current director Andrew Zenk. We are proposing for Media Relations Director Ahmed Reda.

Motion to place Bonnie Westin for Finance Director. Seconded. No further Nominations for Finance Director.

Any further nominations for Media Director. None.
Any further Nominations for Events Director. None.
Any further Nominations for Web-site Director. None.

In the absence of anyone else, they are your named directors.
Bonnie: We can have eleven directors, we never have had that many.

We are proposing Jeanne Wickens, Kristy Janigo, and Stefan Zaklin as Directors.

Question: What is the duty of an at large director.

Bonnie: you would be a member of the Central Committee, we expect you to help as all others help.

Jeanne Wickens: Question about the current slate, how many are from the A-side and how many are from the B-side.

Bonnie: I do not know; we will have to research that. Can we get three more people?

Sophia Ginis: I would like to be an at-large director.

Don Wickens: I would like to be an at-large director.

Holly DeVogt: I would like to be an at-large director.

Rachel Haider: I would like to be an at-large director.

Brenda Peterson: I would like to be an at-large director.

Jan Kahring: I would like to be an at-large director.

Any other nominations? No other nominations. All named are therefore AT-Large Directors.

14. Election of State Central Committee Members/Alternates.

Mike: SD 34 is entitled to six delegates. The Chair and Vice Chair are automatically delegates.

Bonnie: The committee met and is recommending candidates, but will take nominations from the floor.

Recommended Delegates:
Ahmed Reda
Kyle Tonn
Kristy Janigo
Georgianna Ruzich

Alternates
Cathy Hietala
Andrew Zenk
Jeanne Wickens
Stefan Zaklin

Question: Could you explain the role of this position?

Mike: They run the DFL between conventions. They met quarterly, address the issues, elect officers, and deal with the constitution and platform. They meet on Saturdays in a different place around the state each time.

Elsa Levine: I would like to nominate myself for Delegate

Chris Kenialy: I would like to nominate myself for Delegate.

Jeanne Wickens: I would like to be considered for Delegate

Monica Flavin: I would like to be considered for Delegate.

Are there any other nominations? No other Nominations. Nominations for State Central Committee Delegate are closed. We will have an election. Candidates are entitled to one minute to talk.

Question: Must the delegates be gender balanced?

Mike: Yes.

Question: Since there are only two male candidates, is appropriate to make a motion to elect the two males?

Brad Gagnon: Yes.

Motion to elect Kyle Tonn and Ahmed Reda as Delegates to the State Central Committee. Seconded. Passed.

The candidates for Female Delegates spoke (1 minute each).
Jeanne Wickens; Elsa Levine; Kristy Janigo; Monica Flavin; Chris Kenialy; Georgiana Ruzich
Mike Zarago asked the tellers to come to the stage and that all non-delegates move to the side of the auditorium (stage right). This is your three-minute warning we will freeze the floor. Freezing the floor – whenever vote is taken, only those delegates that are registered can receive a ballot, so freezing the floor makes that easier.

Tellers will distribute the ballots.

You can vote for two names, fold and then sign your ballot. If you vote for more than two, your ballot would be considered a spoiled ballot.

Question: Is it rank voting in case of a tie?

Mike: According to your rules if there is a tie, then those who are tied go to a second ballot. If there were still a tie, then the decisions would be by lots between the tied candidates.

{Speaker}

Tim Walz spoke on his campaign for Governor.

Mike: Last call for ballots. Balloting is now closed. Tellers please go and count the ballots.

Stacy Betteson spoke on behalf of Nick Leonard and his campaign for U.S. Senate (Franken Seat).

Mike: While the tellers are counting Amy has info on balloting for resolutions.

Amy: We have ballots that have 37 numbers on them; we ask that you vote for only 34. In voting we ask that you cross out any resolutions that you do not want. If we do not see a number crossed out we will count that as one you want to go on.

Question: We were told that two do not count, what were they?

Number 26 and 34 do not count towards this, but they are on your ballot.

Question: Can these be amended or have information exchange before we vote?

Amy: I will have to check on that?

Question: Which are the two that do not count against the 34
Brad: 26 – the super delegates and 11 – ranked choice voting

Question: To we have to vote for those two if we want to pass them on?

Brad: Correct

Question: Is this per person that we can have 34

Mike: Each ballot must have at least one crossed off?

Question: One must be crossed off, but it cannot be 11 or 26?

Mike: We are having a discussion on that right now.

Mike: You can vote as many as you want, including 11 and 26. If you don’t want them cross them off.

Question: The motion was that you could vote for up to 34.

Mike: Correct-

Jeanne: Move to suspend the rules and allow people to vote for as many as they want.
Seconded.

Mike: motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3 vote. Passed. Rules are suspended

Mike: Now is the time for the motion to allow people to vote for as many resolutions as they want. So Moved; Seconded. Passed. You can now vote for as many resolutions as you want.

Bonnie spoke about raising funds. GOP raised 32000, 22000 went to candidates and 10000 went to Dennis smith. The DFL gave 2000 to their candidates. We cannot win if this is all we can give our candidates.

I am going to ask you to do two things. The first is the PCR.

Kyle spoke about the PCR. If you are an eligible voter you can give $50 to us, we will give you a receipt and a form, which you can then send in and then get your money back from the state.
Bonnie: First – if you have not contributed your $50 this year, make your contribution today. Then you can take that money and contribute that to a candidate – I suggest you give to Kristen Bahner. If you do this, you can contribute $100 for $50. If everyone here does this we could have $7000, our goal was $10000.

Second – Write down ten names, of people who are like-minded and CALL and explain PCR to them and why you are supporting democrats. We could raise an additional $24000!

If this is scary to you, come and talk to me – we can set up a phone bank.

John Hall: Introduced himself, as stated he had a check from his political action committee for $250.

Question: Motion to suspend rules and move to house candidate endorsement. Seconded. Passed.

We will proceed to Agenda item #15.

15. Separation into House District Conventions and endorsement of candidates for State House of Representatives. Then reconvene as Senate District Convention.

Since we don’t have a candidate for the A side, motion to stay the way we are and vote on candidates. Seconded. Passed.

Question: Don’t we have to recess the convention as a whole and then come back when that business is finished.

Mike: We now call the A-side to order. The floor is now open for nominations for House 34A. Are there any nominations?

Point of Order – the convention of the whole is in recess, and each house side must convene their own convention.

Motion: Mike to do 34A, Amy to do 34B. Seconded. Passed.

SD34 as a whole is now in recess.

16. Reconvene as District Convention
Mike: Can the candidates for State Central Committee come to the stage? Will the tellers come forward?

Amy: I reconvene the SD Convention back into Order (1:35)

We will announce the results of the balloting for State Central Committee members.

The two delegates will be Kristy Janigo and Georgiana Ruzich.

{Vote totals were as follows: Jeanne Wickens-32; Elsa Levin – 38; Kristi Janigo – 129; Monica Flavin – 32; Georgiana Ruzich – 58; Chris Kenialy – 27; Abstain – 4 (2 ballots); Spoiled – 6 (3 ballots)}

The next item on the list is to allow Kristen Bahner to address the convention after her endorsement as House Candidate for 34B.

Motion: Motion Agenda and Move #18 to the next item of business. Seconded. Passed.

17. Adoption of Resolutions.

18. Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates.

Mike: you are entitled to 17 delegates. We have more than 17 who showed they wanted to be delegates. There are two ways – general election or walking sub-caucuses.

Motion: To destroy the ballots for State Central Committee. Seconded.

Motion: To amend to change to after a 10 day period. Accepted.

Motion to destroy ballots after 10 days. Passed.

Motion to move to walking sub-caucuses. Seconded. Passed.

Kyle explained about walking sub-caucuses. {m & m analogy}

Names were taken for Sub-caucuses. 15 minutes were given for people to join a sub-caucus.
Numbers were reported, all but one of the remaining sub-caucuses were viable.

Members were given 10 minutes to move.

Numbers were reported as follows:

Walz Flanigan for Minnesota – 28
Rebecca Otto for Governor – 26
Blaha Undecided – 10
Dean Phillips for No More Gun Violence – 27
Support for Public Education Uncommitted – 10
Indivisible to get rid of Eric Paulsen – 10
Uncommitted Labor – 21
Erin Murphy for Healthcare Reform – 10
Phillips Walz Sub-caucus – 20

Delegate Counts before remainders as follows

Kyle: Our entire delegation must be gender balanced. So for the groups with three delegates you can elect two of one gender and one of the other. If the entire delegation is not gender balanced then one of the groups of three may be randomly selected to switch a delegate and alternate to make sure we are gender balanced.


Constitution and Rules Committee: 2 men and 2 women

Credentials: 2 men and 2 women

Nominations: 2 men and 2 women – screens candidates for any position

Arrangements: Five – plan logistics of convention

Food and Refreshments:

Jennifer Starner and Tanwi Prigge were nominated for the Credentials Committee.
Seconded. Passed.

Elsa Leven, Bonnie Westlin and Ryan Dolan were nominated for the Rules/Constitution Committee. Seconded. Passed.

John Hall and Karin Alexander were nominated for the Nominations Committee. Seconded. Passed.
Nancy Meyerhoff and Kristy Janigo were nominated for the Concessions Committee. Seconded. Passed.

Amy VanSchepen and Andrew Zenk were nominated for the Arrangements Committee. Seconded. Passed.

20. Other Business

Nominations were take for State Central Committee Alternates. Amy Marty and Stella Riker names were placed into nomination.

Point of order – Do we have a quorum. The Chair has determined that we do not have a quorum.

Motion to let SD Central Committee complete any unfinished business. Seconded. Passed.


Motion to adjourn. The convention adjourned at 3:00 p.m.