DFL SD52 – Central Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Time: 6:45
EC Present: Kris Klein, Max Wallin, Lauren DeGidio, Jonathan Zagel, Lisa Stevens, Larry Chadwick, Doug Fromm, Caren Gallagher, Paul Mandell, Tom Marver, Darcy McKenzie, Theresa O'Neal, Matthew Schempp, Connie Sierras, Lindsey Tavern, Jason Teiken, Monica Weber
EC Absent: Nicole Hughes, Dominic Ciresi, Rosa Reyes
Attendance: 56 Total Guests

Call to Order
Kris Klein, Chair called the meeting to order.

Introductions
New Officers introduced themselves and then we went around the room and everyone stated their name and role with the district.

Committee Reports
Treasurer: Jonathan updated district on current budget, outstanding bills, and how to donate and getting a refund.

Outreach & Inclusion: Lisa talked about a meeting for precinct chairs to discuss strategy and roles for outreach. Including determining the best way to communicate and how to link in with like-minded people. Discuss events, venues to reach out and calls to action. Plan for best practices to fill vacancies in commissions and city councils. And strategize how to get Ruth Richardson elected. A-side will work as a supporting role.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Thursday, April 5 at Wentworth Library.

Guest Speaker
Ruth Richardson provided an update on her campaign. She has a new website and new branding and will be focused on fundraising, creating literature in preparation for door knocking. She wants to run a clean, issues-based campaign, she won’t talk a lot about Regina. The issues she’s hearing the most about are healthcare, reproductive choice, safe schools, and gun control.

Campaign launch event from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, April 7 at Teresa’s Mexican Restaurant in Mendota Heights.

Sub-Committee Updates
Caucus & Convention: Darcy provided an update with caucus attendance and number of delegates. She talked about the importance to GOTV for the primary to try and get more delegates for the 2020 election.

Resolutions: Caren Gallagher provided an update on the top 5 resolutions.
New Business

- Lisa Richardson addressed complaints about the Convention Chair, Ron Wax. Steve Cook motioned to form a group to write a letter to Ken Martin. The motion passed. Lisa Richardson, Caren Gallagher and others volunteered to form an ad hoc committee.

- Kris Klein asked for a motion to nominate and elect alternate directors. The motion passed, and we will elect alternates at our next meeting.

- Geoff Dittberner made a motion to grant him access to the VAN. Tom Edwards made a motion to grant both Max Wallin and Geoff access to the VAN for their runs for City Council. The motion passed.

- Matt Schempp discussed Run WSP meeting at Wentworth Library at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 4 to encourage people to get involved sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

- Laura Morton asked about how to run for vice chair. Kris Klein said she’d explore how to be submitted or apply and would share with the district.

- Motion was made to dissolve the Steering/Strategy Committee. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Kris Klein adjourned the formal business meeting and invited everyone to stay for a special presentation from high school students.

Optional Special Guest

Henry Sibley and Simley students provided updates on their MNEVER School Walkout and the March for our Lives Washington bus trip. These Kids Rock!