DFL SD52 – Central Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Time: 6:45

EC Present: Kris Klein, Max Wallin, Lauren DeGidio, Jonathan Zagel, Lisa Stevens, Larry Chadwick, Doug Fromm, Caren Gallagher, Darcy McKenzie, Paul Mandell, Tom Marver, Theresa O’Neal, Matthew Schempp, Connie Sierras, Jason Teiken, Rosa Reyes

EC Absent: Dominic Ciresi, Lindsey Tavern, Monica Weber

Attendance: 45 Total Guests

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

Officer/Committee Reports

Treasurer: Jonathan updated district on current budget, donated to Ruth, told us about Act Blue for donations online.

Outreach & Inclusion: Lisa talked about a meeting for precinct chairs. 20 people attended. They talked about setting goals for the precinct and how they can share ideas and bounce ideas to encourage evolvement. How to get WSP city council candidates. How to support Ruth.

Wants to put together a core committee (5-6) but have other members help with implementation to discuss strategy and roles for outreach.

Business

Convention Update
Paul Mandell did an update on the CD2 Convention. Angie Craig was nominated in the first ballot.

Senator Matt Klein, M.D. Update
Matt provided an update about his mom who was a school teacher. The family is dealing with end of life care. Matt talked about the tough decisions that had to be made with his siblings and about how it was contentious, but they all came together once the decision was made. Those wounds from the CD2 convention are similar. Matt validated that people have wounds. But there are issues in this time that are unlike any other with large industries amassing at the Capitol with lobbyists coercing legislators on issues like right to work and big pharma is fighting to keep drug costs high and throwing money at the issue.

Regarding the constitutional amendment on transportation. Matt said a dedicated revenue stream is a good idea. But a constitutional amendment will extract funds from other programs such as education. It is also designed to pit labor against each other. Nursing, teaching against construction.
Nominations for Alternate Directors – Chadwick Vandarious

The list below represents who was nominated and elected on a slate for Alternate Directors.

- Peter Strohmeier
- Cass Wendlandt
- Robin Erlich
- Pat Watson
- Gene Martinez
- Joe Ferrer
- John Joslin
- Christine Hartman
- Deb Franzen
- Annie Morgan
- Kimberly Johnson
- Heidi Christian

The list below represents the directors who resigned their seats because they are all CD2 Directors. We will elect three new Directors at the next meeting.

- Darcy McKenzie
- Caren Gallagher
- Paul Mandell

Announcements & Q&A

- Youth for Ruth group already wants to work with us
- DFL Women’s Hall of Fame – Theresa did an update and is looking for people to be nominated. But there is no luncheon this year. No one took over the chair
- Election Judges – Looking for judges in WSP, Eagan etc.
- Darcy asked everyone in School District 197 to volunteer to door-knock and lit-drop for the school bond referendum
- Lisa Richardson asked about the letter regarding Ron Wacker – Lisa said she drafted and sent it. We will follow-up with a copy
- John interfaith immigration involvement. Vigil done at second Tuesday of the month 7:30 am. That’s when they move the immigrants at holding center by Fort Snelling
- Karen did a quick update on Mom’s Against Gun Violence Lobby Day at the Capitol. Regina was not receptive to the issues
- Hannah from Angie Craig’s campaign came to talk about organizing, door knocking, and phone banking. There might be one in Mendota Heights on Tuesday
- Molly Miller asked if we could coordinate door knocking for both Angie and Ruth
- General Q&A about resolutions, platform, questions about why so many SD people are on CD2 executive committee
- Mary Kowalski talked about a Senior Caucus in SD 52. May setup a Senior Committee (state outreach coordinator)
Ruth's Campaign

Mary T-Kach thanked the District for the donation of $1,000. Ruth is at the Women Winning event. Ruth’s campaign did a meet and greet and got people to sign up to volunteer and donate. Other Meet and Greets are coming up and they need more on IGH side. This Sunday April 29 is a Fundraiser. Saturday, May 5 training on door knocking at Inver Glen Library. Lunch will be served. Communications committee working on photographer for the campaign. The need volunteers including a volunteer coordinator. They don’t have field organizer from the DFL. What we can do is go to Facebook and ask questions and like and share posts. They need people to attend events with Ruth to take notes and walk with her.

State Party

Marge Hoffa spoke about target campaigns. What decides is how much money a campaign has and how many volunteers, whether adopted by another district, and general interest level within the district.

- Marge recommended doing more outreach and filing for a grant and the State committee will review and give us a grant
- She thought we needed to think of places we wouldn’t go and those are where we should go
- She was excited to see a lot of new faces, intelligent questions, and excitement

Adjournment

Kris Klein adjourned the business meeting and invited everyone to go to the 5-8 Club.