

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 12, 2021**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter**, Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Monica **Weber**, Rebeca **Sedarski**, Chet **Bodin**, MAPE Staff Leah **Solo,** MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**

**Absent:** (excused)

**Business:**

* Welcome
* Welcome new member Rebeca Sedarski!
* **Motion (Juan):** Approve minutes from December and January meetings.
* Second (Ferrera)
* Passed
* Updating postings to webpage
* PAC Update (**Weber**)
* MAPE Updates (**Solo**)
* Upcoming informational meeting with Political Council (PC), Political Action Fund (PAC), and MAPE Political Fund to be scheduled for April
* Session Updates:
* Budget Update
* Initial proposal from Gov. Walz Jan 26th
* Revision expected first half of March
* Committee deadlines last half of March, but may be flexible
* Progressive revenue proposals gaining momentum
* Revenue forecast is improving
* Senate finance proposal – 5% cuts across the board
* Contract Info
* Senate case about last contract approval focuses on process
* MAPE asked to coordinate an amicus brief
* Budget Training
* Focus on basic terminology and language; less on fiscal management per se
* Leveraging knowledge to better union advocacy
* Proposals on how members can engage with budget proposals online via MMB
* Social media advocacy / guidelines
* Days on the Hill
* Organizing speakers for each event
* 45 minute meetings with legislators
* Word is spreading at DHS
* Detailed email / outreach follow-ups
* Equal Rights Amendment
* Rights should not be dependent on gender
* ERA Minnesota holding Virtual rally on March 8th
* Virtual lobbying workshops Feb 22 – March 2
* Nicole brought forward request to share ERA MN info via MAPE newsletter
* Working on Regional Development (**Ferrera, Solo**)
* Develop a documented network
* Legislative plan refinement
* Work and regions assigned to members, Goals set
* House Select Committee on Racial Justice Discussion (**Juan**)
* How their Report to the Legislature could be utilized in guiding PC work
* Possibly present to the Board of Directors
* Executive Team Meeting Update (**Cotter**)
* PC Leadership
* 3 positions will be up for election
* 2 positions will be up for appointment
* Reports on 1:1's
* Minnesota DFL Virtual Trivia Night
* 2/25/21 at 5:15-6:30 PM
* Team name: MAPE Crusaders

**Next meeting:** Friday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M

**Adjourned at 2:15 PM**

**Back-up Note-Taking Rotation:**

March - Nicole

April - Monica

May - Chet