

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 9, 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,** Chet **Bodin,** MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce,** MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC)

**Business:**

* Welcome
* **Motion:** Approve June 11th minutes
  + Passed by consensus
* Political Council Appointments
  + Tess Flom – Region 12
  + Kristin Kirchoff-Franklin – Negotiations Team
* Meet and Confer Chairs Update
* Reminder that purchasing a book of Robert’s Rules of Order is eligible for reimbursement (per motion last meeting)
* Legislative Update (**Bruce**)
  + Budgets passed and signed into law before July 1, so all government functions are funded
  + After House adjourned sine die, the Senate continued to meet to approve/deny Commissioner appointments
  + Taskforce established for appropriating $250 million of federal COVID-19 funding for essential workers
  + September session expected to appropriate $250 million federal COVID-19 funding and more Commissioner appointments
* July 21, 2021 Contract Rally
* **Ferrara** appointed to MAPE Essential Worker Pay Taskforce
* Negotiations Update (**Solo**)
  + President Dayton had a short call with Governor Walz about MAPE feeling the lack of support at negotiations
  + Additional day of negotiations
    - MMB dropped a lot of anti-union language and kept some of MAPE’s proposals
* Association Letter in progress
* September meeting update:
  + Local 2001 is LARGE (Over 40 worksites across 17 agencies, Red Wing to Austin, but focus is on members who live or work in SD25 and SD26 (Olmsted County and surrounding area) (~200 members)
  + Location: RCTC (scheduling opens Monday)
  + Eligible for hotel stay and mileage reimbursement
    - Opportunity to conduct morning 1:1 before meeting
  + **Juan** will help find local business for catering options
  + **Ferrara** will secure space
  + **Cotter** will coordinate communications with MAPE
  + **Cotter** will create a pdf for Save the Date and Invitation
  + Work-site assignments (Ferrara will get us contact names):
    - DNR – **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**
    - DOT – **Cotter**
    - DEED, PCA - **Ferrara**
  + Timeline:
    - Next week: Save the Date for meeting and lunch
    - TBD: Agenda
    - August: Text and/or phone bank
    - Week of: One last push
    - August PC Meeting – Recruiting and final planning for September meeting
    - September 10th – PC meeting in Rochester, and Zone action
  + Goals: Develop list of development zone teams
  + Schedule of the day:
    - Morning: Meeting, At RCTC
    - Lunch: All Olmsted County members, At a restaurant
    - Afternoon: Listening sessions, 1:1’s at work sites
    - Informal gathering after for PC
  + Ideas to drive turn-out (hoping for 20):
    - Send stack of postcards with leaders for when they meet
    - Text bank
    - Phone bank
    - Newsletter (**Cotter**)
* Legislative Priorities Update
  + Included in Board of Directors minutes
  + Forwarded to Staff for inclusion into Delegate Assembly (DA) packet
  + **Juan** can be available for potential questions during review of DA resolutions
    - **Cotter** will follow-up

**Next meeting:** Friday, August 13th at 9:00 AM (Zoom or in-person tbd)

**Adjourned at 11:05 AM**

Onboarding group (**Ferrara, Juan, Hemmingsen-Jaeger**) met after meeting to continue work