

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 10, 2021**

**(Community Engagement Zone – St. Cloud)**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Chet **Bodin,** Tess **Flom,** Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin,** MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce,** MAPE Staff Britton **Mikkelsen,** MAPE Staff Leah **Solo,** MAPE Staff Debbie **Prokopf,** MAPE Staff Britton **Mikkelsen**

**Absent:** (excused)

**Region 17 Members:** Mike **Terhune** (Region 17 Director)**,** Nicholas **Snavely** (1702 President)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC)

**Business:**

* Welcome and Introductions
* **Motion (Ferrara):** Approve October minutes
	+ Second (**Juan**)
	+ Passed by consensus
* December Meeting/Retreat (**Cotter**)
	+ Include Organizing Council and Negotiations reps
		- Combined session during the afternoon
	+ Date: December 10, 2021
	+ Time: Full day
	+ Location: MAPE HQ (hybrid?)
	+ Lost time approval for Negotiations reps
		- **Motion (Ferrera):** Provide lost time reimbursement for up to 12 Negotiations reps
			* Second (**Flom**)
			* Passed via voice vote
	+ Goals: Planning for 2022
* PAC Update (**Juan**)
	+ All statewide officers and full legislature up for vote
	+ Redistricting
	+ PAC documents reviewed and updated
	+ Ongoing discussion about future endorsements
	+ Open positions; Looking to fill by December
	+ Local endorsements for former members
* Region 17 Overview (**Snavely, Terhune**)
	+ 30-40 worksites, with half of members at St. Cloud State University campus
	+ 1701 – Moose Lake area
	+ 1702 – St. Cloud area
	+ 1703 – Rush City, Pine City area
	+ Challenges due to the pandemic
	+ Senate District 14
	+ Consistent engagement and investment in members/volunteers is important
	+ Some local relationships with other organizations
	+ Cotter offered Political Council (PC) resources
* Comments from President Dayton
* Legislature Update (**Solo**)
	+ Special Session debate ongoing – Likely will not happen
	+ Frontline workers task force work
	+ Regular Session starts 1/31/22
		- House will have virtual rules
		- Senate has not announced, but will likely be hybrid
		- Capitol will be open to the public
	+ Potential “All Call Day on the Hill” spread out over a week in March
		- Meetings would be virtual
	+ Targeted in-district meetings
	+ Member gathering (rally?) in early May
	+ Future PC agenda topics:
		- Conduct general training
		- Zoom training
		- Meeting facilitation training
		- Recruitment
		- Incorporate into December retreat
	+ Mental health as a legislative priority
		- Member outreach conducted
		- Future listening sessions and/or part of bargaining survey?
		- EAP discussion
		- Other MAPE groups are discussing, too

**Next meeting:** Friday, December 10th at 9:00 AM (MAPE HQ)

**Adjourned at 12:00 PM**

**Afternoon** – Conducted de-brief, discussions, and plans for future development zone meetings

* Takeaways:
	+ Future recruitment should include calling to invite people
	+ Consider scheduling to overlap local meetings
	+ Relate to contract passage
	+ Relate to being labor friendly