**MAPE Political Council Meeting**

**5-15-23**

**Minutes**

**Meeting commenced at 9:45am**

**Attendees:** John H, Chet, Liz, John F, Cathleen, Nicole

**Approved Absentee:** Nancy

**May Meeting Minutes**: In good faith Cathleen moved to approve the minutes (accept and change if needed) and Liz seconded.

**New Member Intro:**

Liz McLoone is the newest member of the Council and she was appointed by Chairman Ferrara to serve as Secretary.

**Summer Plans** (which is between now and Delegate Assembly which is the end of October)

* Conversations with MAPE members about Health Care starting in June
  + In the past members had contract related concerns
  + Bring in subject matter experts to present to members
  + Nicole will help Chairman Ferrara get speakers and Lauren S, Pete M and Pete Smith are possibilities
* Now is the time for fundamental changes
  + Greater MN has limited options for care and some services aren’t even provided that are in the contract.
  + Goal is to educate member on issues being floated around and how they affect our contract
  + Direct members who care about this issue to become an activist within MAPE
  + Keep in mind the MAPE members that work in the Health Department and how things would affect their jobs
* Health Care Retreat for June meeting
  + Expand on conversations surrounding Health Care
    - Find information from employee engagement survey?
  + Direct members on how to act
* Report outs to Locals
  + - Chairman Ferrara wants to meet with every local over 2-3 months
    - Liz to provide notes on locals that she obtained while working for MAPE
* Statewide Open Forums
  + Over the lunch hour
  + Not local specific
  + Cathleen will present this idea to the President’s Council
* Delegate Planning Committee
  + Delegate Assembly is being held at The Delta Hotel on Oct 27/28
  + Resolutions are being very flushed out and vetted so there will be less of them

**Meeting Break 10:30-10:45**

**Special Guest**

Representative Kim Hicks (25A)

* The Mayo recently came out publicly in harsh opposition to the Safe Staffing Bill
  + Chairman Ferrara entertains a motion to encourage President Dayton to create a statement in support of the bill and ask the Governor not to cave into Mayo’s threats.
  + Cathleen moves that the Executive Council encourages the Governor to approve and support the Safe Staffing Bill. Chet seconded, passes by consensus.

**Legislative Update by Leah Solo**

* Contracts
  + Are currently in State Government Committee as they are still considering proposals
* Taxes
  + Stuck after ww reporting was off the table
  + There’s a $5M hole
* Labor Freedoms Bill
  + Everything we want is in there
  + Classification protections are in the new department creation language
* Pensions
  + Going to the House
* Public Safety Conference Committee is going to the House today

**Contract Negotiations**

* MAPE brought 8-9 proposals to the table
* MMB brought 125 proposals to the table

**Legislative Priorities Platform**

* Nicole reported that every year the Government Relations Committee helps update MAPE’s platform and gives guidance to staff and members on the issues.
* DA will pass a Platform, the call will be placed for membership feedback, then they bring it together and send it back.
* June, 2024-revise it based on that year’s legislative session, get membership feedback and then send it to the Board of Directors and Delegate Committee.
* Chairman Ferrara wants an up/down vote at DA

**Non-Partisan Caucusing**

* Responsibility
  + How do we remove barriers in order to get more involved?
* Show of Power
  + Having delegate to party convention that are MAPE members
  + Taking the partisanship out of it
  + Get people in the door first without agendas for them
* John H presented on the background of the Non-partisan league
  + The goal is to take political parties out of the process and make it about your own rights

**Break for Lunch at 12:03**

**Reconvened at 1:29**

**Overview of Political Council**

* No MAPE parent umbrella
* 2 year term
* Gave Liz some items to work on with MAPE HQ in regards to email and shirt budget
* Fill out Lost Time form and get to Chairman Ferrara ASAP
* Transitioning from Google Docs to Govend. Liz to assist

**Adjourned**