

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 8, 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,** Tess **Flom** (morning)**,** Mike **Terhune** (Region 17), MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce,** MAPE Staff Britton **Mikkelsen,** MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC), Day on the Hill (DOH)

**Business:**

* Welcome
* **Motion (Ferrara):** Approve August and September minutes
	+ Second (**Juan**)
	+ Passed by consensus
* Implementing out Base Building Plans
	+ Reflect/debrief on Rochester meeting
	+ Days on the Hill discussion
	+ Plan November meeting in St. Cloud (9:00 AM start time)
		- Determine best time to meet with members (**Ferrara**)
		- Reserve room (**Terhune**)
		- Purchase coffee/bagels (**Mikkelson**)
		- Reach out to local groups for breakfast (**Bodin/Cotter**) (7:00 AM)
			* Central Minnesota Workers
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		- Agenda:
			* PC presentation
			* PAC presentation
			* Presentation from Region
			* Contract approval and current path
			* Member Comments
			* Lunch
			* Debrief
		- Save the Date (**Cotter/Solo**)
		- Targeted outreach to members (**Cotter**)
			* Nicholas Snavely (1702)
			* Barb Gosch (1702)
		- Text banking?
* DA Recap
	+ Rule changes for budget portion were well-received
	+ Positive experience
	+ Get survey results and share with Political Council (PC) (**Cotter**)
	+ Resolution #4 discussion and clarification
* New Secretary
	+ Skills combo of note-taking, strategic vision, and data management would be valuable
* Reorg conversation
	+ Original referred to strategic planning committee
	+ Reviewed and discussed PC alternative proposal
	+ Discussion about strategic planning meetings
		- Dues conversation
* Training/Development of team members
	+ Introduce Advanced Leadership Training at organizational level (**Cotter**)
	+ Discussion about training for December meeting
		- Potential joint meeting with Organizing Council and Negotiations for December
		- Agenda development (**Juan/Ferrara**)
		- Planning for Day(s) on the Hill
* Looking Ahead to Legislative Session
	+ Adding mental health campaign to the legislative agenda
		- Slim possibility if November budget forecast shows a large surplus
		- Introductory discussions among other unions and MAPE members
		- What does this look like?
			* Restoring staffing at DCT, DOC hospital(s) (minimum)
			* Additional FTE
			* Pay increase
		- Opportunity to share member stories
		- General consensus to continue exploring and supporting this issue
	+ Legislative Action Plan
		- **CONTRACT!!!**
		- All-call Day on the Hill (DOH) (Rally + Legislative meetings)
			* In-person vs. Zoom challenges and benefits
			* Lunch trainings in advance of DOH
			* Legislative meetings with members at the beginning of session
			* Rally closer to spring/contract vote with other unions?
				+ Sign-making sessions
			* COVID precautions
			* Text banking recruitment
			* Contact Leah and Devin with ideas

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 10th at 9:00 AM (St. Cloud)

**Adjourned at 1:46 PM**