

**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