

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 11, 2022**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present (PC):** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan,** Chet **Bodin,** Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin**

**Present (Negotiations):** Nicholas **Snavely,** Jerry **Schmitt,** Chair Adam **Novotny**

**Present (Staff and Executive):** Devin **Bruce,** Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** Tess **Flom** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC), Board of Directors (BOD)

**Business:**

* PAC Report (**Juan**)
  + Update on board members
  + Recruiting for more members
  + Expedited endorsement process
  + Endorsement screenings (virtual) February 28th and March 4th
  + Discussion of Governor endorsement
    - Listening sessions on March 15th and 16th in the evening (90 minutes)
    - Inviting all gubernatorial candidates for meetings ~March 19th
* Welcome/Approve Minutes
  + **Motion (Juan):** Approve January minutes
    - Second (**Kirchoff-Franklin**)
    - Passed by voice vote
* Negotiations Update (**Kirchoff-Franklin, Novotny, Schmitt, Snavely**)
  + Down to one Chair
  + Commitment from Negotiations Team to reach out to locals to recruit for Lobby Week
    - Local 1702 has sent a mailer
    - **Kirchoff-Franklin** will compile a list of talking points for Negotiation team members to use as a resource/guide
    - Will reaffirm with Negotiation team members and distribute information
  + Some have volunteered to phone bank
  + Committed to support recruiting for the Lobby Week Rally
  + Discussion of assigning a Negotiations Liaison (**Cotter**)
    - **Kirchoff-Franklin** volunteered to take the role
    - **Motion (Juan):** Appoint **Kirchoff-Franklin** as Negotiations Team Liaison
      * Second (**Ferrara**)
      * Passed by consensus
  + All of Negotiations Team is up for re-election this year
  + General discussion about negotiations schedule
  + **Kirchoff-Franklin** asked for a list of Lobby Week registrees by local
    - Will follow-up with staff offline
* Executive Team Report
  + Meet and confer meeting with OPEIU
  + Recap with James and Lucinda
  + Delegate Assembly will be October 8th
  + Potential Steward Summit
  + Posted to website – Combining Treasurer and Secretary positions when either is vacant
* Political Fund Report/Political Shifts Commitment
  + Political Shift Commitment
    - Reviewed 2020 shifts
    - Shifts count for MAPE endorsed candidates, and bonus shift if you bring a friend to a shift
  + Political Fund Update (**Solo**)
* Development Zone Activity for Region 20 (**Ferrara**)
  + SE MN
  + Covers SD25, SD26, SD28
  + 49 worksites across 17 agencies
  + Members interested in participating to actively flip House and Senate representation
  + Identified local, engaged leaders that do not have an official position
  + Tracking phone calls and activity on a Google doc
  + Gap in promises and actions of current representatives
  + Collaboration opportunities with other unions
* Development Zones
  + Districts
    - Stillwater/SD 39 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger)
    - Rochester/SD 25/SD 26 (Ferrara)
    - White Bear Lake/SD 38 (Flom)
    - Maple Grove/SD 34 (Kirchoff-Franklin)
    - Grand Rapids/Bemidji SD 5 (Bodin)
    - St. Cloud/SD 14 (Cotter)
    - Ely/SD 3 (Juan)
  + Arc for Development zones in next 9 months:

1. Now-Lobby week Help with Lobby Day, find leaders
2. March-Rally- work with your teams on writing emails and phone calls to legislators
3. Rally- help get more people to the rally from your zone
4. Meet and Greet Zoom with endorsed candidates in your zone
5. Summer Door knock and social thing
6. Fall Door knocks
   * TBA: Trainings in June?
   * TBA: Talking points on I.E. Side
   * Accountability from session/contract vote
   * Deliverables for March are:
     + 1:1s with BAs and Local Presidents
     + Attend your lobby week meeting
     + Attend your zone lobby week meetings
     + Identify leaders
   * Next Steps:
     + Leah needs to get together the lists of which BA is working on which district
     + Between Feb-March mtg: Check in over lunch on Feb 25
     + Will have time set aside each month to review progress

* Strategic Plan (James and Lucinda – Consultants for MAPE Strategic Planning)
  + Overview of progress
  + Presentation by James Haggar
    - Review of recommended language and strategy for MAPE’s Political Program
    - Group discussion, reflections, and reactions
    - Technology infrastructure discussion; Shift to teleworking
    - Discussion around definition of political work

**Next meeting:** Friday, March 11th at 9:00 AM (Location TBD)

**Adjourned at 2:15 PM**