



Political Council Meeting

February 14, 2020

Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:25am

Roll Call: A Quorum was established

Present: Chair Cathleen **Cotter**; Vice Chair John **Ferrara**; Secretary Megan **Dayton**; Jason **Broberg**; Jessica **Garcia**; Nicole **Juan**; Monica **Weber**; MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**; MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**

I. Council Business

- a. Move legislative and electoral work forward
 - i. **M(Broberg)S(Juan)P to approve the amended bylaws**
 1. **Voice Vote:** none opposed
 2. **Broberg** put most of the work into drafting and finalizing the Political Council bylaws
 3. Council also discussed the desire to have the bylaws reviewed annually with amendments considered during that review
 - b. Council technology discussion
 - i. Need direction for collaborative workspace with calendaring a priority
 1. Slack is currently in use but the free option has limited features. Paid standard tier is \$800.40 billed annually for 10 licenses
 2. Teams is better for document organization and collaboration but mobile and browser based access are less reliable and less user friendly than Slack. Paid standard tier is \$1200 billed annually for 10 licenses
 3. **M(Ferrara)S(Dayton)P to purchase 10 standard Slack licenses on an annual basis**
 - a. **Voice Vote:** none opposed

II. Reports and updates

- a. **Cotter** provided an update on the Executive Committee including the hiring efforts for various MAPE staff positions, and plans for building remodel
 - i. Discussed the Political Expenditures Workgroup language in Political Council's Charter document (approved by Board of Directors) to appoint a Political Council member

1. **M(Juan)S(Garcia)P that Ferrara be appointed to the Political Expenditures Workgroup**
 - a. **Voice Vote:** none opposed
- b. **Juan** provided an update on the Organizing Council including the return of Kamper, Labor Notes conference, and work to develop a more robust membership drive plan
 - i. **M(Ferrara)S(Weber)P for Political Council to pay lost time only up to two days (Thursday and Friday) for Council members to attend the Labor Notes conference April 17th-19th in Chicago**
 1. **Voice Vote:** none opposed
- c. **Weber** provided an update on the PAC including reminder that PACs cannot give money to candidates or elected officials during a legislative session, 2-day candidate screening, door-knock timeline, and auto-endorsement process
 - i. The Political Council is grateful to the PAC for their time and diligent efforts in the endorsements

III. Legislative work

- a. Agency Days On The Hill (DOTH)
 - i. Department of Corrections scheduled for March 4th from 11:30am to 12:30pm with a turnout goal of 25 (invitation only). Winkler has agreed to attend a kick-off training with top leaders (including Political Council) on March 3rd from 5pm to 8pm
 - ii. Department of Human Services scheduled for March 16th from 11:30am to 12:30pm with a turnout goal of 40 attendees (invitation only)
 - iii. Budget with goals total for all Days On the Hill \$26,000
 - iv. Less politically-sensitive Days On The Hill are in place and moving along (MnDOT, MDE, Minnesota State)
- b. Temporary Unclassified Appointments
 - i. Rally at the Capitol set for March 2nd with a turnout goal of 200 that was already met with registered attendees. Governor Walz has not yet committed to attending but Marincel continues to work with Governor's staff
- c. Council reiterated the need to schedule a follow-up with MMB Commissioner Frans as a result of the commitment made during MAPE's meeting with Governor Walz
- d. Rapid Response Network continues to be in development and **Solo** has created a workbook to track people and organize efforts
- e. Joint rally with AFSCME is still in the planning stages and member messaging to be determined
- f. New locations were proposed for Pouring Into Public Service (PIPS) but due to legislative priorities postponed until after April
- g. Content for *Contact Your Legislator* being drafted by **Cotter** and **Ferrara**
- h. Council would like to have standing report to the Local Presidents' Committee agenda at least through the election in November. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 18th and **Cotter** will make report

IV. Elections

- a. Senate District 26 is one of our targeted races so Council discussed efforts to mobilize members in that district
- V. Update on status of contract in the legislature**
 - a. Our 2019-2021 contract has not yet been introduced but meetings are scheduled with Speaker Hortman and Senate Majority Leader Gazelka
- VI. Plan for joint meeting with Organizing Council in March**
 - a. We have the political organizer for ISAI AH's PAC speaking to our joint group on specific leadership development efforts for Council members
 - b. Overall goal of the joint meeting is to ensure that Political Council and Organizing Council are coordinating efforts
- VII. Old business**
 - a. **Dayton** will share Political Council email access instructions
 - b. Council will continue to revisit efforts to expand our reach and members are committed to engaging in conversations about the Council's work or MAPE direction and vision with specific emphasis on upcoming statewide elections

Next Political Council meeting March 13th

Executive Session entered at 9:25am and ended at 10:05am

Adjourn at 2:11pm