



Political Council Meeting

March 13, 2020

Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:20am

Roll Call: A Quorum was established

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

Absent: Jason **Broberg** (excused)

I. Updates

- a. Tech (**Ferrara**)
 - i. The council has yet to make a purchase due to staff absences but **Ferrara** will assist with set up once purchased.
- b. COVID-19
 - i. MAPE and other unions are pushing the administration to use administrative leave as the default for COVID-19 rather than requiring the use of SIK/VAC.
- c. Reports on 1:1s
 - i. Council members have been engaging in 1:1s as both a MAPE effort and Political Council effort with the purpose of building statewide infrastructure to see how our messages are filtering down to rank and file members and look for potential leaders. The need to track this activity with excel or another document type was identified to ensure that we are geographically and organizationally intentionally diverse.

II. Legislative Check In

- a. Legislative toolkit is still in production with the sample letter to legislator complete.
- b. Update on success of Day on The Hill for Department of Corrections.
- c. Day on The Hill for Department of Human Services has been cancelled and others are likely to be as well.
- d. Joint rally with AFSCME is cancelled

III. Labor Notes April meeting has been cancelled

IV. Joint Organizing Council and Political Council meeting

- a. Organizing Council will do tele-town halls on COVID-19 on March 24th and another date to be determined
- b. Organizing Council Report
 - i. The Organizing Council is moving away from the Leadership 2020 infrastructure to get more specific projects off the ground. Council members are planning to sponsor members to attend the Nellie Stone Johnson dinner which has been postponed but two tables have been purchased. Trainings are planned for Membership Secretaries shortly after elections with locals that overlap the in-district meetings that the Political Council has completed. A new officer training is also being planned.
- c. Political Council Report
 - i. MAPE contract is on a short list of Legislative priorities and will be introduced on Tuesday at 8am. Update on cancellations for Days on The Hill while the Legislature figures out the top priorities. Update on 1:1s being held and discussion about being strategic about the outreach. Update on the DFL and GOP conventions moving to digital platform and delayed.
- d. Budget Collaboration to discuss our relative budgets and strategic plan to deploy resources into training and organizing.
- e. Communications timeline should be on an ongoing basis and more strategic since we have difficulty with dissemination beyond the councils.

Next Political Council meeting April 10th

Executive Session entered at 10:52am and ended at 11:50am

Adjourn at 4:11pm