07/10/18 SD7 Executive Committee meeting: Lincoln Park Middle School

Called to order 7:03 pm

Absent with notice: Kelli Letuska, Allen Killian-Moore, Katie Humphrey, Marsh Stenersen, Louisa Eckstine, Mike Mayou. Absent without notice: Peggy Roy

Affirmative Action statement: read by Maya

Agenda approved with additions of DCCC update, and email communication ideas added to New Business.

Minutes from last month: approved with corrections (CD8 candidates’ debate committee clarified, and name spelling corrections).

Guest: Eileen Hudelson – discussed Jen Schultz campaign/Flip the House efforts.

Officer Reports:

A. Chair (Chris) – see also, emailed report from Chris.
   i. State Central Committee updates – lag in communication, but you should soon be seeing an email if you are an SCC delegate.
B. Associate Chair (Deb) – not present. Shawn read email from Deb.
C. Affirmative Action (Louisa) – not present. (See also, email from Louisa sent prior to meeting with update on Inclusion and Outreach committee.)
D. Treasurer (Maya) – see email from Maya.
   i. Old UDAC invoices from 2015 and 2017 – are they ours or Duluth DFL? Seems unclear. Maya will call UDAC to see if they have any additional information about them, and Chris will review with current and past Duluth DFL chairs.
   ii. Amendment to emailed report: additional $ going out to Clayton Jackson McGee memorial that is not listed on the report yet.
   iii. Additional note from Maya re: mobile credit card reader available. Carmen asked about Unit Oversight creating policy for its use. Rich requested guidance from Maya.
   iv. Maya also brought up idea of mobile deposits – which would be an additional $5 per month bank fee. One reason for doing so would be getting donations deposited in a time frame that is compliant with state regulations. We will consider this as we move into our summer events and determine if it would be useful or if we are able to manage depositing donation checks in a timely manner without this service.

Lori moves to approve treasurer’s report, Jen 2nds. Approved.

Committee reports:

A. Communication: see Jocelyn’s emailed report. Jocelyn also noted she will be in contact with new state communications director. We lost almost all the info from our website. Shawn has a drive with most of that info on it that he got from Eileen.

B. Data Mgmt: Shawn read the revised policy proposal for creating a google drive archive of our documents. No questions or discussion. Approved (no opposition or abstention)

Data mgmt committee email account policy proposal: Friendly amendment from Carmen to have the email account be a subsidiary of the SD7 EC gmail account – so that the SD7 email is the administrator. Additional friendly amendment from Jerry – password must be changed every 6 mo. Vote to approve amendments: approved (no opposition or abstention)
Vote to approve email account policy: approved (no opposition or abstention)

C. Fundraising: see also, emailed report from Gary.
   i. Night at the Wade: bobblehead night, so this game is likely going to be a sold out one. Therefore, Gary needs to order our tickets on Monday.
   ii. Solon Munger:
      Dessert auction @ Solon Munger – please make sure people know they can’t just bring a dessert to contribute. Desserts will be limited by the committee.
      Gary will be sending formal letters to Gov. candidates, so whoever wins the primary will hopefully be our keynote speaker for Solon Munger.
      Ad sales for brochure/program – Marsh and Susan heading this up, so if you know a business or person willing to place an ad, please connect them.
      See also, awards nominations for Solon Munger dinner. (Gary emailed these forms out to us.) Aug 10 deadline for submissions.

D. Unit Oversight: see email from Rich re: DFL constitution and leave of absences. Rich explained this process, and the general guidelines.
   Rich proposed a statement from SD7 against supporting Tina Smith in the primary. Because this statement does not publicly support any other candidate he feels this would be an acceptable statement (constitutionally speaking).
   Discussion: Chris – wondering about us as individuals making a statement like this with granted absences, vs. making a statement like this as a full committee. Also wondering, why single out Tina Smith. Rich explained this was partially due to Tina’s 2 yr term, plus she is appointed at this time, vs Amy who is elected and has a 6 year term.
   Gary - wanting to know what SCC would do if we take this kind of action, and what sort of ammunition would this give to Stauber.
   Jo - stated she would vote for it and whole heartedly defend it to the SCC. Statewide polls show an even higher percentage of people who are opposed to sulfide mining – between 70-80%. Tina Smith also took campaign money from Glencore.
   Ron – reminder that this is only for the primary (only a month away)
   Rich – looking at the constitution, it doesn’t seem like SCC could do much
   Jocelyn – so if we pass it, what do we do procedurally? Post it to facebook?
   Dick – thinks there will be a very big response if we post something like this. Reminds him of the split in the DFL during the Vietnam War.
   John – people in Duluth are hungry for Democrats and the DFL to grow a spine – this shows us starting to develop one and seems like an appropriate action to show that we are listening to the people who elected us to this committee.
   Maya – do we revise it so the statement doesn’t specifically name Tina Smith? (General response was no – having names gives it more weight.)
   Erin - Used Latino caucus at CD8 convention by specifically stating a candidate’s name, and the turmoil that brought.
   Chris - understands that if action is taken timing is a factor but this will have consequences
   Susan – if you don’t name names, what’s the point?
   Dick – Nolan and Klobuchar also voted for this.
   John – idea for language: “we cannot support Tina Smith, or any other candidate in the DFL primary, who supports copper sulfide mining…” (Most felt this was too general)
   General discussion lead to – “we see Tina Smith, Rick Nolan and Amy Klobuchar as out of step” with...
   Carmen read amended statement: “The DFL Senate District 7 Executive Committee cannot support Tina Smith, Amy Klobuchar, or Rick Nolan in the DFL primary. Our committee was elected by SD7 convention delegates who also passed a resolution opposed to copper sulfide mining, and that same resolution received 58% of the vote from delegates at the state convention. These candidates have shown themselves to be staunch supporters of copper sulfide mining by voting to support the Superior National Forest land swap and authoring an amendment
to list copper as a strategic metal in the National Defense Authorization Act. Both of these actions make copper sulfide mining in Minnesota more likely. As DFL party leaders from a senate district that is opposed to this dangerous type of mining, we see these candidates as out of step with the people who elected us to these positions.”

Jo moves to approve, Scot 2nds. **Approved** (none opposed, 2 abstentions – Lori Doucette, and Bella Maki)

Discussed process for releasing this statement: press release, facebook, email it to anyone? (Chris will connect with party unit folks prior to the release of the statement.)

Gary makes a motion to reconsider (to add additional language at the end about what we want the candidates to do in response). **Motion to reconsider approved.**

Gary - requesting an amendment to the statement; asking that we add if these candidates were to reverse their position we would reconsider our support.

Jen - reminder that it is a limited statement. But we could add a bit about strongly urging candidates to change their course of action.

Gary makes a motion to approve added language at the end of the statement – “we strongly urge these candidates to change their position on copper sulfide mining.” John seconds. **Approved (with same abstentions).**

Jen - moves to disseminate the statement via a press release, facebook, and any other method deemed appropriate by officers, 2nd by Scot. **Approved.**

[Added post 8/7/18 meeting to address discussion about this motion during approval of minutes. There are differing memories among members of the body about language of this motion. Part of the body would like it noted that they remember the motion as follows: “Jen moves to disseminate the statement via a press release and facebook, and for the officers to disseminate it in any other way deemed appropriate.”]

E. Summer events: - mostly tabled due to time restriction, but take note that John still needs volunteers for this weekend, and Jen agreed to captain for Hill Fest.

**Next Meeting – August 7th, 7pm, Lincoln Park Middle School** (moved up one week due to primaries on August 14th)

All remaining agenda items tabled and will be added to next month’s agenda because we have to leave our meeting space by 9pm.

Adjourned 8:59 pm.