1. Called to order 7:04pm
2. Affirmative action statement read by Maya
3. Guests: Grant Hauschild (recently moved here from ND – was involved in Senator Heitkamp’s campaign there)
   Emily Nygren: Event announcement – 8th District debrief, 12/19 @ Education MN office. It is posted on facebook
   as well. Event planning to work on bringing people in the party together on divisive issues – no date planned yet
   – but if you are interested in participation and planning, please contact Emily.
4. Agenda: Scot requesting a song addition; approved with song addition.
   - Joyful singing by all, a common Christmas tune but with clever lyrics about Solar Power substituted!
5. Minutes from November, Carmen received several updates via email and corrected accordingly. Deb noted an
   additional correction - change wording from Action Platform to Action Agenda. Shawn moves to approve as
   corrected, Glenn 2nds. Approved with corrections. (Tina abstains)
6. Officer reports: see also, emailed reports
   a. Chris/Chair report: Caucus and Convention planning committee will be formed soon. Also make note, it
      is within Chairs rights to appoint people to standing committees.
   b. Deb/Vice Chair report: Echoed Chris’s statements on C&C committee, and expanded to giving history of
      what we have done in previous years.
      Rich added: he has had multiple people asking that we have a UMD caucus location.
      Emily noted as well, that many students live outside the 7th district, so working with the 3rd district is a
      good idea as well. We also should consider our caucus training sessions, which Emily is willing to help
      with again.
      Gary: we need to work on getting more accurate info about delegates that are selected at caucuses.
      Tina: handicap accessibility
      Jocelyn: transportation/public transit
   c. Maya/Treasurer’s report: Noted that Deb mentioned to her about Liability insurance for the board. Chris
      stated this was also discussed at the Unit Oversight meeting. We are still looking into this insurance, if
      the State will allow us insurance, options for who would provide it.
      Working on getting SquareSpace working on our site and connected to our bank account for donations.
      (Received a donation to pay for this software for 16 months from members of SD7).
      Chris: if committee chairs have proposals for changes in budget, get that to Maya and Chris.
      Louisa moves to approve Treasurer’s report, Gary 2nds; approved.
   d. Louisa/Outreach: Has spoken with people who are interested in outreach work even through the
      Winter months when things slow down. Had scheduled a meeting with Bob Miller and Leah Rogne, both
      from the most active area in Minnesota. Bob could not make it, but Leah and Louisa discussed several
      ideas and came up with a winter gathering called Winter Teas. This will be several gatherings of various
      outreach groups and non partisan groups to push for a gathering of info. To help educate the
      community and assist in a clearer picture for the upcoming 2020 Census. Theresa O’halleran-Johnson is
      also interested, and willing to help with this work. Discussed meeting with other outreach officers in
      Greater MN, so we are better represented at State meetings. They will try to meet every month.

7. Old Business: none

8. Standing subcommittees:
   a. Communications: Main focus the past month is getting the new website live. Hannah Flom still has to
      connect it to the State site (so technically we still have 2 sites). senatedistrictsevenmndfl.org If you
      notice any glitches or errors, please let Erin know.
   b. Data Mgmt: did not meet, not much need. Link for video is safe to attach to the minutes.
c. Fundraising: did not meet, but Gary has a tentative agreement with Keith Ellison to be speaker at next year’s Solon-Munger dinner.
d. Unit Oversight: Chris chaired the meeting in Rich’s absence. Main things discussed were Caucus and Convention planning committee, budget, insurance, community building event for campaign volunteers.

9. New Business:
   a. SCC meeting report:
      Rich – took charge to get the 40 signatures for the CNSM resolution for the Action Agenda at the next SCC meeting – Jo, Jen and Mike M worked with Rich and got 42 signatures. There are signatures from all 8 districts. Rich used language directly from our resolution to call on the SCC for the statement.
      Ron asked for clarification about Platform vs Action Agenda.
      Chris explained that the Platform can only be changed at the State Convention, Action Agenda is what gets worked on between State conventions.
      Deb clarified the Action Agenda can be amended as we go, and gets fully adjusted every two years to the next elections.
      Glenn updated us (sits on State EC) that in discussion with Ken he wants to get staffers to all CD’s before the next elections.
      Emily noted she also talked to Ken and that they clarified that these staffers should be going through coordinated campaign offices. They also plan to keep the Red to Blue campaign running in this off year.
      Chris asking to draft a letter to Ken formally requesting a staff person for this year, specifically for our district.
      Deb will draft a letter.

10. Other business:
    a. Erin asking we make efforts to help find new/more election judges.
       - Maya noted, maybe there is something we can do to work with the county on recruiting for elections.
       - Rich gave ideas on getting the word out to students and underprivileged folks who could use the work, even if it is a small sum of money that is earned.
    b. Louisa noted getting to UMD to engage young Dems should be a goal as well.
    c. Scot, recommending we work on being visual in the community with our actions.

11. Announcements:
    Tina W: passing on Thank You from Kathy Helzer for the gift card.
    John K, recently gave a talk to the Sr Caucus and is working on Health Care for All campaign – has an email listserv if you are interested in getting emails about this topic.

Tina moves to adjourn, no objections. **Adjourned at 7:58pm.**