SD7 Exec Committee meeting: 8/13/19, 7PM ; Lincoln Park Middle School.

Absent with notice: Bella M, Rich U, Dick H
Absent without notice: Peggy Roy, Susan Willis, Brian Muhs, Kelli L
Leave of Absence: Deb, Mike M.
Guest: Adrienne Dinneen – DFL Volunteer

Affirmative Action Statement read by Scot Bol.

Agenda approved with requested changes to shift fundraising committee report and discussion up - moved to agenda item 3.

May meeting minutes – Jocelyn moves to approve, Gary seconds – approved.

**Fundraising/Solon Munger dinner update:** Gary – Keith Ellison is keynote speaker. Award winners notified and names disclosed to us. Meal cost has increased to $27/plate. With our increase in ticket cost, this increase in food cost is increased. A “Save the Date” was sent out to city, county and state representatives so hopefully they will attend. New Printer in Lincoln Park is union labor and can give us a good cost on programs. Shooting for 26 desserts for that auction. 8 seats per table. Kathy Heltzer will MC. This will be the last year that Gary, Tina, Marsh and Susan will be on the Solon Munger planning committee. Please be in contact with Gary about how many tickets you have sold – Gary will be sending an email on the 17th, so be on the lookout for it.

**Old Business:** Social Media Policy – report from Jocelyn. 2 hour meeting was held to review and come up with recommendations. First goal was to have the original and supplement complied into one document with concise and non-repetitive language, and organize the information better. Main recommendation is that we have a special strategic media planning meeting – how to maximize our message using our media platforms for the upcoming 2020 election. Cruz recommends reaching out to NAACP communications committee, and other commissions to get event info from them etc. Chris noting many thanks for the work of this committee, and what the committee is submitting is great. Since this policy is a recommendation from a committee no motion to approve or 2nd is needed. Approved – with no opposed or abstentions.

**Officer reports:**

Chair: Chris – we have an affirmative action officer opening – at some point we will need to call a central committee meeting to vote for a new officer. Around a dozen people attended the DFL training that was offered by the State DFL. [An informational picket is occurring on Aug 20th, 12-6pm for St Luke’s and Essentia nurses – at both hospitals.]

Jo wonders if we can have a planning meeting to help establish what we want an outreach and inclusion/affirmative action officer to work towards. Chris will email partner organizations to try to get ideas, and plan a meeting.

Treasurer: Maya – no major $ concerns, we are in good shape leading up to caucus & convention planning. [See also, emailed treasurers report.] New platform for Solon Munger online ticket sales is working out well. Got some extra direction from State on $ from campaigns, especially when it is for
ticket sales. General rule though – get as much information from any donors as possible, so we aren’t collecting more money than allowed (ie from political campaigns). Lori moves to approve Treasurers report, Laverne 2nds, approved.

Committee reports:

Communications – see old business
Data Mgmt – nothing new to report
O&I – Chris will work on it, and Cruz will assist.
Unit Oversight – no report

New Business:

CD8 fundraising dinner, Oberstar Dinner Oct 5th, Duluth Holiday Inn. Emily requesting SD7 purchase a table ($1,000). $ goes to help pay for May convention and congressional candidates. Last year we did purchase a full table and drew names for committee members who wanted to attend. Lori moves that we buy a table and draw names again, Chris 2nds. Approved.

CD8 Organizer – Brandon Schaffner has been hired; he is from I.Falls, and has been working on political campaigns in KS, is well connecting in MN, and understands organizing in rural communities. CD8 needs to raise $15,000 to match funds from the State DFL, and is asking all local units in CD8 to pitch in. Suggested donation of $500 or more. Adrienne Dinneen has been working on this project with Emily and the fundraising committee and came along to answer questions, etc. Maya - How long is this position expected to last, and how will future funding of the salary work? Adrienne – at least through the 2020 election, but we hope to make it permanent. During the Oberstar years, CD8 had a full time organizer, and the goal would be to get back to that standard. Maya – how much money has been raised so far / how much are you short, and who else is being asked. Adrienne – Just in the beginning stages of fundraising, so not much is raised yet, but others being asked are: individual donors, local units, campaigns with leftover funds, Labor PACS; Carmen asked if the PCR would work for this, and the answer is yes. Jo – if we are donating, does that also mean we get input on the job description and plan of action? Tensions over some issue based legislation is occurring in local, state, and the national party – so how do we help him bring us together with this being acknowledged? John K – can Brandon come visit us? – Yes. Chris – our unit is strong financially, and brings a great deal of people power; this discussion seems to be showing that we are happy to provide support to the organizing position. Shawn moves for $500 donation to CD8 (if more is needed later we can revisit the topic), Jo 2nds; approved.

Announcements:

Informational Picket on Aug 20th, 12-6pm for St Luke’s and Essentia nurses – at both hospitals – any union member whose union is part of the central labor body can attend and wear their own union colors to show solidarity.

Welcome Back Shawn! With special thanks noted from Shawn for the thoughts during his medical leave. He is feeling much better, and knowing folks were concerned and sending warm wishes helped his recovery.

Adjourned 8:15pm