

DFL State Central Committee

Regular Meeting

Saturday December 3, 2022

Call to Order- 10:00 AM

Champlin Park High School

6025 109th Ave N

Champlin, MN 55316

I. Opening Business

A. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM
- Co-chairs appointed for the meeting: Ann Friedrich and Tim O'Brien

B. Pledge of Allegiance

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Adoption of Agenda

- Motion to amend the agenda to move item "III. Special Order, B. Consideration for Removal of DNC Member" to immediately following item "II. Officer Reports, F. Treasurer"
- The motion was seconded, a voice vote was called but was undetermined, division was called, and the motion did not pass.

D. Reading for the Affirmative Action Statement

- Second Vice Chair Shivanthi Sathanadan read the DFL Affirmative Action Statement.

E. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were read. No mistakes were found and no possible revisions were brought forward by the body.
- Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, and the motion passed.
- The minutes of the regular meeting of the State Central Committee from August 13, 2022 stand approved.

II. Officer Reports

A. Chair

- Chair Ken Martin provided a reflection and message of thanks. Winning a trifecta, re-electing all of our statewide officials, and re-electing our congressional leaders is a major accomplishment for all in Minnesota. The new class of legislators is the most diverse in party history. Over 20 offices around the state provided a venue for units to organize. Spoke at the state unveiling at the Capitol for Nellie Stone Johnson. A reflection regarding the DNC early primary bid was provided- while there was disappointment, thanks were given to the DNC for their consideration. An offer to pay for half of an office or organizer was extended to units, as long as they provide the other half.

B. First Vice Chair

First Vice Chair Marge Hoffa thanked everyone for their hard work this past election cycle. Excited for the legislative work ahead which will help the people of Minnesota.

C. Second Vice Chair

- Second Vice Chair Shivanthi Sathanandan shared a message of thanks for everyone's hard work and dedication. The importance of the work was stressed. Caucus leaders were acknowledged for the work they did to engage DFL voters.

D. Outreach Officer

- This report has been deferred.

E. Secretary

- A reflection about the election year was provided, including information about how the DFL GOTV bus tour went. A challenge to be bold when organizing this next year was provided. A request was made to reach out if leaders and units need help.

F. Treasurer

- A brief fundraising update was provided. Over \$11 million was contributed, with over \$8 million in expenditures, leaving over \$3 million in our cash balance. More information about the budget will be provided in the Budget Committee report.

G. Party Affairs Director Sonja Johnson provided an ElectionBuddy tutorial so that delegates and alternates know how to vote. A practice vote was taken.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Outreach and Inclusion Committee

- The committee's report was read. The final Outreach and Inclusion's final meeting this year will be December 14, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 PM. More information about the next grant period will be forthcoming. Highlighted successful grants include ones for Moviemiento to do an event in Worthington,

B. Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

- Ann Friedrich and Tim O'Brien were elected co-chairs. Dan Thomas-Cummins was elected secretary. Upcoming work that will begin in January will be the official Call for the next election cycle.

C. Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign

- Jeffrey Strand and Shawn McGerr were the co-conveners designated by Chair Ken Martin. The committee first met on September 29, 2022. Jeffrey Strand and Shawn McGerr were then elected co-chairs of the 2022-2024 Party Affairs & Coordinated Campaign Committee. The committee completed some other organizational business and Robert Anderson (CD7) was elected Secretary. Party Affairs & Training Director Sonja Johnson and staff were of great assistance to the committee co-chairs.
- The Committee met again on November 28, 2022, where the Community Caucuses Subcommittee was re-established and members named to continue the work initiated during the last cycle. The subcommittee plans to meet at the site of the December SCC meeting. Jean Lee volunteered and was elected as Co-Secretary. The committee completed a survey poll about preferred meeting days/times and will meet again on December 20, 2022.
- Generally speaking, from past experience of returning members, much of the PACCC work is done through subcommittees. The committee will continue work on defining subcommittees, the work plan, and goals and objectives for the coming 2-year cycle at its December 2022 meeting.

- During the 2020-2022 there were seven subcommittees: Technology and Tools, Coordinated Campaign, Community Caucuses, Survey and Party Liaison, Training and Recommended Practices, 2022 Caucuses, and Redistricting. The preliminary sense is to have fewer subcommittee. The title and a short subcommittee description is shown below for the subcommittee that has been re-established:
- Community Caucuses Subcommittee: works with community caucuses and community outreach organizations to ensure completion of their required reports due at the end of January in odd-numbered years and assists outreach organizations to become community caucuses when appropriate.
- There is a deadline of January 31, 2023, for groups that want to maintain their Community Caucus or Community Outreach Organization status to submit their reports to the DFL Party Affairs & Training Department for subsequent review by this committee. The committee will work with DFL State Party staff to assist those groups that submit reports.
- The co-chairs are hopeful that the PACCC will support and be able to assist DFL Party Affairs & Training Department to conduct a robust 2023 Training Summit, if that is funded in the budget. The co-chairs believe the Training Summit can be used impactfully for imparting useful information to new participants in the DFL party, and to assist with education on best practices for persons who may become DFL candidates for 2024.
- The PACCC should after its December 2022 meeting have more specifics flushed out as to subcommittees structure and then have all members assigned to them. If PACCC opts to meet bi-monthly, then we would anticipate having subcommittees meet in the months the full committee is not meeting.

D. Nominations and Search

- Co-chair Buck Humphrey provided an update. The first round of meetings were remote/online and this option will be explored more as the committee meets. More information will be provided at a later date.

E. History

- Deferred until the next meeting so Megan Thomas can schedule the first meeting. At this meeting, table officers will be elected.

F. Code of Conduct

- Co-chair Kate Peer explained the role of the committee, where to find information about the committee (including the forms needed to begin a complaint), etc. Co-chair Wayne Grimmer 25 complaint petitions, 9 have been referred, 1 was filed, 5 summary judgements, 1 resolved without further action, etc.
- A request to not ask for case specific information was made by the co-chairs. They cannot share confidential information unless you are directly involved in the complaint.
- 13 member committee, 3 review boards, and 1 full review board.
- Because of recent inquiries, Chair Ken Martin clarified the rules about elected officials who have the DFL endorsement supporting non-endorsed candidates for public office. No discussion occurred.

G. Platform Committee

- Three petition resolutions forwarded from the state convention were reviewed and will be presented today.
- Legislative priorities need to be identified by the committee. The committee will be sponsoring issue forums again.

H. Budget

- Betsy O’Berry and Cheryl Poling were nominated and elected as the co-chairs of the committee.
- Co-chairs Betsy O’Berry and Cheryl Poling presented the budget committee’s report and detailed the proposed 2023 DFL Budget.
 - Line items were explained and questions were answered.
- Key takeaways discussed from the proposed budget include:
 - Staff recommendations were taken into account when developing the proposed budget.
 - Focus on retaining staff into 2024, something that has not always been historically consistent or standard.
 - Fundraising will be occurring once again through DFL dinners, such as the Humphrey-Mondale Dinner, in addition to other methods.
 - Major addition: A massive new program called the Wellstone Academy is in the works and will be supported in the budget (instead of the training summit). It will focus on training organizers through a fellowship program.

IV. Special Orders

A. Approval of 2023 DFL Proposed Budget

- Motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded, no discussion, and the motion passed.
- The 2023 DFL budget stands approved.

B. Consideration for Removal of DNC Member

- Information was presented on the background of this particular case, including the timelines of events.
- The specific language from the DFL State Constitution was presented to indicate that the process for dismissal for cause has been followed.
- Motion to substitute the process that is outlined, seconded, ruled out of order.
 - The ruling of the chair has been challenged, the chair provided context to the ruling, and there was discussion.
 - Motion to call the question to end debate, seconded, discussion, and a vote was taken. The motion passed and it ended debate.
 - The ruling of the chair has been sustained via a voice vote.
- The hearing co-chairs, Cheryl Poling and Tim O’Brien, provided their findings and the recommendation from the State Executive Committee at its meeting on November 12, 2022.
- Michael Bearfoot was allotted up to 5 minutes for a rebuttal.
- Motion that the State Central Committee removes Michael Bearfoot from the position of Democratic National Committee Member, no second is needed.
 - Discussion with 3 speeches in favor, 3 speeches against.

- Motion to amend the motion to say that the SCC sets aside the recommendation to remove Michael Bearfoot in favor of simply reprimanding him for his inappropriate and incautious behavior in displaying his ballot in a forum that could not be guaranteed to remain personal and private; seconded; discussion with 3 speeches in favor, 3 speeches against; friendly amendment to remove the word “simply” from the motion to amend
 - Motion to call the question to end debate, seconded, discussion, and the motion passed.
 - A vote on the amendment via ElectionBuddy was taken. 103 in favor, 136 opposed the substitution. The amendment did not pass.
- A vote on the original motion via ElectionBuddy was taken. 246 total
 - In favor- 151 (61.4%); Against- 95 (38.6%); Abstained- 6
 - The motion did not pass because it did not receive $\frac{2}{3}$ support from the body.
- Motion to suspend the rules to consider a motion of reprimand for Michael Bearfoot, seconded, discussion, and the motion did not pass.
 - 162 in favor (64.3%) , 90 against (35.7%); the motion did not receive $\frac{2}{3}$ so it did not pass.

C. Consideration of Petition Resolutions forwarded from the State Convention:

1. Support the rights of all to life saving, gender-affirming healthcare, and oppose gender-denying harassment and discrimination in public accommodations, schools, and workplaces
 2. Supports banning all medically unnecessary and irreversible surgeries that alter sex and gender on intersex individuals prior to the age of 12.
 3. Support declaring Minnesota a sanctuary state for people seeking or providing gender affirming care.
- Friendly amendment to move “public accommodations” to the end was accepted by the original motion’s author.
 - “Support the rights of all to life saving, gender-affirming healthcare, and oppose gender-denying harassment and discrimination in schools, workplaces, and public accommodations.”
 - Motion to divide the original motion to consider each part individually, seconded, discussion, and the motion did not pass.
 - Motion to approve the amendment to add language about funding to number 2, seconded, discussion, and the motion did not pass.
 - Friendly amendment to change number 1’s language to say “Support the rights of all to gender-affirming healthcare that can be life-saving, and oppose gender-denying harassment and discrimination in public accommodations, schools, and workplaces”; the original motion’s author accepted this friendly amendment.
 - A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. All three resolutions passed.

D. Amending Official Call to adjust Business Conference date

- The DNC has scheduled their meeting for the same date and it will require Minnesota’s DNC members to attend since it is approving the primary calendar.

- Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ affirmative vote to change the date of the business conference
- Motion to adjust the business conference date from February 4, 2022 to February 11, 2022, seconded, discussion, and the motion passed with more than $\frac{2}{3}$ in affirmative.

V. Closing Business

E. Announcements

- Delegates and alternates were invited to share announcements with the body.

F. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.