

Minutes to the DFL Senior Caucus Board Meeting
Thursday, February 28th, DFL Headquarters

DFL Senior Caucus Chair Don Bye (8th District) called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Don welcomed the Officers and Directors in attendance. Attending were:

- Vice Chair Karla Sand (4th District), Membership Director Linda Larson (2nd District), Treasurer John Larva (2nd District), and Secretary Jim Reed (3rd District);
- Directors Ann Seifert (4th District), Norm Hanson (4th District), Kay Hendrikson (4th District), Julianne Johnston (4th District), Dwayne King (5th District), Charlie Rike (8th District), Georgiana Ruzich (3rd District), Don Slaten (2nd District), Sandy Trudeau (8th District), and Gary Westorff (8th District);
- Guest Jackie Lindblom;

Director Paul Tuveson asked to be excused.

Chair Don Bye presented the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Approve Agenda;
2. Executive Reports:
 1. Chair;
 2. Vice Chair;
 3. Secretary;
 4. Treasurer;
 5. Membership;
 6. Chapter Reports;
3. Committee Reports:
 1. Education;
 2. Political Involvement;
 3. Newsletter;
 4. Technology;
 5. Nominations;
4. Old/New Business:
 1. Endorsement Subcommittee;
5. Announcements and Adjourn.

Agenda:

MSC – Director Don Slaten moved to accept the agenda. Director Kay Hendrikson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Reports:

Chair:

DFL Executive Committee: Chair Don Bye reported that the DFL is reviewing candidates for officers. A concern is the limited number of candidates from Greater Minnesota. Vice Chair Karla Sand asked if the DFL was listening to senior concerns.

Senior Caucus Executive Committee: Don explained that the committee discussed having an outreach/inclusion officer. Such would require a caucus charter change and approval at the Annual Membership Meeting. The committee also considered fundraising at the fall gala but decided against.

Vice Chair:

Vice Chair Karla Sand reported that she attended legislative hearing on health care.

Secretary:

MSC – Director Kay Hendrikson moved to accept the minutes from the January 24th Board meeting. Director Don Slaten seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by

voice vote.

Treasurer:

MSC – Vice Don Bye requested that the treasurer's report for January 2019 from Treasurer John Larva be filed without objection.

Director Gary Westorff asked that dues renewal dates be sent to chapters.

Membership:

Membership Chair Linda Larson reported that the caucus has 255 members in good standing as renewals are now open. Linda announced that she would not seek reelection as Membership Director.

Chapter Reports:

Tri-County: Director Sandy Trudeau reported that the chapter meeting was canceled due to weather.

East Metro: Director Kay Hendrikson reported that weather held down attendance. The meeting had a non-political topic.

North Metro: Director Norm Hanson reported that the Senator John Marty discussed climate change. The chapter used a portable speaker system which helped discussion.

South Metro: Director Don Slaten reported that the chapter discussed the coming 2020 census.

Anoka: Secretary Jim Reed reported that a new Anoka County board member spoke.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Secretary Jim Reed reported that book club review of “The Fifth Risk” by Michael Lewis went well. The next meeting is April 8th. The book “Demopolis” may be reviewed.

Political Involvement:

Vice Chair Karla Sand reported that the “Day on the Hill” was very successful with full-house attendance and good speakers. Secretary Jim Reed reported that he is writing a summary of the event.

Karla asked that the caucus consider having a table at the State Central Committee business meeting in Eagan and at ward conventions in St. Paul.

Newsletter:

Director Norm Hanson announced that work on the April issue is underway. Secretary Jim Reed’s summary of the “Day on the Hill” may be used as source material. The newsletter needs more volunteers for articles.

Technology:

Director Kay Hendrikson announced good progress for using Act Blue for membership dues and donations. A draft web page under Act Blue looks good and works, and the Act Blue page should be ready before the Annual Membership Meeting. The Technology Committee is also developing an “official” logo for the Senior Caucus. The logo will be submitted to the Board for approval. The committee continues making progress on a new website.

Kay also noted that e-mail cleanup should help caucus and chapter attendance. Members show when they receive e-mails. Integration of VAN data underway.

Nominations:

Vice Chair Karla Sand reported that the Nominations Committee includes herself, Chair Don Bye, Membership Director Linda Larson, and Director Don Slaten. The committee is developing a short set of questions for candidates.

Old/New Business:

Endorsement Subcommittee:

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Director Kay Hendrikson stated that the committee was outlining endorsement rules and what would be allowed for candidate descriptions.

Vice Chair Karla Sand noted that the DFL wants each community caucus to have an outreach and involvement officer; an officer is not required but desired. Karla has been acting as a temporary representative for the caucus to the DFL Outreach and Inclusion Committee.

MSC – Secretary Jim Reed moved to have Board recommend to the Annual Membership Meeting the creation of an Outreach and Involvement Officer for the Senior Caucus.

Director Kay Hendrikson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements:

Vice Chair Karla Sand reminded the Board of the following events: (Contact Secretary Jim Reed, 763-213-5171, for the phone numbers of those representing the events.)

- Riverside Wednesday Luncheons – 4th Wednesday of each month at Riverside Perkins;
- East Metro Chapter meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month – contact Kay Hendrikson;
- South Metro Chapter meeting – 2nd Wednesday of each month - contact Roger Gehrke;
- North Metro Chapter meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month – contact Norm Hanson;
- Anoka Chapter meeting – 2nd Wednesday of each month – contact Mel Aanerud;
- East Central Chapter meeting in Mora – contact Patrice Windfield;
- Storytelling on the 4th Wednesday of the month – contact John Martin.

Adjournment:

MSC – Secretary Jim Reed moved to adjourn. Director Don Slaten seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the DFL Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted, James Reed, DFL Senior Caucus Secretary.