

SD 13 DFL

Central Committee 06/12

12 June 2018 / 6:30 PM / American Legion Post 328, St. Joseph, MN

ATTENDEES

Luke Swanberg, Denise Todd, Austin Boucher, Michael Willemsen, Jeff Phillipich, Thomas Schutz, Mike Fall, Destiny Dusosky, Scarlet Dusosky, Laura Barry, Kris Roberts-Cornett, Betty Grell, Buzz Snyder, Jim Graeve, Jon Baumgard, Cindy Baumgard, Joe Perske, Kyle Smith, Cassi Tommerdahl, Jacky Brustuen, John DeSantis, Michael Murphy, Paul Jasmer, Harry Burns, Scott Andreasen, Jane Conrad

AGENDA - SPEAK UP PLEASE!! Silence all Cell Phones!

Parliamentary Procedures

- Call to order - 6:40 p.m.
- Roll call/Introductions - A quorum was present.
- Approve the agenda
 - D. Dusosky moved; seconded and passed.
- Approve minutes
 - J. DeSantis moved; seconded and passed.

Chair's Report

Luke Swanberg: Things got interesting. Fischbach resigned. Ascended to Lt. Gov. Now we have a State Senate candidate. Thanks to Destiny for pressing this. Interesting Fun DFL convention. All of our delegates showed up. Some alternates showed up. Ken Martin's letter is in the good of the order section. Would like to compile a list of elected offices throughout our district. With the help of the Senate DFL Caucus we will get our NGP VAN cleaned up. Building our bench, building our farm team. Loading the bench with people who want to govern.

Denise Todd: Sauk Rapids parade - Paynesville parade coming up. They are fun she has done about four of them so far. Come out and support us. Get a free t-shirt. Walk with us. Parades are not that long. Get involved in CD6. Building better connections between the OU and the CD. It would be nice to see more people coming to the CD6 meetings. We have a lot of subcommittees in CD6 to get in touch with the community. We want to do voter registration. Get more voters out to the polls.

Treasurer's Report

\$3,200 balance. Expenses: In Facebook you have to verify your identity [to run political ads]. Working on getting our message out to the social media army. Payment due for gazebo rental in Paynesville. Our new PO Box address is in Sartell. ActBlue is up and running. Sustaining donors would be appreciated. Probably not really moving the bank account.

Candidate Updates

Jim Read (Laura Barry gives update) - She is his scheduler and volunteer coordinator. Looking for people to do parades. Paynesville this Thursday, Avon on Saturday. They have a giant banner. Handing out stickers. Luke volunteers to host a carpool. Good turn out for the frogtown park event. Jim Read has been doing a large amount of door knocking.

Ian Todd - Is currently at a take action event. House parties. Waite Park parade. Blue Heron meet and greet. Completed 15th town hall yesterday. The goal is to have 26 by the time the election occurs. Tom Emmer has only had 23 [town halls total] since he took office. They have been active in a lot of fundraising and doorknocking. Anyone is welcome to join in door knocking and phone banking. Excited for parade season. The campaign has been consistently busy every week.

Heidi Everett - Is in Europe for a commitment she made over a year ago. She will be returning in 10 days. Join them to volunteer in the parade unit for the Sauk Rapids River Days parade.

Joe Perske is endorsed as our Senate District 13 DFL candidate by consensus.

Last Meeting Follow-up

- A. Coffee Klatch Rebellion
 - a. Sartell was nice. You can host a coffee klatch or drinking liberally event too. Let us know.
 - b. Precinct Unit Reports
 - i. Sauk Rapids P2 - through half our list. Great conversations!
 - 1. Q: Sauk Rapids school referendum
 - 2. A: Tim Pawlenty ran our public schools into the ground. Talk about increasing Local Government Aid.
 - ii. Richmond Area - Just started their phone banking.
- B. Golf Tournament
 - a. The only thing they are asking for is desserts. Everything else they will take care of. We have one more member of our Senate District who will sponsor. Jane Conrad and her husband Bill. Thank you!
 - b. Jim Graeve is covering the teams. More teams coming because this is the only senate race in the state.
 - i. It is a fun event. The golfing is not real good. We could have 14 teams. 12 of them fairly well filled out. We can have 18 teams total that day.
 - ii. Officers team goes first. Candidates team (Jim Read, Heidi Everett, Ian Todd, Joe Perske) goes second.
 - iii. There will be a vegetarian option for the meal.
- C. Volunteer phone banks (Voter ID, Party Building)
 - a. Nothing new to report
- D. Benton County Fair
 - a. Funding approval?
 - i. \$300 for 100 fans
 - ii. \$75 for decorations
 - iii. \$480+ for bags
 - b. D. Dusosky moved to approve up to \$600. 2nd. discussion.
 - i. Motion passed.

New Business/Good of the Order

- J. Conrad - Munson Twp, Secretary of State said we won't have polling stations. All ballots will be mailed. Door knock Munson Township Early. County's are responsible for elections. Townships bear heavy costs for voting machines, staff, etc... and often times there are only 15 voters. Every voter gets a ballot sent to their home. Mail it in or bring it in.
 - Take Action - Summer of political joy!
- B. Snyder - Donate money to Perske's campaign? What is Senate DFL caucus doing? How much support will Joe get? \$10,000 aggregate limit for party units to fund campaigns. Talk of getting an office space. Talk of getting staff on the ground. The Senate DFL Caucus will likely not donate directly to Mr. Perske's campaign.
- M. Fall moved to give \$1000 to Joe Perske campaign. 2nd. Discussion. J. DeSantis amends to \$1500. EMILY (early money is like yeast). It raises the dough. B. Snyder amends to \$2,000; seconded and passed.
- A. Boucher - Ian Todd banquet fundraiser at the Blue Heron this Friday. Coordinating with the Erin Murphy campaign within our SD13. He has a Go fund me page. The event for it is next weekend.
- B. Snyder - Seeks clarity regarding the potential of renting office space for SD13 from Senate DFL Caucus? The plans are made through the DFL coordinated campaign and the space will be in SD13 for all endorsed candidates. Please consult with all campaigns and SD 13 leadership.
- L. Swanberg - Ken Martin letter. Endorsement means something. If it's in SD13 it will be promoted for endorsed candidates only.
- D. Todd - Stand united as a group. Talk about the issues. Have these conversations. Not just DFL, not just candidate, but values.

Adjournment

M. Fall moved; seconded and passed. 8:00 p.m.