

WCDP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

MINUTES

Attendance: *Chris Savage, Hedieh Briggs, Justin Hodge, Allie Van Zoeren, Jeremy Glick, Eli Savitt, Lani Chisnell, Monica Asis-Fischer, Doug Scott, Jeff McGrew, Karen Kostomo, Susan Baskett, Mary Hall-Thiam, Steve Kwasny, Tom Brennan, Kathy Wyatt, Anne Brown, Catherine Daligga, Satish Ramade, Krystle DuPree*

Absent: *Linda Horne, Rae Ann Weymouth, Bill Worzel, Kelly Tebay, Ka’Ron Gaines, Denise Kirchoff, Ethan Schmitt, Jane Forman*

Meeting called to order at 6:54 p.m.

Approval of agenda - Moved and seconded by Eli & Mary, all approved.

I. Chair’s Report

Update on endorsement notifications to candidates and forthcoming meeting re: Coordinated Campaign offices

II. Vice Chair’s Report

Hedieh is negotiating a new job in Texas but will maintain residency here. Also working on looking for office space for Coordinated Campaign offices.

III. Treasurer’s report

Doug presented our financial situation. Urged us to get started on planning for the Annual Dinner (September 23rd.) Also urged anyone who hasn’t reimbursed us for MDP Dinner tickets.

IV. Voters’ Guide discussion

Chris discussed the current plans on the 2018 Voters Guide. Expanding to 16 pages and Dem scores of 40-100.

V. Volunteer sign-up process

We’ll set up a process where people that sign up are directed immediately to the co-Vice Chairs by email. Chris will poll the Vice Chairs to see who needs volunteers.

VI. 7th District County Convention on August 11th.

Discussion ensued. Chris will be absent so someone else will need to run it.

VII. Merging of Social Media and Communications

Jeremy expressed his concern of not being able to take on additional tasks. Others suggested that a division of labor could avoid this. Precinct Organizing does this and finds that it works.

Allie suggested that Social Media moves quick and combining them could slow that down.

Monica suggested that we wait until November.

Lani offered that it could help streamline how our communications campaigns are run.

Catherine moved that this be further discussed separately and brought back to the Board as a proposal. Mary seconded. All approved.

VIII. Rides to the Polls

Satish is willing to help out again, particularly for the General Election. Thinks we need to plan ahead better but has ideas on things we can do approve it.

Question: Do this for the primary, too?

Eli suggested that we send folks to Detroit for this, as well, if they are willing to drive there.

Krystle suggested an election daycare but there was widespread concern about the liability involved. Krystle knows licensed daycare providers who would be willing to help. Kathy said WISD "Parent Café" did this in 2016. She offered to coordinate this at various polling places around the County.

Satish will work with Chris to get this organized.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Programs

Chris talked about the need to have an endorsement vote at the July 7th General Membership meeting. Hedieh agreed to run it. Also reminded them to reserve time at the September and October meetings.

B. Legislative Programs

Justin proposed bringing on Margaret Schankler on as a third co-Vice Chair. Chris cautioned that this is a slippery slope. The Board agreed to pitch this to the Executive Committee and Justin will craft the pitch.

C. Resolutions, By-Laws, and Policy

Chris brought up the need to have something in our bylaws for removing Board members for not participating (lack of attendance at Board, meetings, etc.) Eli will craft language and present it to the Board for consideration to present to the Executive Committee and then to be voted on by the general membership.

D. Visibility

Need someone to help Karen. Chris has asked Patrick Boenheim but has gotten no response. Need to keep beating the bushes for someone to help her.

Karen needs help. Catherine and Karen will ask Sandy Levitsky if she's willing.

E. Social Media

Chris asked Jeremy and Allie to consider making their team into a Google Group and utilizing that to get folks to share our stuff on Facebook and Twitter.

F. Social Events

Chris reached out to Justin Krebs at Living Liberally and Drinking Liberally can't be affiliated with a Democratic Party organization. Generally agreed not to go this route. Chris asked that they no longer use "Drinking Liberally" in their events. Their next one ("Liberal Libations") is June 29th.

Steve let us know there will be a Unity Dinner on August 10th. Debbie Dingell is paying for it. This is for candidates and Party leadership only.

G. Outreach

Kathy gave us an update on her health status. She will have additional surgery on July 23rd.

H. Communications

Interested in doing more to support volunteers. Suggested that they have ID badges.

Lani asked that we get 50 cards made and laminated with lanyards - will have their photo, name, and the WCDP logo. Hedieh moved, Catherine seconded that Communications spend up to \$250 for this.

Lani asked that we give new volunteers a WCDP t-shirt along with their ID card. Generally agreed these should have the WCDP logo on it. She will get a price for us to vote on via email. Jeff suggested Administrative Affairs could manage keeping track of volunteers.

Lani proposed a Volunteer Appreciation meeting in the near future (before the primary.) Social Events agreed to help organize this.

I. Administrative Affairs

Jeff brought up that all of the Clinton campaign sign-in sheets have been stolen from the office. They are putting a locked file cabinet in place so that sensitive materials can be secured. They're also going to install security on the doors.

Jeff also suggested doing some advertising. He has donors lined up to run an ad in the *Ann Arbor Observer* seeking volunteers. In the future, we should also consider advertising the Annual Dinner, as well. Hedieh suggested a different paper than the *Ann Arbor Observer*.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

Catherine brought up that someone has complained about how she was treated by someone at the sign-in table at a recent Ann Arbor Democratic Party meeting. Others in earshot said nothing. Catherine asked us to all be aware of this and if we see/hear something, we speak up. The person who said these offensive things was not an official greeter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.