

WCDP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2018

Present: Chris Savage, Hedieh Briggs, Allie Van Zoeren, Jeff McGrew, Thomas Brennan, Karen Kostamo, Bill Worzel, Kathy Wyatt, Mary Hall-Thiam, Susan Baskett, Monica Asis-Fischer, Rae Ann Weymouth, Steve Kwasny, Catherine Daligga

Absent: Eli Savit, Denise Kirchoff, Kelly Tebay, Doug Scott, Linda Horne, Anne Brown, Satish Ramade, Ka’Ron Gaines, Jane Forman, Krystle DuPree, Jeremy Glick

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m.
- II. July minutes approved - Moved by Jeff, seconded by Thomas
- III. Agenda approved - Moved by Thomas, seconded by Justin
- IV. **Chair’s report** -Chris talked about the meeting with Debbie Dingell and the ONE Campaign, etc, regarding campaign offices. Also talked about Jan Piert’s effort to do some outreach to new volunteers.
- V. **Vice Chair’s Report** - Hedieh gave an update on the office search and arrangements for the Ypsi office. Also encouraged the team to work on carpooling to the MDP nominating convention in August. Also mentioned efforts to create a 12th District Voters’ Guide with ours as a model.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

VI. Precinct Organizing Committee

Catherine gave an update on efforts to increase our Precinct Delegate recruitment effort. Asking for G-Suite training for their team. Brought up glitches in the calendar. Talked about social media resources that she learned about from a Daily Kos post, asked that our Social Media folks have a look at it and see if there’s anything worth exploring there. Asking for a protocol for getting information on our calendar (deadlines, etc.) Ericka Terry has templates for us to use for various purposes. Finally, figure out a way to cultivate and engage a network of people with high visibility to share our things on social media. Catherine will connect Allie and Jeremy with some folks she has in mind.

VII. Administrative Affairs

Rae Ann emphasized the need to be super careful about building security. There have been issues. She gave an update on the types of questions volunteers are getting and other items related to the Art Fair booth.

VIII. Fundraising

Annual dinner - Bill exhorted the Board to step up and help organize the dinner. Many of the folks who have done most of the work in the past are VERY busy. Also, we need to be training people on how to do it. With the program, it’s our biggest fundraiser of the year. We have a location (IBEW Hall) and date (September 23rd) but the speaker has yet to be determined. Hedieh is working with Debbie Dingell on the speaker. We also need a graphic artist to help. WE ALL NEED TO BE PROMOTING IT!!!

IX. Visibility

Karen is feeling alone in her work and desperately needs more help. Chris will put out a call in the newsletter and will ask Jan Piert to contact people who have volunteered for Visibility and try to get them engaged.

X. Other teams

- Programs will cancel the August meeting and hold a Unity Meeting with the AA Dems on September 8th.

- Social Programs are cancelling the July and August Liberal Libations/Final Friday events.

- Unity Dinner is on August 10th at the Local 898 Hall

XI. Old Business - NONE

XII. New Business

Thomas moved, Mary seconded a policy of no candidate yard signs in our offices or booths until after the primary unless the candidate in an uncontested primary. Unanimous.

Jeff Cedrick Simpson reached out to Kathy about being endorsed. He's running for a judicial position. Answer: He can be considered for endorsement only if he becomes a member of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Justin asked if we can promote his Social Work program which is related to increase civic and political engagement. Everyone agreed that was okay.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Chris Savage