

SD63 Central Committee Meeting  
Saturday, April 10, 2004  
Washburn Public Library

Called to Order at 1:00 pm

Present: David Weinlick, Dottie Gilkeson, Nancy Olson, Jerry Gilkeson, Judi Sateren, Todd Dalebroux, John Gigrich, Jeff Lomonoco, Tasha Waldron, Ann Wendel, Gary Dukes, Dave Dunham, Margaret Severe, Erich Morris, Sara Nutter, Ruth Hatch, Vickie Extrand, Tom Gerhard, Karla Kauffman, Bridget Cusick, Richard Sethre, Chuck Marschall, Diane Horak, George Olson, Carol Hippie, Robert Roos, Mary Supple, Douglas Wenzel, Elaine Moriarty.

Treasurer's report: Charles Miller not present, but Dave reported that we took in about \$1000 at SD63 convention (Dave didn't know if this was just contributions or if it included concessions profits).

Dave reported that we have precinct chairs for every precinct except Richfield precinct 2.

Flower Sale: Dottie reported sales have been very good. Volunteers were solicited for weekend of April 29-May 1, as well as to help sending out invoices to purchasers. We will probably move pick-up location to Dan Larson's home due to illness of Howard Bunce. Question of sales tax arose--we have learned that we need tax ID number in order to be exempt from sales tax. Dave will check on whether we can use state DFL's ID number--if not, we may need to set up our own tax ID number.

5th CD Convention: We'll do concessions at the April 17 CD 5 convention--Bob Walstad is in charge. Additional volunteers were solicited.

Newsletter: We'll be sending a newsletter to all caucus attendees, reporting on SD63 convention among other things.

State Convention: Issue was raised whether we should do a hospitality suite at the convention. Pros and cons were raised. No decision was made, but motion was made and passed to direct Dave to check into possibilities and costs. Jane Ranum, Paul Thissen, and Dan Larson will be consulted to determine if they want to participate.

Bean Feed: We will aim to have bean feed on Sunday, September 12. Jerry Gilkeson will check availability of Veteran's Memorial Park. Suggestion was made of inviting Al Franken.

Richfield Events: Discussion occurred of having booth at Cattail Days in Richfield (scheduled for September 3) and of having presence at Richfield's Fourth of July celebration (finding truck or convertible to have parade float?). Suggestion made of having signs in multiple languages. Richfield events committee was formed--Ann Wendel obtained list of persons interested in participating.

Richfield Endorsements: According to State DFL, the Richfield DFL club has never filed a charter and is not a recognized DFL club. Extensive discussion occurred as to how to handle scheduling of a Richfield endorsing convention. Although rules would permit the Richfield club to call the convention if they choose, we need to assure that the convention meets the requirements of the DFL Constitution, which provides that only delegates (and upgraded alternates) elected at caucuses can vote. Apparently, the Richfield club has in the past allowed all caucus attendees to vote, which is not permitted by constitution. Discussion occurred whether we should get a Richfield DFL Club properly chartered; however, issues were raised whether a club is really necessary since all of Richfield is in one senate district, and whether it is our place to make this decision. Dave Dunham will contact Susan Rosenberg and other Richfielders active in the club to attempt to resolve these issues.

Directorship Responsibilities: Volunteers were solicited to take charge of various projects. Dave Dunham and Elaine Moriarty will work on Voter ID Project. Ann Wendel will act as Volunteer Coordinator. Dave Dunham will act as Richfield Media Contact. Jerry Gilkeson will act as Bloomington media contact. Todd Dalebroux will act as Minneapolis media contact.

Take Back the House and Other General Political Activities: A number of suggestions were made of methods to increase participation in our district and to help swing districts win house seats. No definite plans/decisions were made on the following suggestions:

1. Holding house parties--district-wide? precinct-wide?
2. Adopt one or more nearby swing districts and providing volunteers to help in those areas.
3. Forming carpools to bring volunteers to events.
4. Letting people know about \$50 contribution refund program and creating situations making it easier for people to apply for refund.
5. Soliciting contributions to SD63 to be used to donate or otherwise help out candidates in swing districts.
6. District-wide lit drop with a piece for each precinct to let people know where their specific polling place is located.

Issue of scheduling regular monthly meetings was raised. No consensus was reached whether week nights or weekends were better. Shorter library hours have made it more difficult to schedule library time. Dave will check whether we can get a monthly time scheduled at Augsburg library. A few people volunteered to check whether churches in area would provide us with a meeting location.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.