

SD63 Central Committee Meeting
Monday, January 3, 2005
Augsburg Park Library

Called to Order at 6:00 pm

Central Committee Members Present: David Weinlick, Dottie Gilkeson, Nancy Olson, Charles Miller, Julie Kenney Jerry Gilkeson, Mary Schoenleber, Judi Sateren, Ann Wendel, Todd Dalebroux, Tasha Waldron, Erich Morris, Gary Dukes, Sara Nutter, Ken Kelash, Douglas Saxton. Quorum reached.

Old Business: Motion made and seconded to approve expenditures authorized at Oct 5, 2005 meeting (\$500 contributions to each campaign for Paul Thissen, Dan Larson, and Kendra Brodin; up to \$1000 to VFW for post-election party; and up to \$1000 to State DFL for sample ballots). Issue raised concerning Kendra Brodin's anti-choice stance and whether we want to be more careful in future with regard to screening of out-of-district candidates to adopt. Committee will be formed by Mary Schoenleber to develop appropriate screening process which takes into account candidate positions, geographic proximity, and other important considerations. Motion to approve prior expenditures passes with one no vote cast as symbolic protest.

Treasurer: We have about \$2800 in account, with our only outstanding expenditure being the sales tax from flower sale. Charles will provide a more detailed annual report to be posted on web site—it's already available on State DFL site.

Flower Sale: This year's sale is in the works. Flowers will arrive May 8. Will need to start making phone calls February. Motion made and seconded to proceed with sale. Motion passes. Sara Nutter and Mary Schoenleber will act as co-chairs with Dottie and Jerry so they can learn the process. Pick-up location will be Sara's home at 71st & Portland in Richfield. Order form will be changed to ask for employer information from anyone who purchases more than \$100. Price of hanging baskets will be increased to \$17. Suggestion made to have a table out at pick-up location with literature & PCR forms to educate people about refund program.

Bean Feed: This year, we made money on the bean feed—ticket sales exceeded expense, and donations equaled or exceeded cost of lawn signs. Approximately half the proceeds came from ticket sales and half came from donations/lawn sign contributions. Dottie proposes that we stick with the Sunday following Cattail Days for this year's event. Motion made, seconded and passed to give Jerry the authority to proceed with arrangements to rent shelter (on same terms as last year) for an appropriate date, after verifying date for Cattail Days and checking calendar to avoid conflicting holidays. Tasha Waldron and Ann Wendel will co-chair event.

Newsletters will be sent out at appropriate times preceding the flower sale and again preceding the bean feed.

Party Building: SD63 meet-ups are taking place every second Tuesday at the Dunn Bros. in Richfield. Sara will coordinate legislative agenda volunteering. Training of volunteer lobbyists will be taking place. We may try to set up on web site a method of notifying persons to let them know of legislative events concerning various issues. In meantime, anyone who knows of upcoming events should notify Dave Weinlick and he can put them up on web site calendar. Gary Dukes will help Dave adding improvements to web site.

Volunteer Coordination: Volunteer info from Kerry campaign is going to State DFL—Ann will check what they put out and then we'll get a committee working on figuring out what our additional needs are in setting up a volunteer coordination system. Suggestion made to send out thank-you postcards to active volunteers during past campaign season.

Announcements made concerning upcoming Minneapolis elections and January 22 State Central Committee meeting.

Future meetings: will try to schedule next one for Tues, Feb 1. Ann Wendel will check to see if it's possible to schedule her party room for upcoming meetings. If possible, we'll schedule for 6:30 pm instead of 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.