



CD2 Central Committee Meeting Minutes
Lakeville Heritage Library in Lakeville
November 9, 2005

We remember and honor our American Veterans.
Veterans Day, November 11

Educational Presentation: Christian Sande did a presentation on Minnesota Campaign & Election Law 2005. He covered use of campaign money by candidates, use of campaign money by non-candidates, and specific election/voting laws.

1. Call to Order by Chair ([Jeanne Thomas](#)) at 7:10 PM
2. Reading of Affirmative Action Statement ([Christine LaBounty](#))
3. MSP Agenda
4. Election Results:
 - Associate Chair
 - Ken Beck was elected as Associate Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Gaetano Marchese was elected Treasurer on an unanimous ballot
 - Alternate to Platform Commission (1 male and 1 female)
 - Suzanne Marchese was elected an Alternate to Platform Commission on a unanimous ballot.
 - Gary Lee was elected an Alternate to Platform Commission.
5. Officer reports:
 - **Treasurer Report** – Final report by Bev Simon-As of November 9, 2005, CD2 had: Federal account \$2768.24 and State \$2417.93 for a total of \$5186.17.
 - **Secretary Report** – Excused Absences:

Howard Bass	Kara Nelson-Zetman
Jevne Kloeber	Jon Felde
Cathy Buesgens	Katherine Wojtan
Sandy Masin	Sue Moravec
6. M/S/P to accept Treasurer and Secretary's reports
7. Candidate Addresses (*very brief*)
 - Mark Richie, Secretary of State candidate
 - [Mike Obermueller](#), MN State Representative in SD38B candidate <http://www.obermueller4rep.org>
 - Eileen Weber saying on behalf of [Coleen Rowley](#), US Congressional in CD2 candidate, www.coleenrowley.com. There will be an organizational meeting for anyone wanting to volunteer for Coleen's campaign, November 19, 9:30 AM – Noon at the [Open Circle Church](#)
8. DFL Databank Training for SDs.
 - November 19, Burnsville's Burnhaven Library, ~2:45 to 4:45 PM (RSVP or more info: [Jane Miles](#), 651.681.0527 cell 612.201.6953.

- ❑ Training is open to CD2's Senate Districts/County Units Chairs and Associate Chairs and one other person as determined by the SD/CU. Also any CD2 Directors that are willing to be Databank trainers and resource persons for CD2 Senate Districts.
- ❑ Training will start directly after the Working Committee Meetings (see item 9 below).

9. Working Committee Meeting Update

- ❑ All CD2 Directors are to actively serve on a working committee. Anyone else residing in CD2 may join any committee.
- ❑ Committees will meet on November 19, 1:00 PM at Burnsville's Burnhaven Library. Additional information regarding these committees will be posted up on the CD2 website and list server.
- ❑ There are five working committees in CD2. Committees and members are:
 - **Precinct Caucus** – (provide training, resources, assistance)
 - Mark Kreger, Kara Nelson-Zetman, Andie Ekness, Wes Moreland
 - **Educational Programs** – (determines and sets up short educational programs before each monthly meeting (.5 to 45 min. in length) and will do ~5 major educational programs a year.
 - Roberta Gibbons, Katherine Wojtan, Christine LaBounty, Gary Lee
 - **Campaign/Candidates** - (does candidate forums, provide resources, training, assistance, mentoring, identifies new candidates, provides updates to CD2)
 - Ken Beck, Vicki Wright, Katherine Wojtan
 - **Fundraising** – (This groups will fund all the other groups plus our candidates and include socials. All the other groups will help with this group's proposals)
 - Skylark Miles, Charlie Thomas, Jodie Benson, Mark Piscioneri, Sue Skog, Sue Moravec
 - **Technology** – (establish, support, train for any technology needs in CD2 including websites, data and list management, blogs, and databank)
 - Jane Miles, Shawn Groth, Jake Nelson, Mike McIntee
- ❑ Contact [Jane Miles](#) to sign up for a group. CD2 Directors not currently signed up on a committee will be contacted in the next week for their preference before being assigned to a committee.

10. **SD/CUs need to update CD2 on:** Requests for Caucus Training, locations by SD/CU of their Precinct Caucuses, the where and when of their SD/CU Conventions. Below is the most current information we have. Contact [Jane Miles](#) or [Jeanne Thomas](#) with your updated information:

- ❑ Current **Caucus Training Requests** are:
 - February 23 for SD57 at VFW Red Barn, 9260 E. Point Douglas Road, Cottage Grove.
 - January 12 for SD35 at Prior Lake Library.
 - March 2 for SD38.

❑ **Precinct Caucus Locations** on March 7 by SD/CU:

- SD 37 Apple Valley HS.
- SD 38 Blackhawk MS.
- SD 57
 - Cottage Grove at Park HS
 - Hastings at Hastings MS
 - St. Paul Park at Pullman Elementary
 - Newport at Newport Elementary
 - Demark at Denmark Town Hall
 - So. St. Paul (tbd)
 - Afton at St. Mary's HS

❑ **Senate District/County Unit Conventions**

- SD 57 at Park HS Cottage Grove – April 8

11. Update on January 21 DFL State Central Committee Meeting in CD2

- ❑ State DFL is still working on location. CD2 has provided them with location suggestions and recommendations.
- ❑ There is a committee responsible for providing food.

12. Update on CD2 Holiday Party (December 16)

- ❑ We will be collecting for other shelters.
- ❑ The party update will be posted off the CD2 server and website.
- ❑ Invitations will also be mailed.

13. Update of DFL Wall of Honor Plaques

- ❑ Need three 1) Pat Callahan (2) Jim McDonough (3) Sue Rockne
- ❑ If DFL Wall of Honor isn't continued perhaps they should establish a 'virtual' listing on the DFL website to honor them?
- ❑ Jeanne Thomas will check on the status of this at next DFL Executive Mtg.

14. Update on May 6, CD2 Convention

- ❑ SD38 has volunteered to do food

15. Adjournment



Armistice Day officially became a [holiday](#) in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

Homeless American Veterans:

Veterans account for nearly one-third of all homeless men in America, even though the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs says they comprise only 13 percent of adult males in the general population.

Veterans are twice as likely as other people to be chronically homeless... One in five of those who live at or below the poverty line are veterans or widows of veterans.

In addition to the complex set of factors affecting all homelessness ... extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income, and access to health care ... a large number of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks.

Minnesota: 42 funded beds for 1,961 homeless Veterans!

Read more at: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=17>.

What can you do?

- Determine the need in your community. Visit with homeless veteran providers. Contact your local mayor's office for a list of providers.
- Involve others. If you are not already part of an organization, pull together a few people who might be interested in attacking this issue.
- Participate in local homeless coalitions. Chances are there is one in your community. If not, this may be the time to start bringing people together around this critical need.
- Send a financial donation to your local homeless veteran provider.
- Contact your elected officials, and discuss what is being done in your community for homeless veterans.

President Bush's 2006 budget proposal included:

The budget proposal would require about two million higher-income veterans without service-related conditions to pay a \$250 annual fee, as well as an \$8 increase in co-payments for prescription drugs, for FY 2006 (Dodge, Dallas Morning News, 2/8).

Under the budget proposal, total funds for the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) would increase to \$68.2 billion, or by just 1%. The budget proposal would eliminate federal funds for a program that provides long-term care for veterans and reduce funds for VA nursing home care by \$351 million, which could lead to the elimination of about 5,000 nursing home beds administered by the department.

VA officials said that the budget proposal would increase funds for long-term "non-institutional" care by 18% to help shift more veterans from nursing home to in-home care (lowering costs) but would not force veterans from nursing homes. According to CQ Today, the proposals for VA health care programs, which account for most of the discretionary budget of the department, likely would cause "the biggest debate" among lawmakers because they would **"require some veterans to pay substantially more for their health care"** (Plummer, CQ Today, 2/7).



[Two minutes of silence](#) – November 11, 2005