

CD2 Central Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2006

Burnsville Burnhaven Library

6:30 PM -Listening Session with Brian Melendez and Donna Cassutt

Brian- The numbers for Democrats look good...

For the Hatch/Plawenty race ..Hatch up by 4 and the trend is rising...

What's going on with Precinct Chairs? –

Brian- The DFL has a couple of handbook posted up at their website under resources. I will defer to Donna on this as she's been working with the Senate Districts. Basically we have 2 phases – during elections the DFL is a campaign machine. During odd years the DFL is mainly party building.

Donna –We've asked SDs to identify precincts chairs and get them active. The DFL is working on more resources for next year in party building. We're doing a precinct captain program that after the elections you'll hear more about.

Brian -DFL State team works together great. Each campaign is run independent, each doing their own thing, but this year the level of coordination is unprecedented. We have different campaigns at every level with separate field staff all working together and unified. Never before has there been this level of coordination with reach one goal, getting Democrats elected.

All endorsed candidates are treated the same by the DFL but the DCCC, House and Senate caucuses do targeting with areas. By law the DFL can give up to \$5,000 and have done so to each of the CD candidates. We give senior field organizer to CD2 who has -5 fulltime, 2 Youth, 5 workers from House and Senate caucuses). These all coordinate with Coleen Rowley's campaign. The DFL can offer help with media and messaging and we provide access with the voter file.

Sample ballots will be highly targeted to a statewide sample of drop off Democrats. An email was sent out to some of the Senate Districts requesting help in defraying the costs and offering an opportunity to increase the size of the sample ballot universe being targeted based on cost.

Brian- Website templates for SDs to plug in cost a minimum was \$40,000 but it is on the list for 2007 projects based on fundraising. Other things would be POS campaigning Target through Van for emails, and newsletter. Every thing is dependent on fundraising. BTW – Donna has doubled the amount she was suppose to raise. I have raised 3Xs what any DFL State Chair before me has done.

Brian Melendez ended by describing the DFL as 'A party from the grassroots up'.

1. call to order 7:15 PM
2. AA Statement read by Ken Beck
3. MSP Adoption of Agenda with flexibility
4. Officer Report
 - a. Chair, Jeanne Thomas, most the meeting is new business will deal with then, Thank you all for being here...November meeting is talk about where we go from here.
 - b. Associate Chair, Ken Beck, Talked about candidates, down to the wire, give jane info to post to calendar and website
 - c. Treasurer, Gaetano Marchese, went over the report. Filing deadline at the end of October so submit receipts by October 20.

- d. Secretary, Jane Miles, covered the different announcements and handouts, sign in update info; excused members are: Erick Sommers, Howard Bass, Terri Davis, Sue Moravec, Gary Lee
5. MSP to receive and file the Treasurer rept
6. MSP to accept minutes as amended.
7. Campaign Reports
 - a. Amy Klobuchar will be in CD2 in various SDs, The locations and times will be posted to the list server/website when we have more details. Barack Obama visited with Amy yesterday and spoke to a group of supporters on her behalf. Next Sunday at 9 AM, Amy will debate Mark Kennedy on NBC's Tim Russert's Meet the Press and repeats on MSNBC in the evening. Finally on Oct 11 at 10 AM in St. Louis Park at Wolfe Park (3700 Monterey Dr), you can hear Max Cleveland and veterans for Amy. Lastly, thanks to everyone for all of the efforts. Also a reminder of the tickets for Wellstone, the play that are being offered.
 - b. Mike Germain, we are making a difference. Two fundraisers coming up: 1. Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on Oct 14, 7:30-9:30PM, contact Kathy Burns 952.432.9040. And (2) Come see Wellstone, the play! Friday October 20, 8PM more info:www.votemikegermain.com
 - c. Kara Nelson-Zetman spoke on behalf of Rebecca Otto, DFL candidate for State Auditor. The campaign is going great and more information is at her website: <http://www.rebeccaotto.com/>
 - d. Greg Skog gave a Coleen Rowley update...There's an upcoming Chaska Rally for Rowley on October 14 at 5 -9 PM, more info at www.coleenrowley.com. The campaign is trying to get some ads on tv but could use more money. There is Rowley campaign literature available for the SDs to do lit drops. Contact the campaign to get it.
 - e. Jim Carlson is doing phone calling twice a week, and lit drops. He's busy right now with phone calling and is always looking for volunteers to help.
8. New Business
 - a. Election of CD2 AAO-
 - i. Reading of job description...basically the CD needs someone to put together a plan and pursue growing the party actively
 - ii. Nominations: Nominated and seconded: Skylark Miles and Tami Jensen- Each were given 2 minutes to talk about what you would like to do and give some information...
 - iii. MSP to have both Skylark Miles (SD39) and Tami Jensen (SD38) as co-chairs of Affirmative Action Officers
 - b. Sample ballots – Each SD chair received an email regarding this. CD2 does not have the funds to do a CD wide sample ballots. Each of the SDs will have to contact the State DFL ([David Weinlick](#)) for more information on this. The Coordinated Campaigns will be starting GOTV on Nov
9. 8:30 Meeting Adjourned

Next CD2 meeting: **November 14**, 6:30 PM, CD2 Central Committee Meeting, Burnsville Burnhaven Library