



SCDP Combined EC and DGC Meeting

June 13, 2019 6:00pm

AFSCME Local 1733; 485 Beale Street Memphis, TN 38103

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I. Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order by Chairman Michael Harris

II. Review of Minutes

A. Minutes of previous meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Review of Treasurers Report:

A. May 18th beginning balance of SCDP account was \$5423.68

B. There were no outgoing expenses

C. Income totals this month: checks: \$250; ActBlue (online donations) \$699.39; regular repayment from B. Carson \$100;

D. June 13th ending balance of SCDP account was \$6473.00

E. C. Belenky moves to accept Treasure's report, seconded by Z. Kloville.
Unanimously approved in voice vote.

IV. Chair's Update/Setting the Calendar

A. The paperwork has been filed to declare a democratic primary for 2020. The General Sessions race will be held in March along with the Presidential Primary.

B. M. Harris joined with other local Democratic leaders from SC Young Democrats, Democratic Women of Shelby County, Indivisible Memphis, NAACP and others to form a Democratic Collective. This group has agreed to work together on community events and candidate forums.

C. Candidate Forums for City Council Races 6 & 7 – We want to have forums to help the community learn more about the candidates in these two districts. IT will also be an opportunity for SCDP to convey our values and where is stand on the issues. We will prepare a questionnaire for the candidates to complet ahead of time.

a. E. Fulmer will work with K. Walton to help plan this event. We are looking for a free venue inside of District 7 boundaries and work to get all candidates to participate.

b. It was suggested that we have District 6 candidates at 6pm and District 7 candidates at 7pm. B. Williams is concerned that it may not be enough time for all the candidates. E. Fulmer will work with B. Williams to come up with best practices.



- D. M. Harris has asked Cardell Orrin to take the lead on voter engagement and strategy. He will help craft goals and measurables.
 - a. It was suggested that we find a SCDP member who can work with Mr. Orrin and any names should be sent to M. Harris via email.
- E. The Executive Officer and Steering Committee members will have a planning retreat on June 29th to help set goals and calendar for the next 6-9 months.
- F. First Community Meeting (the proposed Job Fair) will be postponed until later in the year.

V. Guest Speaker – Commissioner Van Turner, Jr.

VI. Special Information from Dave Cambron, TNDP State Executive Committeeman

- A. The Executive Committee will need to select 5 individuals to serve on the primary board. The members should reflect the diversity of the county. The primary board is responsible for vetting democratic candidates and recruiting Democratic judges for each of the polling locations. The list of 5 candidates will need to be submitted to TNDP around September of this year for approval.
- B. Announces TNDP Caucuses- These are state-wide, constituent-led groups representing underrepresented communities in the state such as Latinx, LGBTQ, Rural, Faith, Veterans, African American. If you are interested in joining on of these caucuses you can contact D. Cambron or visit TNDP website.
- C. TNDP Lift is a program to support Democrats running for office. This includes things like recognition from TNDP, campaign strategy help, access to past volunteers' contact information, trainings and materials, access to TNDP support staff. Anyone interested should contact evan@tndp.org or 615-364-8435
- D. We need to begin thinking about Delegate Selection Process for 2020 Presidential Election. Watch for information coming from TNDP later this year about signing a pledge for your candidate. SCDP will be responsible for two events in March 2020 to select the delegates.

VII. Appointments

- A. Steven Glaser has been appointed Chair of the Grievance Committee
- B. Dr. L. Carroll, SCDP Treasurer, will serve as Chair of the Finance Committee according the SCDP bylaws. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact M. Harris or info@shelbydems.org
- C. Alex Boulton from SC Young Democrats will serve as co-chair of the Community Outreach Committee. We are still looking for a co-chair. This

committee will determine a 90 – day plan for engaging voters in all DGC districts.

- D. Jeff Etheridge will chair the Candidate Support Committee. The committee will work to help elect democrats, recruit candidates to run, and do the grassroots work of GOTV, and will meet with elected officials and candidates to find out what their needs may be. Jeff asks for volunteers to help on the committee.

VIII. New Business

- A. M Harris proposes a Phone-banking Data Clean Up Squad to call targeted areas and voters to encourage people to commit to vote, to identify wrong numbers/bad info so that when we have phone banks in the future we have clean lists—asking for email info, cell phone numbers, etc. He would like 13 people to join the team.
- B. M Harris notes that the bylaws suggest a \$1000 per DGC district fundraising goal annually. M Harris suggests we have a 100 day campaign to raise \$1000 in each district. If we start on June 25 we would end on October 3rd (date of municipal elections).
 - a. The audit committee need to complete their work before we can begin this campaign. At the planning retreat we will work out all the details to ensure proper tracking for fundraising, etc.

IX. Announcements

- A. B. Williams announces that the Democratic Women of Shelby County will host their Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Bert Ferguson Park Pavilion at 8505 Trinity Rd. in Cordova. The event is free and family friendly. All are invited.

X. Adjournment

Attendees

Present:

Michael Harris
Lacretia Carroll
Barbara Williams
Steven Glaser
Sarah Turner
Sonja Glaser
Sanjeev Memula
Tyson Saltwell



Traci Stewart -Saltwell
Julie Ashworth
Bryan McBride
Emily Fulmer
Dick Klenz
Marilyn Klenz
Jeff Etheridge
Vicky Lyon
Bonnie Jeter
Jessica Indingaro
Larry Pivnick
George Summers
Sarah Beth Larson
Tracy O'Connor
Angie Powell
Frankie Walton
Theryn C. Bond
JB Smiley Sr
Juliette Eskridge
Ruby Jones
Beverly N. Alexander
Michael Compton
Kelli Walton
John Bradley
Oretha Anderson
Candice Jones
Aaron Washington
Curtis Weathers
Rosemary Winters
Charles Belenky
Felicia Boyd
Zach Kloville
Leigh McElwee
Danielle Inez