

WCDP Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th, 6 pm , Manawa

Present: Barb K, Dianna B, Bob C, Stu W, Tracy W, David K

Zoom: Dean S, Phil W, Sue N, Connie Jordan, secretary of CD8

Stu called the meeting to order at 6:03 and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Connie J began the meeting by explaining that the CD8 officers are attending all 11 county party meetings and that she was present to offer resources such as strategies to represent the underserved and various groups who are organizers of rallies, etc.

Stu explained the WCDP represents 4 assembly districts and 3 senate districts. We supported all of the candidates with office space, printing, brochures, "meet and greets", mailings, sign making , and we continue to offer support for anyone who wants to become a candidate.

Connie stayed for the meeting which continued with the approval of the agenda. Dianna made a motion to approve, Dave seconded, motion carried.

Barb read the secretary's report from July. Tracy made a motion to approve, Dave seconded , motion carried.

Tracy reported that the treasury had \$3200 in the bank. She noted that postage numbers appear high but are reimbursed by others who use our mailing. She completed the semi-annual campaign finance report due July 15th. Barb moved to approve, Dave seconded, and the motion carried..

Tracy continues to distribute and post multiple event notifications on our tech pages. She reported that WDP has created an Action Network e-mail account which connects to VAN. She will now switch from Gmail to the new system.

Bill H, membership chair, is on vacation. Tracy reported we have 143 members, which matches the state number. Stu wants to put out a membership letter soon.

Stu gave the following updates:

A.) Farm Tech days, August 5,6,7: It will be at a farm in Waupaca County not far from Manawa. We are working with Rural Caucus to host a booth. Set up will be Monday, August 4th. Volunteers are needed for set up and all shifts. There will be about 140 vendors, and they will cater to farmers. Our goal will be to listen to them. Connie suggested a Post It Notes board with headings such as Rural Health, Immigration, and Tariffs.(More info on the internet).

(We will not be participating in the Scandinavian Corn Roast Parade this year on August 2nd because of Stu preparing for retirement on August 1st and all hands-on deck for Farm Tech Days)

B.) Protests: Good Trouble will be a sit in at the Waupaca Town Square, July 17th, 5-6 pm.

Barb reported she had attended a meeting in Iowa of 12 like-minded citizens who are organizing it, primarily to share feelings and approaches. Dean reported that there is a similar group meeting in New London.

C.) Recycle ink cartridges, bring food pantry items, recycled signs and rechargeable batteries: ongoing

D.) Waupaca County Fair August 20th-24th: volunteers will be needed . More information after our August meeting. We had a brief discussion of the booth at Strawberry Fest in Waupaca.

E.) Poll Workers: If interested in being an undesignated poll worker just sign up online or with a clerk. If interested in being a designated Democrat poll worker, please sign up with Stu.

F.) Action Network Email services : see Tracy's report

G.) Office layout: Stu and Dave

H.) Movement Labs: we did not qualify this year

New business:

Stu: we need to write a letter to invite voters to become a member

Tracy: will clarify that protests and other posts are sent to us, not organized by us
Helene P group, Forward New London, is working with 100 families who have to deport from Tyson Food

Dianna: talked about potential problems at protests and the need for many different kinds of security

Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 13th, 6 pm, Manawa

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 7:35, Barb seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Kobs
Secretary