

IDP Women's Caucus Board 8/20/25

Present: Nedra Conrad, Eileen Beran, Susan Stoefen, Mary Weaver, Barb Wheelock

Meeting called to order at 12:00

- July minutes approved
- Treasurer's report: paid for business cards; still no response to multiple attempts to contact regarding refund of check for Ottumwa program, will cancel if no reply to by end of month. Cash on hand \$714.09

- **Old business**

- No update on Zoom Happy Hour
- we can put our own contact info on Women's Caucus business cards
- update on YouTube channel, discussed if needed if videos are on our web page; concerns were expressed about possible misuse of videos on YouTube, Eileen will check to see if we can be selective with audience

- **New Business**

- Mary reported on staffing the booth for IDP at State Fair and said it was a very good experience, and we should consider it for next year
- Jo Vetter will do the educational program for August and Mary & Barb have confirmed Braver Angels Skills for Difficult Conversations for Sept. program. This will be a 90-minute program so will start at 7:30 on September 18.
- Eileen is working to find speakers for the Oct program on How a Bill Becomes Law. After discussion, she will see if we can combine this with how to track a bill through the legislative process or if it would be better to have these two as separate programs -

Mary reported on discussion with Lindsay Hart about the Women's caucus having a room for a pre-event Liberty/Justice program. The cost is \$500, and it was decided this was prohibitive. There was a suggestion for an area for Women's Caucus members to gather pre-event and a suggestion of a room for all the constituency caucus to have a table/area. Mary will talk with Lindsay about both options. She will also investigate whether the DEI caucus will have something where they invite all the caucuses.

- Lobby Day: Amber is looking into this, and Mary will connect with her
- Discussed replacing Twink's position as provisional representative for the State Central Committee. This position needs to be in an elected position. For elections, members must be notified 5 days in advance and members must be Democrats. Suggested options for notifying members included contacting county chairs and possibly via Facebook. With FB we don't know if they are Dems, but could check with VAN
- Discussed adding additional admins to FB, making sure we know the email address used to set up our FB, which would be needed if there are ever any issues with our page. Also discussed adding a question to new "friends" as to political affiliation e.g. Dem, Rep, No Party, Unaffiliated - to use in future to identify members who are Dems - Mary is planning on stepping down from Chair June 2026, and Jo Vetter has expressed an interest, and none present today are interested. Let Mary know if you're interested

- **Next meeting Wednesday 9/17/25 at noon**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Barb Wheelock, Secretary