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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Jennifer Rubin; Mark Borns; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski

Excused: 1 -

Nicole (Nicci) Fite

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Better, seconded by Garner, to Approve the Minutes of March 9, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Malischke thanked those who worked on the Dane County recount.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

1. [22512](#) Review of Dane County Supreme Court Race Recount held April 27-May 7, 2011

Witzel-Behl reported that the continuity that City of Madison chief inspectors provided throughout the eleven-day recount period added to the smooth flow of the process. The Dane County Clerk oversaw the recording of minutes as well as security measures as each reporting unit within the county presented materials for the Board of Canvassers to certify. Many observers were present during the recount.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [22053](#) Election Official Appreciation

Garner affirmed measures the City Clerk's office has in place, such as thank you letters with election official paychecks, rewarding accurate completion of election day paperwork with badges and candy, the availability of "I Voted" stickers at each polling place for the Apr. 5, 2011 election, and the Conscientious Inspector award given to one Chief Inspector per election. Garner stated she appreciates the energy expended and training offered in

these efforts.

Suggestions:

1. Higher quality, reusable nametags for election officials.
2. Tracking the tenure of officials serving 10 or 20 years and encouraging those who've served one or two times.
3. Some type of public recognition of service as election officials.
4. Letter of thanks to groups, such as the sorority that helped staff one polling place in the Nov, 2010 election.
5. Letter to editor of newspaper thanking election officials for their service. Kaminski and Garner will draft something for timely submission this spring.

3. [22057](#) Sequential Issuance of Voter Slip Numbers

Witzel-Behl remarked that procedures have greatly improved and only one large polling location split the voter slip pads, giving out non-sequential voter slips, in the Apr. 5 election. She mentioned that election administration is a priority of those drafting redistricting proposals at this time.

4. [21597](#) Update on Voter ID Legislation.

Witzel-Behl expects longer lines at the polls with this legislation. She also reported that some election officials will not continue serving under the new law. She will need more people in the Clerk's office to fulfill the administrative requirements for absentee balloting, and this will also be a need at the polls. It was requested that MEAC members receive the final version of the legislation when it becomes available.

Garner, Kaminski and Rubin offered to develop voter education strategies. Witzel-Behl plans to pull community groups together for a meeting to discuss possible approaches to educating voters about the new law. MEAC members asked to be informed of scheduled meeting dates and times.

NEXT MEETING

5. [04353](#) Suggestions for future agenda items.

Topics to be considered at the June 8, 2011 meeting are:

1. Procedures for moving forward with education efforts on the Voter ID bill which is expected to be signed before the end of May.
2. A proposed bill allowing online voter registration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.