

Reform Metro used its fourth Delegate Assembly of this year, held on Oct. 2, to begin endorsing reform candidates for the 1976 municipal elections. Thirty-seven delegates representing affiliated local groups, along with twenty-one alternates and friends met to discuss the upcoming elections and other important business.

The treasurer reported that the current financial situation is not good and as a result it was decided that Reform Metro would undertake a membership drive to renew and increase memberships at this time.

The delegates decided that the second annual convention of Reform Metro will be held in January of 1977 so that organizing for it will not interfere with the various election campaigns and events.

The assembly unanimously adopted a motion of support for the Oct. 14 Day of Protest called by the C.L.C. to oppose the wage controls. The motion called on all members of Reform Metro to do their utmost to ensure the success of the day and provided that the organization would march its own banner at the mass pickets and rally.

Most of the day was spent in discussion of our election strategy. There was agreement that reform campaigns should be urged to adopt red and green as their colours. This would provide visual evidence of the co-operation which exists between the various reform campaigns.

In addition, it was decided that Reform Metro would hold a gigantic rally and beer night on November 19 to highlight important Metro-wide issues in this election and to introduce all reform candidates to the press and public. All endorsed campaigns would be urged to bring out all of their workers to this event.

The procedure to be followed in the endorsement of candidates received a great deal of attention at the assembly. All future requests for endorsement must be in the hands of the Co-ordinating Committee by Monday, Nov. 1, 1976 and that Committee will decide on these requests at a widely publicized, open meeting on November 7. Voting will be done by Co-ordinating Committee members only.

The following people sought the endorsement of Reform Metro at the Delegate Assembly. The disposition of the assembly is listed beside each name.

Toronto

- Ward 1 - DAVID WHITE endorsed
 Ward 2 - PATRICIA BATOR endorsed
 Ward 3 - ANTONIO AMONO referred to Nov
 RICHARD GILBERT referred to Nov.

It was hoped that by Nov 7 these two candidates would have made some contact with each other and be more able to answer questions about working together in Ward 3.

- Ward 4 - LEE ZASLOFSKY endorsed
 PAT CASE endorsed
 Ward 5 - FIONA NELSON referred to Nov

More discussion is needed with other candidates in the area by Fiona Nelson and there was no one to represent Fiona at the delegate assembly.

- Ward 6 - DAN HEAP endorsed
 ALLAN SPARROW endorsed
 DAN LECKIE referred to Nov.
 BOB SPENCER referred to Nov.

It was felt that all three trustee candidates (one separate school) should be endorsed together.

- Ward 8 - JOHN BIZZELL endorsed
 Ward 11 - ANNE JOHNSTON - referred to Nov.

There was more information needed to answer some questions and there was no one to represent Anne Johnston at the delegate assembly.

East York

- Ward 3 GORDON CRANN endorsed
 Etobicoke

- Ward 5 - DORA STEWART endorsed
 Scarborough

- Ward 6 - JON CARTWRIGHT work with

This will be discussed further at the Nov. 7 meeting, hoping that Jon Cartwright will be able to show more campaign organization.

York

- Ward 2 - OSCAR U KOGAN endorsed
 Ward 3 - ELIZABETH HILL endorsed

FURTHER ENDORSEMENTS

The Co-ordinating Committee is asking that all people wishing Reform Metro endorsement have their completed candidate profile forms into the office - 165 Spadina Ave #26 by 5pm November 1st. The Co-ordinating Committee will be meeting November 1st to discuss our election strategy and prepare for the endorsement meeting. Everyone is welcome, it will be at 165 Spadina #26, 7:30

The endorsement meeting at which all candidates seeking endorsement should be present will be Sunday November 7th, 1:30pm, at the Bloor-Gladstone Public Library, one block east of Dufferin Subway station. As agreed at the delegate assembly Oct. 2, this will be an open meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee so only the members of the committee will be able to vote.

As a result of the discussions around endorsements on October 2nd the Co-ordinating Committee would like to stress to candidates seeking Reform Metro endorsement that their campaigns be seen as serious campaigns by being well organized with community people working on them. Members expressed the concern that campaigns have sufficient financial backing and make definite attempts at making inroads into the ward.

The co-ordinating committee would like to empathize the community aspect and the metro-wide movement of which we all a part of as Reform Metro, rather than personality politics. We are concerned that an individual not be running without any ongoing local accountability mechanism such as a local borough/ward Reform Metro or ward community organization being formed. This may sound like old hat but we want to state again that the main thrust of our campaigns should be to work out ways to strengthen people's control over their lives. We must show people that electing someone to an office is not enough. It is through their local tenant, neighbour hood, school and ward organizations linked across metro that they can gain some control. A major organizing push is needed right across metro if the reform movement is going to have any impact in this election. Only when there is significant, visible and continuing community support of progressive policy on issues do people have a chance of taking power into their own hands. So let's use the present campaigns to strengthen and expand our membership so that at the conclusion of the election we will have a much stronger community organizing base.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES OF ENDORSED CANDIDATES

City of Toronto

Ward 1--David White 3091 Dundas St W. 766-9281

Ward 2--Patricia Bator 1524 Queen St W. 533 2337

Ward 3--Tony Amano 1185B St. Clair Ave W. call Katie McGovern 533- 0256
Dick Gilbert 1446 Dufferin St 536-2155

Ward 4--Lee Zaslofsky 1080 Queen St w. 535-2167 or 68
School Trustee Pat Case 59 Ossington Ave. 536-3581

Ward 5--School Trustee Kevin O'Leary 243 Albany Ave. 531-3332

Ward 6--Dan Heap and Allan Sparrow
east office 576 Church St at Dundonald 961-5339
west office 493 Queen St W. at Vanauley 366-8653

School Trustees Dan Leckie and Bob Spencer
576 Church St. at Dundonald 961-6824

Ward 8-- John Bizzell 61 Langley Ave 465-2809

East York Ward 3-- Gordon Crann 127 Gamble Ave. 425-9679

Etobicoke Ward 5--School Trustee Dora Stewart 7 20th St. 251-9465

Scarborough Ward 6--Jon Cartwright 53 bimbrock Rd. 264-2675

York Ward 2-- Oscar Kogan 5 Clovelly Ave. 656-4266

Ward 3 School Trustee Elizabeth Hill 160 Robina Ave. 654-7105

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

The Association of Women Electors is acting as a co-ordinator of all candidates meetings in the city of Toronto for this election. Groups that are planning meetings are calling them with dates and times. In areas where no group is holding a meeting they are willing to help set up and run a meeting. They are especially willing to contact the press for groups. Their phone number is 360-0195 for further information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The education committee met on October 17th to prepare a trustee questionnaire. The questionnaire is now in the process of being mailed to all trustee candidates in metro. Some of the ways we plan to use these questionnaires are:

1. raising issues that will be used by Reform Metro trustees
2. to help with endorsements on November 7th
3. publication in the Reform Metro tabloid
4. publishing a list of names of those that responded
5. sending results to all local Reform Metro groups
6. future assessment of trustee performance after the election

Please let us know of any trustee candidates in your area who should be sent a questionnaire and or candidates profile form. The deadline for the latter is November 1st. Candidates in return are being asked to send in their campaign literature and policy statements.

A representative from Uof T Students Administrative Council came to the education meeting to ask our support for National Student Day on November 9th. The day will consist of morning workshops on local student problems and a speaker from noon until 2P.M. There will be 4 afternoon workshops on

1. accessibility/social concerns
2. quality of education
3. student aid
4. employment

An evening workshop about how the university can relate to the community around it is being planned with the downtown community groups. There is a planning meeting to prepare for this workshop on October 27th. Call John Doherty, external affairs person of SAC for further details. 978-4909.

A motion was carried by the education committee that we endorse these plans for National Student Day.

VANCOUVER TRANSIT FARE INCREASE

The Committee for Progressive Electors (COPE), which is like the Vancouver counterpart of Reform Metro, was in touch with us last week. They are presently preparing for their municipal election on November 15th with almost a full slate of aldermanic and trustee candidates as well as a mayoralty candidate. The Social Credit government has just recently provided them with a prime election issue. They announced a transit fare increase would be in effect in two months using the comparison that Toronto and Montreal had fare increases this year.

COPE asked Reform Metro and other groups and individuals in Toronto and Montreal who opposed their fare increases to send them telegrams of support to show that people in Toronto and Montreal didn't have a fare increase any more than Vancouver people do. They presented these telegrams at a press conference Saturday October 16th, which was the kick off of their petition campaign against the increase. COPE candidates are busy gathering petition signatures by riding the buses.

We sent a telegram wishing them success in their fight explaining that there are plans in the making here for a further increase early next year. We also stated that according to our program that increased transit costs should come from a tax on local businesses and further provincial grants. Let's wish them luck at stopping their fare increase so that low income people who really need transit won't be further hit.

REFORM METRO TABLOID

Our tabloid is in the works still. The first page explaining what Reform Metro is and how we see our role in this election is ready. The city, metro and education pages are still being put together so any one who would like to help in the writing of them is more than welcome. Contact Sarah Power at 364-1486 to volunteer.

All ward groups, could you please call the office and let us know what articles you would like to use so we can plan accordingly. As well we would appreciate if all campaigns would send us their literature as it becomes available so that we can pass it around to other people for ideas.

If there is anything that the office can be assistance of to ward groups please don't hesitate to ask. We trust that all our members will become involved in one way or another in this election.

FURTHER ENDORSEMENTS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 1.30-5P.M. BLOOR GLADSTONE LIBRARY 1 block east of Dufferin

All welcome---people wanting endorsement be sure to be there or send a representative

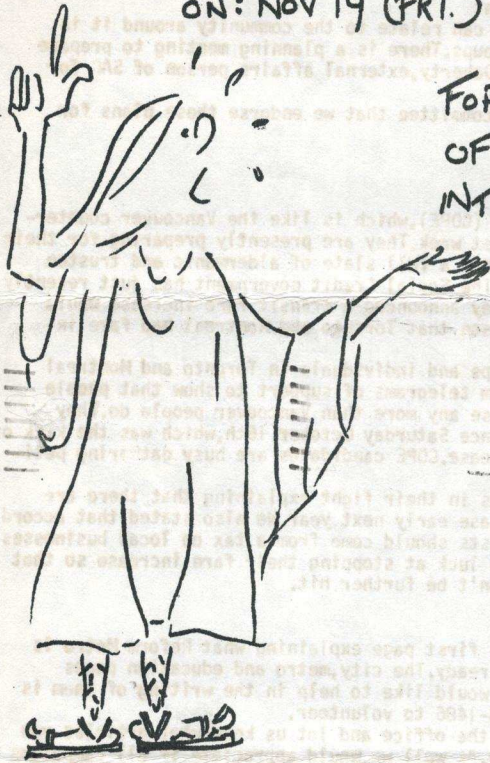
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