

# **BREAKING: PARTY FINANCES IN CHAOS AS HANN PLUNGES PARTY \$414,354 IN DEBT!**

State Central Delegates/Alternates,  
Donors have fled the Republican Party of Minnesota faster than we can blink. The promises that Chair David Hann made when he ran for this seat in October, 2021 and then again for re-election in December, 2022 have been egregiously broken.

Do you remember Chair Hann touting himself as a prolific fundraiser? He presented himself as a leader who could manage a multi-million-dollar organization and promised to make sound financial decisions to keep the party in the black?

**PFFT...**

Financial reports do not lie folks. As of the FEC Report filed on November 30, 2023, the party reported \$414,354.65 in debts and loans owed. It goes deeper than that:

1. In December, 2021 just two months after he was first elected Chair Hann took out a loan in the amount of \$132,000 to pay the bills and his six-figure salary!
2. In February, 2023 (earlier this year), Hann took out another loan in the amount of \$100,000 to pay the bills and his six figure salary!
3. Hann stole money that the National Republican Congressional Committee transferred into the party to help Tyler Kistner flip MN-02 in 2022 and misused those funds, leaving an outstanding balance owed to Camelback Strategies Group (they are a mail vendor that did Kistner's mail). That debt is still over \$90,000, but at its height it was \$132,000! AND THAT DEBT SHOULD NEVER HAVE EXISTED, BECAUSE THE NRCC TRANSFERRED THE MONEY TO THE PARTY TO PAY FOR THE MAILER IN THE FIRST PLACE!
4. You may remember that just a few months ago, the party was splashed all over the Star Tribune, because Hann never paid the Rochester Convention Center bill from holding our 2022 state convention there!

From stealing funds from national republican committees to plunging this party back in debt to not paying bills and running up expenses that are not necessary to operate, Hann has put our party in a very weakened position heading into the 2024 election cycle.

A little bit of history friends. You may or may not know of her or you may or may not care for our previous Chair, Jennifer Carnahan, but one thing she did and did well was run this party. The day she took over in April, 2017 she was left no money in the bank and \$1 million in debt. What did she do? She cut costs, raised money and paid off the \$1 million debt in full in less than 3 years! And when she left the party, she left it with six-figures in the bank and no loans owed. Carnahan never took even one cent off a bank loan during her 4.5 years leading our organization. Yet, Hann has taken two loans totaling nearly \$250,000 total and he took the first loan just two months after he took over!

## **Blame, Blame, Blame**

This is black and white folks. Hann has failed our party. Hann can't raise money. Hann can't run an organization. Hann makes decisions that have cost our party six-figures because he personally has animus towards individuals. Yeah can we say irresponsible? Instead of settling with Carnahan or avoiding the lawsuit altogether (which he could have done had he worked with Carnahan), instead he chose to spend six-figures of our donors money to settle a personal score.

And now he is trying to blame Carnahan for his failed leadership decisions! But, it's all a farce and we should not let him redirect his failures to a woman who has had nothing to do with our party since she left in August, 2021.

If you follow her on social media, you will see as clearly as I do that she's still trying to work through the grief process from losing her husband (the late Congressman Jim Hagedorn) to cancer and is traveling the world living her best life.

## **Think about this analogy**

If one of your car tires has a nail in it and you know that eventually that tire will go flat and a new one will be needed, do you keep driving it until that happens? Or do you get ahead of the problem, buy a new tire and move forward?

This is no different folks. It's time to get rid of Hann. We will be better served if

we make this change now, before we get into the heart of election season later this spring. It will give our new leadership team a chance to get their footing underneath them, build a strategic plan, get to raising money and hopefully fix the horrible mess Hann and Hann alone has created for our flailing organization.

It's time to do what's right for the party.

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**Again I ask you ... Are these really the people we want leading our party?**

**The list of State Executive Members standing behind Hann as Chair is below. Can we say cronyism?**

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