

BCDCC General Meeting

Laborer's Hall

June 21, 2017

EBoard members present: Chair David Rose, Vice President Stacy Cash-Ware, State Committeewoman Kate Moran

EBoard members absent: Vice Chair Misty Muchlinski, State Committeeman Doug McKinley

EBoard Open Position: Secretary

Called to order 7:03 PM.

Flag salute.

Judi Johannesen sitting in as recording secretary.

Motion to accept secretary's minutes as distributed/ 2nd/
Carries

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Chair acknowledged membership concern about timely publication of minutes (within 1 week of meeting) and agenda (at least 10 days prior to next meeting).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: No report

Organization: Jess Monterey Gonzalez reporting for Allison Dabler)

- Successful Norm Miller Dinner
- First issue of the newsletter published
 - Need content (contribute by 5th of month)
 - Richard, Mickie, Carl, Allison
- Cinco de Mayo event: 30 participants, float
 - Next year, need bigger budget for candy
- Voter registration: sign up for dates for drive in July.
- PCOs: make phone calls, a few each night, and a bigger bunch on weekends. If you need PCO training, contact Allison 859-803-5905.
- Visit websites and Facebook pages to obtain more information about local events:
 - Benton County WA Democrats
 - Democrats of the 8th Legislative District
 - Our Revolution: Tri-Cities Progressives
 - Tri-City Democrats
 - Young Democrats of the Tri-Cities
- Norm Miller Dinner
 - Jay Clough reports that there were 100 more attendees than last year
 - Profit was 3X last years, even before the \$5K check from Local 598
 - Thanks to the organizers!
- Pride Festival: parade, booth, and voter registration, 7/16, John Dam Plaza. (Note: See *New Business* for more info.)

Communications: No report

Labor & Commerce: Nick Bumpaous

- **New committee – need members**
- What bold projects do you envision for our community?
- After 10 years growth in Puget Sound area, Tri-Cities will be the fastest growing community in Washington State for the next 35-40 years
- Not one cent of the \$16B Federal Government DOT investment is going to the Tri-Cities. This is a failure of our State Senator and Representatives.
- Inslee promoting Career Connected Learning (STEM), and not just for college bound students, but also for trades.

Elections: Sandra Vantine, Jennifer Keller (co-chairs)

- Members: Amber Key (Secretary/Treasurer), Laura Molu (Firekeeper), Amanda Jannelle, Ruth Wolberg, Barb Chin
- Committee is subset (but not organizationally related to) the Honeypot Huddle, a 13-member group that grew out of the Women's March to reach out to democrats, progressive candidates
- No one in committee (or in Honeypot Huddle) running for office
- Gathered candidate contacts from Auditors office, social media, direct calls, and meetings
- Hosted high-energy launch party with 17 candidates (some from Franklin County) at the Local 598 hall in Pasco

- Pitch practice with friendly audience
- Workshop with Doug McKinley to develop candidate's statement, w/ online review. Attendance exceeded RSVPs.
- Future events:
 - Primary Election 8/1
 - No endorsements prior to primary
 - Learn about candidates on Benton County Auditor's website or from spreadsheet maintained by committee
- 6/29 – Town Hall
- 7/11—League of Women Voters forum at John Dam Plaza
- Election Rally
- Phone banking
- Autumn Extravaganza

Platform/Resolutions: Chuck LoPresti

- No action since last meeting
- Members: John Christenson, Neil Norman, Richard Badalamente, Remy Devoe
- Would like more members
- State quarterly meeting will be 9/9, committee will need to have resolutions ready to present at State

Recording Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Stacy Cash-Ware

- Norm Miller Dinner – Record-breaking success!!
 - Sold 266 Tickets
 - Income:
 - Dinner \$25,765.94
 - Donation from Local 598 5,000.00
 - Silent Auction 1,197.97
 - Total \$31,963.91
 - Less Expenses: -10,997.24
 - Net: **\$15,966.67**
- Bank balances:
 - Checking \$20,513
 - Savings 7,663
- Fundraising income exceeds threshold: Must file taxes with IRS this year
- Other expenses paid:
 - Paid the Benton/Franklin Fair \$740 for booth. Franklin County Democrats paying for the other half of the fee.
 - Storage unit: \$90/month. Needed? Can we get rid of it? **Volunteers needed to inventory.**
 - Hall rental for meeting: \$50/month
 - Also reimbursed committee expenses previously authorized by BCDCC.

MOTION: Form committee to clean out the storage unit so we can transfer it to the Tri-City Democrats./2nd/ Failed.

Discussion indicated a need to clear out, but not a consensus that transfer was desired.

State Committeewoman: no report

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Vice Chair: no report

Chair: David Rose

- Norm Miller Dinner: Great Success, thanks to Organization Committee! Amazing!
- Need to make a list of candidates and provide to state with indication that they're authorized to use Vote Builder. In future years, this list should be developed earlier.
- Good to see candidates coming to meetings.
- In future, BCDCC may counsel potential candidates to run for offices in such a way that they aren't running against each other so that we have candidates in more races.
- Endorsements will come after primary.
- New webmaster appointed: Mickie McKinley!
- New recording secretary needed.
 - Will need to publicize election according to bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Richard Badalamente:** Writes 8th LD Blog. Recent post with 158 hits on abiding by our principles. Not as united as we'd like to be. Liberal progressives vs. Even More Liberal Progressives per Richard. New energy in Democrats driving toward more perfect union. There are those who worry that the fire in the belly of the new people will burn

us to the ground. Proposes rules of conduct, e.g., in posting in social media. Will distribute blog to BCDCC.

MOTION: Refer rules of conduct in blog to EBoard for consideration to incorporate into handbook./ 2nd/ **Carries.**

MOTION: Lora Rathbone to look into having Results organization come speak to us./2nd/ **Carries.**

New Appointed PCOs:

- Sandra Vantine (W1-P685)
- Connie Marsh (282)
- Martin Newberry (301)

Booth for Pride Festival: 7/16, Set up begins at noon, march at 1:30, Festival 2-4PM, booths staffed until 6PM. Strongly encouraged to have kid activities at booth. Form and check need to be in by 7/10. 3 levels of booths: \$75, \$100, \$150. Organization Committee will organize. Voter registration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact Allison Dabler (859) 803-5905

MOTION: Obtain deluxe booth with two 6' tables, power, and tent, and provide \$50.00 for supplies./2nd/ **Carries.**

MOTION: Pass the Resolution to Support the appointment of March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day (supporting HB1939) (see foot of minutes for resolution)/2nd/**Carries**.

(Note from Chuck, Platform/Resolutions Committee: Change 8th LD to Benton County)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nick Bumpaous: Need a distinct identity for the Democrats of Benton County.

John Christenson: Dave Replog now TRIDEC Vice President for Hanford works.

Invitation to join the 2 picketers on Tuesdays from 4-5 to picket on George Washington Way.

Kate Moran, candidate for West Richland City Council, noted that Nirvana Cannabis bought a lot in a Benton County hole surrounded by West Richland and has a license to operate a marijuana dispensary. Expect public response on both sides of issue.

Jess Monterey Gonzalez will hold a Meet the Candidate event this Saturday, 1-6, at Badger Mountain Park. Come and meet Jess and enjoy some Asada!

Kate Moran looking for doorbelling volunteers on Saturday, 10-2, in West Richland.

Dori Luzzo announced the endorsement of the UA 598. Markel Properties has donated the use of all their 4' x 8' signs. If you

see any, please tell her where they are so she can collect them. If attending Cool Desert Nights, bring her little yard signs with you and poke them into the grass where you are sitting.

Ginger Wireman is running for position 4 on the Richland City Council.

Next meeting: July 19th (3rd Wednesday of July)

MOTION to adjourn/2nd/**Carried.**

Meeting adjourned 8:27PM.

Resolution to Support the appointment of March 31st as Cesar Chavez day (supporting HB1939)

Whereas, Washington State celebrates and acknowledges Martin Luther King, The President, George Washington, United States Independence, Veterans, Native American Heritage, Korean-American Day, Columbus Day, Prisoner of War Day, Army and Air National Guard Day, Purple Heart Recipient Day, Washington State Children's Day, Mother Joseph Day, Marcus Whitman Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Civil Liberties Day of Remembrance, Juneteenth – a day of remembrance for the day the Slaves learned of their Freedom, Welcome Home Veterans Day, Human Trafficking Day,

Whereas, Cesar Chavez was a highly respected American Labor Leader and Civil Rights Activist who co-founded along with Dolores Huerta, the National Farm Workers Association which later became the United Farm Workers Union,

Whereas, Cesar Chavez is a symbol of the concurrent struggle of both Farm Workers and Laborers everywhere,

Whereas Cesar Chavez is highly admired by both Latino Americans and the American Labor Movement,

Whereas House Bill 1939 (HB1939) proposing that March 31st be recognized as Cesar Chavez Day, was passed by the Washington State House by an overwhelming majority yet voted against by most of the Republican representatives of eastern Washington,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that We, the body of the Benton County Democratic Central Committee— District of the Washington State Democratic Party, do stand in Solidarity with the Farm Workers, Labor and Latino communities of this state, by supporting the appointment of March 31st as Cesar Chavez day.

Be it Further Resolved, Dolores Huerta be similarly recognized for her contributions to Latino Rights, Labor and Civil Rights, concurrent with Cesar Chavez.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Flag Salute
3. Report of Committees (Chairs are asked to keep reports short)
 - *Finance
 - *Organization
 - *Communications
 - *Labor and Commerce
 - *Elections
 - *Platform and Legislation
4. Report of the Officers (Officers are asked to keep reports short)
 - *Recording Secretary
 - *Treasurer
 - *SCW
 - *SCM
 - *Vice Chair
5. BCDCC Chairs Report
 - *Norm Miller Dinner success
 - *Candidate support/endorsements and the ethical balance
 - *Webmaster/Need one
 - *New Recording Secretary/Need one
6. Old Business
7. New business
 - *PCO Appointments
8. Good of the order
9. Adjourn