

*Benton County Democratic Central Committee Emergency
Meeting Minutes*

January 9, 2017

1. Call to order

The special meeting of the Benton County Democratic Central Committee (BCDCC) was called to order by the Chair, David Rose, at 7:04.

2. Flag salute

Dave led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. It was seconded and carried.

4. Report of the Officers

*Secretary

The Secretary, Kendall Miller, read the minutes of the recent reorganization meeting. The minutes were approved.

The Secretary reported that a number of transition tasks such as the rerouting of official email addresses to the new officers have been completed, but a number of tasks remain.

The Secretary recommended that the body act to explicitly order that the new officers be put in placed on the central committee's bank account.

The Chair noted that these and other actions of the body will be taken up later under New Business.

*Treasurer

The Treasurer, Stacey Cash-Ware, reported that the checking account balance is approximately \$700 and the savings balance is also approximately \$700. The transfer of the complete records from the previous treasurer has not yet been completed.

The Chair noted that the new officers to be placed on the bank account are the Chair, Vice-chair, and the Treasurer.

*SCW

State Committeewoman, Kate Moran, reported that the state reorganization meeting will be held January 27-28 in Olympia. The new Executive Board of the State Democratic Central Committee will be elected then. Congressional District representatives will be elected as well.

The next state committee meeting will be held April 21-22 in Walla Walla. The following meeting will be held September 15-16 at SeaTac.

There will also be a Town Hall debate including at least 2 state chair candidates at the IBEW 112 Hall in Kennewick on January 19 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The plan is to live-stream the event.

***SCM**

State Committeeman, Doug McKinley, asked for a vote of the body showing their preference for state chair.

The Chair ruled that the motion would be in order later under new business.

***Vice Chair**

Vice-chair, Misty Muchlinski, made a statement about her goals for the county party.

***Chair**

David Rose, spoke about appointing PCO's and staffing the standing committees at the next regular meeting in February. The current meeting is an emergency meeting and the bylaws limit the scope of the business that can be conducted today.

He reported that he was approached by David Cortinas of the La Voz Hispanic Newspaper about having a presence in the Latino Coalition.

We are working on outreach techniques and practices.

We are developing the activities for training and assisting PCO's in their tasks.

He encouraged folks to talk to colleagues, friends, and neighbors about the candidates and issues that matter.

There will be a number of fundraising activities.

We will have a routine practice of informing the body about which public offices have openings and encouraging people to apply for those offices.

Communications committee is doing good stuff.

We will have a special events committee that will organize activism and events on issues that are on people's minds.

We will task the platform committee to reflect local issues as well as national issues.

The Chair answered a number of questions.

5. Report of the Committees

Reports were deferred until regular meeting.

6. Old business

There was no unfinished business.

7. New business

Christine Brown presented a plan for a rally to support the ACA on January 15th at John Dam Plaza at noon. Numerous details for the event were presented.

She answered a number of questions and received a strong positive response.

Neil Norman moved to support the event and supply the funding of \$425 for the use of the stage and \$500 for the security deposit. Franklin County Democrats are invited to join the activity. The Chair is authorized to fill out the event details. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion to take a sense of the body between those who favor Jaxson Ravens or Tina Podlodowski for state party chair. Motion was seconded and carried.

A vote by hand was taken for Jaxson and another for Tina. Tina had the majority of votes

Motion to put the chair, vice-chair, and treasurer on the bank account and have the prior chair and treasurer removed. It was seconded and carried.

There was some discussion about possible events on Inauguration Day or the Women's March on the 21st.

8. Good of the order

Heidi Hill announced the reorganization meeting of the Tri-City Democrats political club on Friday. Chad Lupkes will Skype in as the speaker.

Potential Precinct Committee Officers should add their names to the list.

Next meeting will be February 15. The results of the survey will govern the date of subsequent meetings.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by Kendall Miller, BCDCC Secretary