

Benton County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

1. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Benton County Democratic Central Committee (BCDCC) was called to order by the Chair, David Rose, at 7:09 PM.

2. Flag salute

Dave led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Chairs comments about Rules of Conduct and changes in the organization

Generally, we will use Roberts Rules of Order and respectful methods of discussion are expected.

The set of Standing Committees is being changed. The content of future meetings will be largely driven by reports and recommendations from these Standing Committees. During each committee's block of time, motions relevant to the committee report will be allowed. Other motions will be deferred to the end of the New Business section of the agenda.

4. Report of Young Democrats Meet and Greet

Ansley Gerhard reported on the Young Democrats Meet and Greet that was held on 2/6. They will be having elections at a meeting on February 22. The bylaws and constitution will be considered at that meeting as well. They are planning to attend the State Young Democrats Convention on April 7-9 in Olympia.

5. Accept and approve minutes

Minutes have been posted on the website. There was a motion to accept and approve the minutes as posted on the website. Motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

6. Approve Agenda

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

7. Guest Speaker: Dr. Iyad Jamali

8. Guest Speaker: Dr. James Conca

9. Inclusive City update

Motion to encourage the cities of Benton County to support the Inclusive City principles similar to the motion passed previously in the 8th LD meeting. Motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

10. Report from Tri-City Democrats

11. Reports of the Officers

***Secretary**

People are encouraged to add new contact information to sign-in sheets so they can be reached by the Party. Development of a new website in a sandbox mode has been launched. There will be more information as that effort progresses.

***Treasurer**

The Treasurer reported that the checking account balance is approximately \$7438.53 and the savings balance is also \$7667.59.

The BCDCC is under investigation by the Public Disclosure Commission for failure to make appropriate filings in past years. There will be a hearing on February 23. As a mitigation against a recurrence of the problems we have had, we are going to compile a treasurer's handbook and have it and other pertinent information archived and available for future Benton County Treasurers and other officers.

***SCW**

State Committeewoman, Kate Moran, reported that the state reorganization meeting was held January 27-28 in Olympia. The new Executive Board of the State Democratic Central Committee was elected. Congressional District representatives on the executive board were also elected. Every single LD and County in the state have elected committeewomen and committeemen. The energy at the meeting was strong and exciting. Next state party meeting will be April 20-21 in Walla Walla. Non-statecommittee people are encouraged to attend since they are eligible to join any of the party caucus groups in which they have an interest.

***SCM**

State Committeeman, Doug McKinley, was not present. David shared a notice from Doug that Repr. Dan Newhouse will be in the Tri-cities on March 6 at the Pasco Red Lion at 5:30 talking to local leaders. He would like to rent a ballroom for that day and invite Dan to come speak to us. The cost of the rental to be defrayed by a \$5 ticket.

***Vice Chair**

Vice-chair, Misty Muchlinski, reviewed the results of the school bond balloting that was done the previous day. She reported on the Planned Parenthood meeting that was held on Sunday with the regional Planned Parenthood CEO, Karl Eastlund. The Islamic Center is in need of home goods donations. She suggested that people consider supporting the senatorial campaigns of Dean Hiller in Nevada and Jeff Flake in Arizona. And thanks to the donors to the silent auction baskets for the Bon Voyage French school.

***Chair**

Dave reported on Bill 1723, presumption of occupational disease for Hanford. Nick Bumpaous had a big hand in writing the bill with local 598 and Larry Haler. Rep. Haler would appreciate hearing from people about their support for this bill. It expected pass the committee and the floor of the House. It is also expected to fail in the Republican Senate. The strategy is then to use this as an argument against Republican senatorial incumbents in the next election. Dave noted that the representative offices in Olympia typically don't get that many calls about pending legislation. Calls that are made have a high impact, so Dave encourages the membership to be active in communicating with your legislators.

Update on the PDC hearing. The hearing is planned for February 23rd. It is expected that we will get a fine. The best scenario is that the 2/3 of the fine will be suspended for 4 years. The highest fine we expect is \$2000-\$3000. Stacey has provided a good letter to them that makes a strong case.

Review of candidates this coming year. In Kennewick, there will be elections for city council position 3 and an at-large position. There will be at least a labor candidate for each of those positions.

An update on the progress for a permanent headquarters. We are operating under a past resolution that set a fundraising goal to be achieved before a headquarters facility can be procured. The chair would like to see a track record of the party having a sufficiently significant income on a regular basis. There may be a future recommendation to the body on this issue.

The set of standing committees is being changed. The chair recommends the following. Finance committee will have jurisdiction over audits, budget, and fundraising. The Organization Committee will have jurisdiction over bylaws, rules, policy guides, special events, and the technical team. It will also have jurisdiction over outreach, (PCO, Latino, Muslim, minority voter, Young Democrats, etc.). The Communication Committee will have jurisdiction over social media, twitter, Facebook, public relations, and press. The Labor and Commerce Committee will have jurisdiction over labor issues. The Elections Committee will have jurisdiction over voter registration, and candidate search, development, and support. The Platform and Legislation Committee will have jurisdiction over the platform and bylaws. It will also have jurisdiction on the development and tracking of legislation. It will write legislation on key issues in our area and help generate bills that will be delivered to either the House or Senate in Olympia. Another focus will be on education of the body on aspects of current and pending legislation with the idea or recommending actions we can take in relation to the legislation.

The chair sees these committees as being the place where the work of the Party takes place. The Chairs of the respective committees will have the authority to appoint committee members to help with their tasks as they see fit.

6. Old business

There was no unfinished business.

7. New business

It was moved to approve the preceding list of standing committees. It was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The chair asked that John Christenson sit on the Bylaws committee and maybe Chuck LoPresti.

The chair appointed Stacy Cash-Ware to chair the Finance Committee. Her appointment was accepted by a voice vote.

The chair appointed Allison Dabler to chair the Organization Committee. Her appointment was accepted by a voice vote.

The Chair appointed DeNomy Dage to chair the Communications Committee. Her appointment was accepted by a voice vote.

The Chair appointed Nick Bumpaous to chair the Labor and Commerce Committee. Nick was not present at the meeting but he has expressed his willingness to serve to the Chair in previous conversations. His appointment was accepted by voice vote.

The Chair appointed Christine Brown and Heidi Hill as co-chairs of the Elections Committee. Their appointments were accepted by voice vote.

The Chair appointed Chuck LoPresti to chair the Platform and Legislation Committee. His appointment was accepted by voice vote.

The Chair asked for volunteers to do an audit. Kate Moran and Jessica Cole volunteer and the Chair appointed them to do the audit.

The Chair appointed John Christenson to chair the Bylaws Committee. The appointment was accepted by a voice vote. The Chair requested that the bylaws be re-written by next meeting.

The floor was yielded to Jay Clough so he could make a report as the 4th CD Representative to the State Party. Jay explained that the 4th CD Representative sits on the Executive Committee of the State Party. He will be traveling to organizations in the 4th CD to gather their inputs to State Party business. One concern that has been voiced is that there is a lack of diversity on the Executive Board itself. There are a number of ideas being discussed to alleviate that.

Motion to pay for half of a PA system in cooperation with the 8th LDDO up to \$150. After a bit of discussion, the motion was changed to pay for half of a PA system in conjunction with the 8th LDDO with the expense being no more than \$400 to the BCDCC. Motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

The Chair brought a list of PCO's to be appointed. The list is

Carl Baker	WR 11
Stacy Cash-Ware	115
Jay Clough	WR 15
John Harder	W2-006
John Johnson	286
Marjorie Kasper	288
Kendall Miller	260
Dylan Wright-Mockler	200
Kate Moran	WR 13
Levi Nelson	WR 8
Nancy Washton	130
Harry Alden	291

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There was a motion to approve the appointments as read. It was seconded and then carried on a voice vote.

Dennis Clayton volunteered to be PCO in his precinct, 590. Gavin Rider volunteered to be PCO in 4016. John Vann announced that he is moving from precinct 110 into 105. He resigned from 110 and volunteered to be PCO in 105. A resident of 110, Virginia Rogalsky, was serving as an Acting PCO in 105. It was decided to make Virginia an Appointed PCO in 110 and John an Appointed PCO in 105.

Kate Moran moved to appoint the 4 PCO's listed above. Motion was seconded and was carried on a voice vote.

A question was raised about the survey on a potential change in meeting times. Brent Kirby reported that the survey had received 57 votes so far in a ranked choice voting method. There were 33 for the 3rd Wednesday, 23 for the 3rd Thursday, and the remainder choosing none of those. Kate Moran moved that we leave the survey open until the next meeting and make a decision then. The motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

John Christenson moved that the BCDCC share the email system with the 8th LDDO. Motion was out of order since that is already being done.

John Christenson moved that the BCDCC create a PCO directory that is to be distributed to the members of the Central Committee. Motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken. Chair was uncertain about the outcome and called for a vote by hand. Motion carried.

Allison Dabler moved that we delay distribution until we ask the listed PCO's about what information they wish to be publicly distributed. Motion was seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote. After some discussion for clarification another vote was taken. Motion carried again.

Motion to adjourn was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19.