

Benton County Democrats E-Board Meeting

July 2, 2018

Round Table Pizza, Richland WA 99354

Attendance:

Peter Gerhard-Roberts, Vice-Chair (chairing meeting)

Judi Johannesen, Secretary

Micki McKinley, Treasurer

Carl Baker, Tri-City Dems Chair

Kate Morgan, State Committeewoman

Meeting called to order 6:40PM (peter)

No quorum, discussion only.

Every single candidate in Benton County will be on the float in the Pasco 4th parade. Roach has 50 in her contingent. Need to focus on commissioner races. Lots of Bi-County agencies. Proposal for bi-county crisis response center, Claude Oliver is champion. We should start sending people to the county commissioners' meetings. There is an option to attend remotely in the Justice Center. Meetings are Tuesdays, 9AM.

Peter will be able to decorate the trailer at his house, Carl will haul to Pasco. Peter will print out rules from Pasco. Hand out candy, not throw. No alcohol.

Next year: Mariachi Festival.

Consider beach balls for future handouts.

Need field organizers.

Need fundraising network. Talk to Jay? Justin Raffa?

Canvas coming up on 7/21 Women to Women. 60 people invited so far. For Zahra Roach and Rebecca Francik.

Budget: are there any events that don't have funding in the budget?

Is there going to be a picnic? Peter can start planning. In conjunction with Women's canvas II?

Bylaws: Washington state: there are discrepancies between the BCDCC bylaws on who can vote on what, so our platform/bylaws committee needs to review and make a recommendation.

Micki wants to do a candidate corner on the webpage. Would have a space for them, with a word allocation, we keep editorial privileges.

Newsletter: Micki mentions that Richard Badalamente says that we should do a notification about no newsletter this month. Micki proposes notifying via the website. Kendall previously recommended that use the webpage for the newsletter. Concern: deadline creates urgency to write articles.

Webpage/outreach committee meeting? Deadlines for updates? Convert newsletter to website and send out emails with link to updated material.

Kate brought Resolutions from 5th LD to submit to the Platform Committee.

- Banning donations from private prison industry
- Towards implementation of a WA State Debt Resolution Authority
- Modernizing tenant eviction process
- Abolishing ICE
- Respect and Freedom for Journalism

Pasco Police and Franklin County Sheriff are collaborating with ICE for law enforcement training in Spanish. Letter to Pasco City Council and Franklin County law enforcement from LULAC.