

BCDCC General Meeting

8/15/2018, 7PM

Location: Shilo Inn, 50 Comstock St, Richland WA 99352

- 1) Call to order at 7:05PM
- 2) Adopt agenda Moved/2nd/carried
- 3) Approve minutes Moved/2nd/carried
- 4) Candidate Introduction
 - Everett Maroon – 16th LD Pos 1: Excited about primary results. Walla Walla strong part of district. Coordinating with Rebecca and Christine and Lisa. WW knocked on 6000 doors since Feb. Prosser is opponent's home turf, massive GOTV in Franklin, w/o giving up on Columbia. Healthcare is primary issue. Needs help with canvassing, phone banking, and yard signs available. Not running for vanity. Needle exchange program: Walla Walla got into harm reduction. 1500 studies at needle exchange, every measure related to needle exchange is better with needle exchange. Keeps people connected to healthcare. Motivation shifted, someone showed care, trust relationship established. Also distribute overdose antidote. In 3.5 months, Pasco program in parity with 20-year-old Walla Walla program. On regional Community of Health. First third of ACA is on how to do healthcare better. Second 2/3 is on innovation projects. Everett's opioid recovery program covers 60 days and provides coping skills to sustain sobriety. Move to endorse/2nd/carried
 - Diana Izaguirre – Franklin County Auditor: 25 years running election department in Franklin County. Successfully elected as auditor in California. Moved back to support older parents. Ran write-in candidacy in primary because incumbent was unopposed. Got 4% in 3 weeks for \$40. Made it to the general! Votediana.org. Looking for endorsement. Endorsement moved/2nd/carried.
 - Rebecca Francik – 16th LD Pos 2: Excited about the numbers. Local boy feel to election. She needs 6290 votes to win. Asking for letters to the editor, yard signs, raise money, phone bank. Education is my strength, Healthcare is Everett's. Won't get hardcore Trump Republicans, but may get wives of antiwoman

men. Canvassing every Saturday. Have raised almost as much as opponent, although from people, not big money, which should translate to votes.

- Fundraiser dinner in Walla Walla, \$50/plate, tomorrow night

5) Chair's Report

- GOTV (local Dem office, phone banking, canvass) Looking for volunteers. Amazing candidates like we've never seen before. Need to get them the voters. Blue Wave, lots of national attention on eastern Washington, we have our own field organizer. Savannah Steel contact info on FB and website. We need to deliver volunteers, and donate money to candidates. Will draw national attention and therefore national money.
- SEIU – healthcare workers union. Two more meetings scheduled, but probably will go to strike. Middle to late September. Contributing volunteers for fair.
- September Picnic – 9/29 4pm, volleyball courts. Will organize big canvass beforehand. Need setup volunteers. Campaign appreciation picnic.
- Attendance amazing! Raising hands, reorg again in January. Will not run for chair in January, got promotion and returning to school.

6) Treasurer's Report

- Micki McKinley – Opening balance \$18977, +\$30, \$15000 in checking, total funds \$23,575.
- Need \$42.86. Moved/2nd/approved.
- Candidate Donations
 - Fair: <\$25 contribution per candidate.
 - Yakima got \$800, we'd like to supply \$500 to Franklin County. Cannot donate to Zahra or Jenn. Moved/2nd/carried.
 - Want all of our candidates to receive \$1000
 - Rebecca \$800
 - Chris \$800
 - Shir \$800
 - Leo \$800
 - Everett \$1000
 - Moved/2nd/carried.

7) Organizing Committee

- Peter Gerhard-Roberts - Fair, Communication Committee Needs
 - Fair: fair signup on the website. Have 20 ingress and parking passes, but encouraging folks to take the bus. Sign up! Candidates signing up now. High volume times right before the concerts. Two main concerts are Thursday and Friday, starting at 7:30.
 - Picnic: need designers for T-shirts. Want to design blue surf wave for photo ops: ride the BLUE WAVE. Attend the canvasses prior.
 - Candidates doing a grass roots movement. Important things: LIKE endorsed candidates and comment on Facebook. Website designers – some candidates could use some help. Filming and directing videos. These are ways you can help out.
- John Harder - PCO, Canvass info – pass (already covered)
- Kate Moran – State Committeewoman soliciting questions for state meeting tomorrow.

8) Resolutions

- Free Press
- For-profit prisons
- Tenant no-cause eviction
- Abolish & Prosecute ICE
- Reform ICE & Oversight
- Move passage of first 3/2nd/carried.
 - Discussion: If abolished, is there provision for replacement for people who should be in prison? Could take over facility contracts, or supply alternatives, then phase out.
- Move accept recommendation of the committee passage of Reform ICE & Provide Oversight/ 2nd/carried. Investigate individuals who may have broken the law. Committee recommends passage of the Reform/Oversight one.
 - Discussion:
 - (Kate) They have oversight, have not behaved well. Should reallocate functions to original organizations.

- (Everett) Will be edited/reduced by resolutions committee.
- (Kitty) The things ICE does need to be done. If abolished, the problematic staff will still be in the organizations. Some doing illegal things. Will not determine what happened, sociopaths will still be on hand. Independent commission would be important element of resolution of the problem. Judges are administrative judges. One said a 3 or 4 year olds could defend themselves in court. Deeper, uglier resolution.
- (Shir) I agree with abolishing ICE. Didn't have until 2002, quickly weaponized. I look at ICE and see Gestapo.
- (Leo) Just statements. Not going to do a lot. Needs to go to Congress.
- (Skye) Disagree with word "abolish", but agree with Homeland Security Act of 2003.
- (Richard) Independent commission can decide to abolish ICE.
- (Stan) Pass both!
- (Carl) Pass both, then go home.
- (Aaron) Could change scope to integrate new immigrants.
- (Kate) Stronger wording would convey message: We don't like what you're doing!!!
- (John Masulonis) Need to take constructive action to work together as a country to accomplish goals, rather than setting up conflict with "abolish".
- Motion pass Abolish resolution/2nd/
 - Discussion: may reinforce stereotypes of Dems as soft on border/concern that passing both would make us look indecisive. Aye: 5, Nay: 11.

9) Old Business

- none

10) New Business

- Richard: Bob Ferguson here for fundraiser, \$125, Sept 7th, noon.
- Shir: has size small Ts remaining
- Ryan Cooper: Legalize Richland. Change the law using initiative process allowing marijuana stores in Richland. In

2012, 45% supported 502, 33% supported gay marriage. Things have changed. People are ready for this. Want to work with Dems to get on ballot. Petition to get on ballot. Need 2,650 signatures. Paying signature collectors. Looking for signatures, and paid volunteers. Individual donations (including those who are in the industry) are paying for the initiative. Who controls your body, you or your government. Deadline: 9/15. Move endorse Legalize Richland initiative and collect Richland voter signatures at our events prior to 9/15/18/2nd/carried.

11) Good of the Order

- \$72 to 8th LD, \$72 and change to BCDCC
- Carly – Communications Director and Michael, new field organizer, from Christine's campaign brought bumper stickers, signs, donation envelopes, and lists.
- John Christenson will provide extracted data from your

12) Move to adjourn/2nd/carried. 9:02