

Benton County Democratic Central Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 7PM

Location: Kennewick Branch Library

1620 S Union

Kennewick WA 99338

Exec Board Attendance:

Allison Dabler, Chair

Peter Gerhard-Roberts, Vice-Chair

Micki McKinley, Treasurer

Judi Johannesen, Secretary

Kate Moran, State Chairwoman

John Harder, Organization Committee Co-Chair

Agenda

- 1) Call to order 7:08 PM
- 2) Flag salute (no flag)
- 3) Adopt agenda, Carl Baker moved/2nd carried
- 4) Approve minutes, Carl Baker moved/2nd carried
- 5) Old Business – Bylaws and Policy Guide Changes

Bylaws

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Current language:

3. Non-Voting members of the BCDCC Executive Committee shall be one (1) appointed representative each from the Franklin County Democratic Central Committee, the 16th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee, the 4th Congressional District Democratic Central Committee, and the Tri-City Democrats Organization.

Amended language:

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Move to adopt Skye White/2nd, carried

Policy Guide

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS, THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Current Language:

4. The Treasurer

- c. All checks shall require two signatures of the following: Treasurer, Chair, or Vice Chair.

Amended Language:

- c. All checks shall require two signatures of the following: Treasurer, **Secretary**, Chair, or Vice Chair.

Quorum called and confirmed.

Move to Adopt, Carl Baker/2nd, carried

6) New Business: Plan for County Convention, March for Our Lives
Volunteers for Caucus/Convention on Saturday:

Temporary chair: Skye White

Temporary secretary: Judi Johannesen

Temporary parliamentarian: Kendall Miller

Temporary Sargent at Arms: Jey Castleberry

Platform: reading of the platform. Kate Moran will “head honcho” the platform into being.

March for Our Lives: Show up to Howard Amon Park Fingernail Stage at 3 after the caucus/convention. Most meeting attendees coming. Took team to Republican Meeting. A few days later, they gave support to the students. Republicans extended invitation to form a bi-partisan task force to address guns and violence in schools.

Press release from both parties today: Recently, the Chairs of the Benton County Democrats and Republicans met to discuss the creation of a Bi-Partisan Task Force to address the issues of guns and violence in schools. We are in the process of assembling a diverse and qualified group of people to represent each party in an effort to submit common sense legislative solutions to our elected representatives. Together, we support our local March for Our Lives students in their efforts to call attention to this problem and make efforts to advance the prioritization of safety in our schools. In recognition of the student’s movement to raise awareness, our work will begin after the March.

Concerning: Joey Gibson, far right activist, Patriot Prayer founder, bring guns to rallies. Springhill Suites not hosting them, so they will be in John Dam Plaza at the same time as the ARC rally. May get pushed out of John Dam Plaza to park. Per Phil Lemley, Richland Police Chief is in full support of MFOL and will do whatever it takes to ensure a successful event.

Move Judi/2nd: Move that we provide up to \$400 if needed for insurance for the event.

Cigdem Capan: Citizens Climate Lobby Yakima Sarah Kate meeting with Newhouse. Please sign and note reasons why climate change should be a priority.

Precinct 6186: Alisha Victorine

Precinct 6315: Robin Perez

Precinct 6293: Stephen Romero

(Lora Rathbone & Donna Gier not present, but will be appointed when present at a future meeting.)

Peter Gerhard-Roberts: 4 people planning for Cinco de Mayo float. More volunteers welcome. Signage in Spanish and English. Mexican candy. Will string lights around the flag in colors of the Mexican flag. Painter willing to make a mural for float. Will make tissue paper flowers in bright colors.

7) Good of the Order

Kate Moran: Leadership Tri-Cities will soon be starting a new leadership class. Costs \$100, requires sponsorship from employer or organization. Informational meeting next Wednesday. Information: Aaron White, Steve Lee. See FB, website. Accepting enrollment through the end of the month.

John O'Brien: Looking for help to do a cleanup of the mini-storage. John O'Brien appointed to chair the effort.

8) John O'Brien moved to Adjourn/2nd, carried 7:55