

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

1/7/2019

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Micki McKinley, Carl Baker, Carly Coburn, John Masulonis, Kendall Miller, Jeffrey Robinson, Kate Moran, Stan Moon, Kitty Tominey

Meeting to order, 6:04PM

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Chair's notes:

Judi has been spending Lots of time meeting with other groups like the 8th LD. And she has also been meeting with the organizers of Women's March. There will be a request for some financial support for that activity at the next general meeting. Arrangements have been made with the city for the use of the park. Insurance has been procured and a number of speakers have been lined up. Intersectionality and Direct Action is theme.

Treasurer: Current status is good. Micki is working on the budget for next year. Micki presented a preliminary version. The budget will go into January of the following year so committee chairs will have a chance to derive for the following year so that the Women's March is budgetarily covered without being rushed over the holidays. Last year we had lots of campaign contributions and contributions to other central committees. We also had a number of one-time expenses for memorials and certain special events. Carl recommended that we make a line item for memorials so we wouldn't require explicit central committee action should we want to make such an expenditure.

Our Pride expenditure last year was nominal. Carly would like more for Pride. Last year's expense only \$25 out of the \$100 budget. This would be OK if the Pride activities are similar to last year. However, Pride may plan a parade and they would need more in that case. Pride planning meetings will start soon.

There was some talk about caucuses and needing to budget for that in 2020.

Kitty: It may be good to have listening sessions. Asked for estimate for doing a meeting. It was suggested to move this discussion to New Business.

Local 598 is generous with their space. The Franklin County PUD and Benton County PUD were also discussed.

Kate Moran about storage. She is willing to donate space in her garage if a crew can help arrange it. It's tentatively scheduled for the March or April timeframe.

Kitty Tominey not interested bylaws with Kate but is happy to work the bylaws and cochair Platform and Resolutions.

The WSDCC meeting is from 1/25 through 1/27 in Olympia. Friday for the reception. Saturday committees, chairs organization, and training. Sunday is the main central committee meeting.

For the state meeting. We are looking for allies in the West. Also working for ranked choice voting.

Lots of confusion about how the various caucuses will be handled.

Old business:

Format, location, and time of general meeting is still an issue. BCPUD not feasible. They will be doing remodeling. Players are hard to get a hold of. Maybe talk to Justin Raffa. There's nothing from Ben Franklin Transit.

There will be an election on 2/12. Asked to provide election observers. It's a KSD bond measure. Carl Baker and Stan Moon volunteered to be observers.

MLK celebration at CBC, 11AM on 1/21.

Women's March on 1/19 at 2 PM in John Dam Plaza.

New Business:

The 16th LD is wanting to build connections with Benton County. Susan Palmer from Yakima wants to start working for something across the whole 4th CD.

Franklin County will be a full PDC filing organization. And will be more active. Franklin County will be bigger in the fair booth as well. The booth needs rejuvenated.

Should the BF Fair raise its fees, we will know ahead of time and make the necessary adjustments.

There was a brief discussion about supporting candidates earlier in the cycle even if that means supporting multiple candidates for a given position.

Friday will be the TCD potluck at the BC PUD. Annual elections will take place.

Local 598 has big PDC problems. There's a 294-page complaint filed on them. We need to be more careful with cross-organizational sharing of resources.

We should ask all the labor unions if they could like to have a representative on the BCDCC executive board.

Micki would like an audit. There is an accountant that does training on how to audit.

The Organization for Bernie group is starting a live stream.

Facebook is not going to do political advertising anymore.

The Franklin County e-board is on the first Thursday. Members of regional LPO boards are invited to attend.

PCO committee meeting next week. Contact Allison Dabler. Tuesday next week.

Taemin state party affairs manager introduced himself via phone. taemin@wademocrats.org

Adjourned.