

Benton County General Meeting

June 19, 2019

7:30 PM

Uptown Theater, Richland, WA

Proposed Agenda

7:30 Call meeting to Order - Approve Agenda (1 min)

7:32 Approve minutes of May meeting (1 min)

7:33 Chair's report (3 min)

- Elections coming up
- Online donations
- Next spring's LD caucuses

7:39 Treasurer's Report (3 min)

- Norm Miller Dinner

Committee Reports

7:42 State Committee Member Reports (3 min each)

Kate Moran & Jay Clough

7:48 Elections Committee - Needs chair (2 min)

7:50 Events Committee - Carl Baker (5 min)

7:55 Communications Committee - Judi Johannesen (3 min)

7:58 PCO Organization Committee - Allison Dabler (5 min) - Appoint new PCOs

8:03 Platform & Resolutions Committee - Kitty Tominey (5 min)

8:08 Old Business (5 min)

8:13 New Business (5 min)

8:18 Good of the Order (5 min)

8:23 Adjourn

Minutes:

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen- 7:31 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda- motion, 2nd, carried

Adoption of Minutes- motion, 2nd, carried

Officer Reports-

Chair's Report by Judi Johannesen

The elections need volunteers. The candidates present tonight include Shir Regev, Randy Slovic, Kate Moran, and John Christenson. They were asked to stand and tell the body for which positions each of them is running.

Folks are encouraged to use the website Donate button to make a one-time donation or to set up recurring donations.

There will be a fundraiser by the 8th LD to help cover the expenses for the caucus on March 10, 2020. The State party is assessing the capacities of the various legislative district organizations to support the caucuses in advance of establishing a policy for how the state party will help them.

Treasurer's Report by Micki McKinley

The Norm and Shirley Miller dinner was a resounding success and raised a net of approximately \$16,000. This more than twice last year's income. We had 11 sponsors. Some people haven't paid for their auction items and the caterer's invoice is still outstanding.

Savings is unchanged.

Checking. There are 5 new recurring contributors. With the dinner we had over \$18,000 in income last month. There is an expected bill from the caterer of \$1100 that has yet to come in. Our total balance is about \$29,218.

Last year we spent a total of \$4,700 on campaign contributions in June and August. We also spent \$1300 on contributions to other Democratic committees. The Treasurer is open to input about to whom we might like to contribute in this election cycle. This will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting on Monday, July 1. People who wish to discuss who are donation recipients might be invited to attend the board meeting.

Treasurer had a question about our storage situation. We have paid through June and she needs to know whether we will need to retain the

storage through July. We are unable to say at this time whether storage will still be needed in July.

Committee reports.

We still have no chair for the Elections Committee and it has not met.

Carl Baker on events.

We had Cinco de Mayo.

We had successful and visible group sign waving for substance abuse awareness.

Norm and Shirley Miller Leadership Awards Dinner

We had a booth at the Pride festivities.

We supported the June 5 Read-a-thon which was done by the Eastern Washington Advocates organization. Excerpts of the Mueller Report were read to the public at the Fingernail stage in Howard Amon Park. A video is up on Facebook. A link to the full report is on the TriCity Democrats Facebook page.

On June 14, the Tri-City Democrats with the Tri-City Free Thinkers sponsored a Roy Zimmerman concert.

On June 15, there was a Move-on-sponsored Impeachment Rally.

On June 22, we are invited to be in the Juneteenth Parade. We will have the trailer.

On June 26, there will be the first set of the Democratic Presidential Candidate debates. On June 27, the Franklin County Democrats are having a debate watch party for the second set of Democratic candidate debates.

There will be a July 4 parade. Assembly from 7-9 AM at 4th and Court in Pasco. There will be some candidates in the parade as well as the party float.

On 8/17, there will be the Benton-Franklin Fair Parade.

On 8/20 through 8/23, we will have the fair booth to staff. BCDCC will buy tickets if needed. Watch for a signup sheet on the website.

There are plans to raise funds for spring caucus with the 8th LD Crawfish Boil.

The fair booth needs a little reworking so if you have ideas or wish to help, you can contact Carl. We have 2 more meetings before the fair.

The August meeting will be the second Wednesday instead of the third. The facility will be undergoing maintenance on the third Wednesday, so we are shifting the meeting date for that month only.

Communication Committee.

The committee had a meeting where it was suggested that we have a meeting to identify values. We typically do that kind of work every 2 years as we work on our platform. We are working on a messaging project which was discussed in the session that immediately preceded this meeting. If you wish to be part of that process, let Judy know.

PCO-Organization Committee by John Masulonis for Allison Dabler. John invited people to volunteer to be PCO's. Politics is local. The more local the better. The current effort is to identify supporters in our precincts and contact them to invite them to join our activities. John and Allison are available to assist folks in doing that work.

Platform Committee by Kitty Tominey.

We have submitted 3 resolutions to the State this spring. There is a list of possible resolutions. New resolutions must be submitted to the State by September 20. We need them ready by the July meeting so we can approve them in the August meeting.

It was suggested that a resolution be submitted to have Juneteenth recognized as an official day of remembrance in our state. Kitty recommended that proposed text for such a resolution be emailed to her.

Unfinished business. None.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order.

We are invited to the Kate Moran for Council kickoff event on Saturday at Carl Bakers house from 1-4. See Kate 4 Council on Facebook. Please share posts because Facebook will not allow candidates to boost them.

It was noted that non-partisan candidates may not wish to have local Democratic party organizations listed as donors in Public Disclosure Commission reports. It is suggested that individuals generously support the candidates of their choice.

However, there are some candidates for which that may not be a problem. The chair asked that candidates make their desires known and the next Executive Board meeting on July 1. Those desires will be presented for action in the July general meeting.

Activist-minded Democrats are invited to examine the PDC postings of known Republican candidates for irregularities that may justify appropriate complaint filings. They are showing little, if any, mercy for Democratic candidates and we must have a symmetrical response.

The chair asked for volunteers for a subcommittee who would review the PDC filings of local candidates for possible appropriate complaint filings. Alisa Victorine, Rosie Ford, and two more volunteered. Alisha will select a date for a meeting.

John Masulonis reminded us about the 8th LD fundraiser for the 2020 LD Caucus. There will be a Crawfish Boil in early September. They already have \$600 in donations toward that event. They will be asking people to volunteer time and money for that.

Move to adjourn, 2nd, carried 8:26