

Benton County Democratic Central Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7PM

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

- 1) Call to order 7:03
- 2) Adopt agenda: moved/2nd: approved
- 3) Approve minutes: moved/2nd: approved
- 4) Candidate Introduction or brief campaign update

Rebecca: \$7K behind opponent due to last minute big PAC donations. Big Ask: \$4K goal. Doorbelled >8K houses. TCH endorsement.

Christopher: Canvassing daily, targeting >55 (home days), targeting radio ads to not necessarily blue, country to religious. Campaign lit to distribute on the table. Please distribute! Going to forums, gathering information. Opponent branding himself as moderate; however, received large PAC donations from Washington Affordable Housing Council (Former BIAW) the outfit who paid a \$600K PDC fine, WA Hospitality Assn (anti-livable wage) that indicate he is less than moderate.

Andy Miller is here. He's good.

5) Chair's Report (Peter Roberts for Allison Murphy Dabler)

- Reorg Meeting, 12/1/2018 4-6PM, Benton PUD, Kennewick, 2721 W 10th Ave, Kennewick
- Would like it to be possible to re-appoint all existing PCOs who did not get elected in 2018 plus all also-rans to precincts at this meeting if there is time after the elections if the new chair is willing. Will need a list of PCOs and proposed assignments in time for the meeting.⁴
 - Moved: accept John Harder's word that the PCO is willing to serve. If they've never been a PCO they need to show up. 2nd/ carries.
- PCO Appointment: Christine Grantham, precinct 1420 (16th LD)

6) Treasurer's Report (Micki McKinley)

Checking start balance: \$13,213.72

Plus: Fundraising \$42, Donation \$100.00, Misc \$12.24

Less: \$1,474.8 (Jan Norman Flowers \$132.38, Phoenix HS voter registration (Org Cmte) \$100.00, Picnic \$117.48 (\$390 outstanding, \$29.00 prior months, total \$536.48), FB boosting

(Comm Cmte) \$25.00, Campaign Contribution (Francik) \$800.00, Campaign Contribution (Perales) \$300.00)

Checking ending balance: 11,893.10

Savings start balance: \$7,672.13

Add interest: \$0.77

Savings end balance: \$7672.90

Total funds: \$19,566.00

7) Organizing Committee

- Picnic recap
- Holiday Party - 11/30/18 or earlier. Must be in current year for current eBoard to contract for space, catering.
- Election Night gathering - invited to do joint gathering with Christine Brown campaign. Nov 7, 6:30-11, Clover Island, \$200 space, \$250 food. Moved to pay \$200 for space/2nd: carried. Moved to pay \$250 for food/2nd: carried.

8) Elections Committee (Carl Baker)

- Endorsements to consider:
- Senator Maria Cantwell: moved/2nd: carried
- I-1639 - Sensible Gun Control, committee recommends endorsement: moved/2nd: carried.
- I-1634 - Pop Tax, committee recommends vote no: moved/2nd: carried.
- I-940 - Police De-escalation/Mental Health Training/Accountability, recommends endorsement: moved/2nd: carried.
- I-1631 - Carbon Tax, committee recommends endorsement: moved/2nd: carried.
- Ballot Advisory 19 - Fund Oil Pipeline Spill Cleanup, committee recommends maintain: moved/2nd: carried.

9) State Committeeperson Reports - (Kate Moran, Doug McKinley) *absent*

10) Communications Committee (Jay Clough) *absent*

11) Platform Committee (Charles Lopresti) *absent*

12) Old Business - none

13) New Business

- Need to establish meeting space for new year. Feasibility of continuing to meet at Shilo. Evaluate the feasibility of Ben Franklin Transit. Judi will investigate.
- Moved/2nd: Pay \$20 to Benton County PUD for reorg meeting.

- Shirley Miller's memorial service will be Saturday, 10/27, 2pm Events at Sunset Gardens, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland WA. Moved/2nd \$250 to charity of Miller family's choice: carried.
- Moved send out our endorsements by email to the Benton County 16th LD PCOs if there is no legal reason not to distribute/2nd: carried.

14) Good of the Order

- GOTV rally, this Saturday 10/20, 3:30 John Dam Plaza (Brown campaign)
- Francik campaign having a coffee event Saturday morning in Prosser.
- March to Save Democracy 11/3 (too late to register)
- State Office - how to vote, who to call if there are problems. Benton County had highest percent of votes not count because problems with ballot, e.g. signature issues or too late. Can register through 10/29.
- League of Women Voters, Carmichael Middle School, Thursday, 10/25, 6:30 (8th LD/Benton County)
- Shirley Long, Coordinated Campaign, database cleaned up. GOTV for next 18 days! Elections are determined by the people who show up, and that includes the volunteers as well as the voters. Canvassing hard next 18-19 days. Most effective way to get the votes in. Phone banking and canvassing daily.
- \$66 dollars collected, \$33 to 8th LD
- Happening, a Clean Energy Revolution (documentary and discussion). Friday, 10/19, 7:30, Shalom UCC
- Mike Tyree for Christine Brown campaign, expressing her gratitude.
- Ryan Cooper, Legalize Richland initiative. Good news: 1) Canada legalized. 2) Federal Govt may legalize after election. 3) Need only 250 more valid signatures. Will turn in signatures, Monday Nov 5th, will be on Feb ballot if not adopted by city. 4) CBC bringing Judge Gray to speak on War on Drugs criminal justice reform, 10/22, 10:30-12:30, Gjerde Center.

Move to adjourn/2nd, carried. 8:23pm.