

Benton County Democratic Central Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 7PM

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

- 1) Call to order 7:04PM
- 2) Adopt agenda approved
- 3) Approve minutes approved
- 4) Candidate Introduction

*Lori Sanders - County Commissioner (Republican): Born/raised in TC, running because there are some areas she can contribute to. EN rep to state public utility board. Business owner, energy star verification contractor, green ratings. Strategic thinker. Collaborative. Advocate for mental health care. Do you believe in climate change: Climate change is very real. Running as Republican because she is a Republican.

*Shon Small – County Commissioner (Republican): Current commissioner. Sympathy re: Neil Norman. 20+ years law enforcement. Voted for mental health, child victimization crime. Crisis Intervention class convinced. In favor of consolidated Crisis Response Center. Chair of Greater Columbia Mental Health, assisted Lourdes to build 2.5M facility. Mental Health Court. Has attended every Mental Health Court graduation.

5) Chair's Report – Neil Norman remembrance, GOTV - Pasco Coordinated Campaign Office ([1212 N. 20th Ave, Suite B, Pasco, WA 99301](#))

Neil Norman has passed away. Was award recipient at Norm Miller dinner. Write up from wife, Jan, would have taken all night to share. Are asking for donations to Shalom UCC in memoriam. Services, Sunday, 9/23, 2PM, 505 McMurray, Richland.

Richard Badalamente: Worked on climate committee, the nuclear power committee, the platform committee (10 years). 8th LD and Benton County Dems blog has Richard's introduction at the NMD. Neil was literally a rocket science.

Chuck LoPresti: On platform committee for 8-10 years. Held us to high standards.

Kitty Tominey: Neil put me to work on his committee. Everyone else was older, bigger, and male. Very good at teaching me to stand my ground. Never saw him in a hurry or mad.

Judi Johannesen: Neil put his energy behind his beliefs. Mobilized donations of household goods to Muslim immigrants, and was proponent of

Motion to send flowers to his home/2nd – passed.

Moved: Authorize \$150 to send the flowers/2nd – passed.

Savanna Steele [509-209-9825](tel:509-209-9825), September Picnic (volunteers) Shirley Long is here in her stead. Thanks all who have volunteered. Typically I'm a shy person. Calls are out of my element, but with practice it gets easier. ~525% of goal. Supporting the federal and local candidates. Mobilizing the straight ticket voters. Point them to information. Come sign up on my calendar.

6) Treasurer's Report

*Judi for Micki McKinley: Savings \$7,672, Checking \$13,213

7) Organizing Committee

*Peter Gerhard-Roberts - Holiday Party needs, Auction Item organizer

*John Harder - PCOs, Canvass info [12:30-3:30 @ Columbia Point Park & Marina](#), picnic at Leslie Groves.

8) State Committeeperson Reports - (Kate Moran, Ansley Gerhard-Roberts) Changes to charter and bylaws. If there are 2 state committee members, if one is one gender, the other must be a different gender. Change to bylaws: 7 state committee members appointed to board, then approved by members. Concern about too many white male appointees. Allowances to meet online. Rules committee met from 7AM – 5PM, mostly about caucus issues. Caucus issues dominated, regarding caucus pipeline of resolutions to the floor, membership lists and objection to membership lists to the State Chair. Lower Snake River Dam resolution failed. Abolish ICE passed. Protection of Journalists: passed. Other 2 also passed. Next meeting: January 25th – 27th in Olympia.

9) Old Business

10) New Business

Jay: Move to endorse Andy Miller for Benton County Prosecutor, 2nd, carried.

John Christenson, do we want to endorse other ballot measures? Allison: we will take up in October after presentations.

I1634 – Tax on Soda

I1639 – Firearms

I1640 – Law Enforcement

Advisory on tax

11) Good of the Order

Allison: Be appointed PCO. Run for State Committee Member, Officer. Contact John Harder orgchair@bencodem.org.

Christopher Tracy: won 69% of 8th LD precincts! Is working on diverse endorsements, attending Association of Washington Business, WEA. Grateful for Savanna's office and support. www.votechristophertracy.com

Alex Hall, central WA field director for Maria Cantwell's campaign. Working out of the Pasco office.

TC Dems meeting next month, second Friday, 598 Fitters' hall. Topic: Japanese internment in WWII.

Move to adjourn. 2nd. Carried. 8:10PM.