

Benton County Democratic Central Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 7PM

Location: Shilo Inn

50 Comstock Street

Richland WA 99352

Proposed Agenda

- 1) Call to order, 7:09pm
- 2) Flag salute
- 3) Adopt agenda Jay Moved/2nd, approved
- 4) **Guest Speaker: Christine Brown, candidate, 4th Congressional District**

Now has paid staff: Toshi – Campaign mgr, Jennifer Keller – finance director, Tony Ramirez – field organizer, to build an Army of Interns, “The future is both female--and young.”

Volunteer leadership: Kendall Miller – data/technology, Bob Shirpell – campaign treasurer, Richard Badalamente, Heidi Hill

Has engaged two consulting firms. Has opened a campaign office at Connect Workplace in Kennewick. New website being built by a Fuse company.

Fundraising: 2018 1st quarter, 5:1 underdog. Raised \$50K in 2017, and \$90K 2018 Q1. Every dollar from individuals, except \$500 from Grant County Democrats.

Newhouse raised \$71K from individuals in Q1 18, less than Christine. Newhouse has raised \$374K, 65% from Corporations and PACs. Christine Brown is not accepting corporate or PAC donations. No change in our country in our country until we get corporate money out of campaigns.

Challenges:

- Need data! Need canvassers! Don't have data on 46% of voters.
- Bench is narrow, need people with campaign experience.
- Dems don't have a donation practice, but now we have someone to

vote FOR. Need donations!

Christine believes in a Big Table. No more 12 white guys in a side room making decisions on women's health.

Important dates coming up:

- 5/14: Will file 9AM at Kennewick Public Library
- 5/7-14: Christine's Big Table Tour, starting in Oroville.
- 5/14, Monday 5:30 Columbia Park, blue bridge boat launch. Rally, music.

Jay moved to endorse Christine Brown for 4th CD congresswoman/2nd. Unan.

Christine's 3 main issues:

1. Universal Healthcare/Single Payer
2. Be a loud voice for immigration reform w/ path to documentation and eventually citizenship (1/2 of folks in ag business are undocumented)
3. Climate Change – reduce fossil fuel, increase green energy.

5) Chair's Report – Big Ask: we need to work as hard as Christine to get her elected. Canvassing! Fill that data. Single most effective thing you can do to effect change. We have an incredible opportunity. Some districts get more attention. State is a little remiss. Big ask is SHOW UP for Christine Brown. Cannot let this season go by w/o giving our best effort. Other roles available, too. John Maselonis: Rise and Organize 4/29. Sign up.

Norm Miller dinner: May 31st. Manka Dingra guest – first Sikh person to be elected.

Filing week: May 14-18th. File to be PCO. Link on BCDCC website.

6) Vice-Chair Report: Cinco de Mayo, sign up, parade participation, voter registration, participate in Latino cultural events.

Peter move to reimburse Peter for \$286.88 for lumber to build the float, and approve \$400.00 expenditure to participate in the 5 de Mayo parade, booth, and soccer team support in the 5/5 tournament/2nd. Carried anon.

Peter moved funding of fair booth: \$1000. 2nd. Unan carried.

Canvassing activities coming up. Will follow 2 in Benton, 2 in Franklin pattern so we support each other's canvasses.

6) Secretary's Report: Minutes behind, still in draft. Convention/Caucus and

finding an affordable room has taken priority.

Judi move to reimburse Judi Johannesen for \$162.90 for the room rental tonight/2nd. Carried.

7) Treasurer's Report (Judi for Micki):

Savings Balance: 7671.37,

Checking Balance 2/28/2018: \$15,103.16.

Expenditures \$1398.93:

- \$43.43 office supplies (Platform Committee)
- \$1,000.00 Riverside Catering (Norm Miller Dinner)
- \$50.00 Facebook Ads (Communications Committee)
- \$200.00 March for Our Lives Go Fund Me
- \$78.00 collection for March for Our Lives at 3/21 meeting put to Go Fund Me
- \$27.50 8th LD portion of Pass the Bowl at Jan and Feb meetings.

Income \$148.89

- \$149.75 Contributions
- -0.86 Anedot fees

Ending Checking Balance 3/31/2018: \$13,853.12

Judi moved that we donate \$2500 to Christine's campaign, provided that it is within the limits of the campaign finance law. 2nd. Unan carried.

8) Committee Reports

- Organization (John Harder absent – Allison) Filing 5/14-18.
- Elections (Jay) Have 8th LD candidates, need 8th LD senate candidate. Have trained support if you want to run.
- Communications (Jay) Norm Miller dinner tickets. Buy them NOW. Have scholarships for the dinner.
- Platform (Chuck) Refocusing on state platform, starting 4/28. 4 meetings before the state convention.

Judi moved to hold a joint meeting of 8th LD and County Orgs on May 16th (3rd Wed) if we have resolutions to approve. 2nd. Carried unan.

- Labor/Commerce (Allison) Nick Bumpaus and David Rose in DC.

Please tell them we would enjoy their continued support.

9) Old Business

10) New Business

- Kadlec workers rally 4/25th 5pm (service and technical workers). Issues with Providence usually subcontracting service work, thus disrupting
- Marsha Stipe, 5/2, Community Forum, Tri-City Immigration Coalition, 7pm, Richland Comm Ctr. Answering community concerns, law enforcement and educators panel.
- Carly 6/2 Pride Festival, 2 options: standard table, 2 chairs, \$75, premium \$100 6', 2 chairs, tent.

Allison moved that we do the \$100 premium booth. 2nd. Carried unan.

Chuck: Citizens' Climate Education event, Flapjack Fundraiser, at Appleby's, Rd 68/Pasco, Sat 4/28, 8-10AM

Lora: (will email details)

Health Effects of Climate Change, 5/5

11) Good of the Order

Jeffrey: Need volunteers for the Cinco de Mayo city event.

John M: 4/29 is the next Rise and Organize, 2-5, start at Roasters on 395.

Jay: Dad died of heart attack. 7yo daughter, Kennedy, jump rope for heart fundraiser.

Carly:

- 1) tcyd: GSA outreach committee, worked to put on a closet exchange, w/ all ages drag show, 16 and up.
- 2) Tc pride festival – booth options, see Carly.
- 3) Carly and others, 5/12, autism event, location tbd

12) Adjourn Carl moved, 2nd, unan