

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

2/7/2019

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Micki McKinley, Carl Baker, John Masulonis, Kendall Miller, Kate Moran, Stan Moon, Allison Dabler, and Chuck LoPresti

Meeting to order, 6:34PM

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Chair's notes:

Treasurers report

All PDC items have been dismissed.

Our contract with the Benton-Franklin Fair is for only one booth. We need to get that changed. The additional cost this year has already been accounted for in our budget. Carl Baker will work with the Fair people to finalize the 2019 contract.

We have been informed that low-cost fundraisers like passing the hat at meetings are no longer allowed. All donations need to be identified by donor and the donor's employment information. It would be good make a plug for automatic recurring donations. Donation envelopes can be placed at the sign-in table.

Treasurer still wants to do an audit. Stan Moon and Kate Moran (and perhaps John Christenson) are available to do it.

We are not doing a good job in our social media presence. Meetings to be publicized better in Facebook, both regular and E-board meetings. Micki requested some feedback on the web page. She was thinking about establishing a PCO section on it. We need new headshots of our officers for the web page.

In our financials, the savings amount is unchanged at \$7673 and the Checking account is \$10515 for a combined total of \$18,188.

There's also a question about how we share money with the 8th.

Bylaws, Rules, and Policies

The proposed bylaw changes in Article V reflect changes for the genders to bring them into line with the WSDCC bylaws. In Article VI, language is inserted to reflect the conditional existence of a 4th Congressional District organization. In Article IX, language is changed to have the webpage as an equivalent notification method to the newsletter since we are not currently doing a newsletter. In item 4 in the article, the language about the special requirement needed to bring changes to the floor was

questioned. There was also a question about whether it was proper for the scope of the text to extend beyond bylaws and apply to policies and rules as well.

The proposed change to Article II of the Policy Guide is to bring it in line with the gender rules of the WSDCC. Section 4 is changed to make sure that the financial decision makers are the people who are identified on the C1PC form of the PDC. This keeps us from having a financial decision maker who may not have been registered to the PDC beforehand. We will add an Article IX to the policy guide to include the Code of Conduct.

Meeting location

We are still open for a meeting site for this month's general meeting. Requests are out to the RPL and the Marriott Courtyard hotel. **John Masulonis** will check on the Union Street library. We are OK with paying the upcharge to get certified for the Uptown theater usage. The Uptown looks like a good possibility.

Caucus or Primary

The DNC has three requirements. The participants must all be Democrats, any venue must be ADA-compliant, and there must be a way for non-attendees to cast a ballot.

Option 1. A strict precinct caucus system like that which has been done before.

Option 2. A state primary that decides the delegate allocation among the candidates plus caucuses at the LD and CD levels to elect those delegates.

Option 3. An electronic-assisted method that uses ranked voting to allocate delegates. There are various ways this might be done such that it facilitates precinct caucuses and makes them more manageable.

--discussion notes.

The challenges are uncertainty about attendee numbers, the available venues to hold them, and the ability of our small organization being able to properly staff and conduct precinct caucuses if attendance is high.

Having a good cadre of trained PCO's and potential precinct leaders will be a big deal for the Presidential preference process.

Platform and Resolutions Committee

Kitty provided her plan for committee organization and the program of listening sessions. A topic for an early session could be on the Caucus versus Primary issue.

We must have our recommendations on this issue to the State party by March so they can put a plan in place with the March WSDCC meeting in Pasco.

Elections Committee unable to be present

The 16th LDCC proposes to hold meeting with all the Elections chairs of other LPO's (local party organizations) to find potential candidates. The 8th LDCC is doing this as well.

Organization Committee (PCO work)

Allison and Judi will finish getting the VoteBuilder access established.

There is lots of work ahead in getting PCO's and other potential precinct leaders established and trained for the Presidential preference process, whatever method gets chosen. The committee is aware that they need to communicate the need for PCO's at the activities of affinity organizations. It is difficult to be present at all the possible meetings.

Events

We need to have a wrap-up meeting on the Women's March.

The next WSDCC meeting will begin on April 5 in Pasco.

The preparation of Kate Moran's garage for storage will be in March.

Tri-City Democrats

They have booked the BCPUD auditorium for all the rest of the meetings during the year, except for this month's session.

State Committee

There is an email that contains a report. The Secretary will forward that to BCDCC members with a water mark and bullet requesting that it not be disseminated outside the organization.

Adjourned.