

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

3/4/2019

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Micki McKinley, Carl Baker, John Masulonis, Kendall Miller, Kate Moran, Stan Moon

Meeting to order, 6:17PM

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer is on the way so the Chair began with her notes.

We are about to sign the contract for the Uptown Theater meeting place. There are a couple of ambiguities in the contract that need to be clarified before a final version can be signed. We need to get insurance in place. The Chair has contacted an agent. She will provide some requested information. We will get a general insurance policy rather than just event-only insurance. It's cheaper overall and it provides a framework that makes it easy to obtain temporary riders for special events from time to time.

#### **Treasurers report**

The amount in Saving is the same. Checking is at \$10429. We compared the donation processing between ActBlue and Anedot. It turns out that Anedot provides more features and more convenient depositing for just a few more dollars. We are better off keeping Anedot.

Some new recurring donations have been booked.

#### **Elections Committee unable to be present**

#### **Organization Committee (PCO work) unable to be present**

#### **Outreach Committee**

We are talking about sending out emails to the big 8<sup>th</sup> caucus attendee list. We talked about media advertising as well as Facebook advertising. On Facebook we can hide negative comments. We are also talking about a press release and a Tri-City Herald advertisement. The question is the issue for the publicity. Perhaps Caucus-versus-Primary. Alisha will talk to someone who does graphical design for our ad.

Kitty Tominey didn't want our listening sessions to be big public events. It seems she had in mind smaller groups like PCO's.

#### **State Committee Member Kate Moran**

Joanne Fleming from Spokane will be happy to come down. The state will be posting documents on the options of Caucus-versus-Primary on Tuesday.

Some of the information on the recent State webinar call was not completely correct. The call was supposed to have been recorded. There was lots of discussion about the 15% rule at the congressional district level. Many LPO's are creating resolutions without knowing all the facts.

The caucus improvement plan addresses all the real issues people had about the old caucus method.

State level committee assignments: Kate is on the Advocacy Committee. Jey Castleberry is on the Rules Committee. Cedar Kennedy is on the Affirmative Action Committee.

The Kate Moran garage cleaning has been delayed until probably April.

## **Events**

The Move-on protest on the fake state of emergency happened. It had media coverage.

The Nuclear Informational Panel is being planned for the coming State party meeting. Each panelist will do a self-introduction. We will need to send out some sort of save-the-date announcement. It was suggested that go ahead and get a venue. Carl has the necessary A/V stuff we need regardless of venue. The Gjerde Auditorium at CBC would be good. The money will need to be approved at the March meeting. The goal is to develop relationships between our experts and party people. The health physicist organization, CCHPS, is one of the panelists.

We will participate in the Pasco Cinco de Mayo festivities. Jeffrey Robinson is chairing the event for the city of Pasco.

The Norm & Shirley Miller Dinner will be in May. Attorney General Ferguson is coming.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on our mind.

For the B-F Fair, we have a contract in place. We will have 2 booths. We expect to send in the first payment on 4/15. Franklin County can set up an no-booth contract with the Fair to have a history with them that will help with fairs in the future.

The picnic is in September. And the Holiday Party is on the radar. And there is talk about a possible concert event.

Bamboo Gardens restaurant has some big rooms that might be useful.

We need a venue database that list things like cost, capacity, contact info, and other particulars.

## **Other Items**

The Board supported the decision to buy general insurance rather than event insurance.

We are looking for good fundraising ideas with which to solicit funds for an education and advertising campaign. Christine Brown has talked about having a follow-up workshop from her past campaign.

**Adjourned at 7:23.**