

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

5/6/2019

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

Meeting to order, 6:02PM

Chair's report

The Uptown Theater contract is being extended to December 2020. The initial contract was just for 3 months to see if the relationship would be compatible. The question was raised about whether the contract contained a meeting date for the first Thursday of each month. Judi said that the poll for that hasn't been conducted yet. There are a couple of small questions with the contract about that kind of issue and we are working those out.

The Norm and Shirley Miller dinner is in flight. Volunteers have been recruited to help. There will be a silent auction. The PA system will be contracted.

Treasurer's report

Savings is unchanged at \$7600. We've had \$421 in contributions. The Norm and Shirley Miller dinner has brought in \$3785. We paid \$200 out in bills. Checking balance, \$12,700. Total balance, \$20,442.00.

Nothing to report by the Vice-Chair.

Secretary's Report

The mailing list structure in iContact has been modified. Obsolete lists have been removed. Others have been replaced by segment selections on either the full contact list or on one of the remaining mailing lists. The goal is to have only 4 main mailing lists, Benton County, Franklin County, 8th LD, and Tri-city Democrats. The secretary still needs to talk to the chairs of the 8th LD and Tri-city Democrats to work out the specifics of how they want to use iContact going forward. The structure of some of the data elements have been changed. For example, the PCO flag has been replaced by a PCO Term field. Current PCO's are identified with the term of 2019-2020. When a new set of PCO's is created for the next biennium, a new term value will be put into the field while prior PCO's will have their term value unchanged. This allows us to have an easily maintained history without requiring a mass update of the Current PCO and Past PCO flags.

We will need a secretary stand-in at the next general meeting since Kendall will be absent. We should have them able to take notes and make a recording for the minutes.

Carl will not be at the next general meeting to handle the A/V. We will call in the Eastlake person and Stan will come early to be trained on it before the next meeting.

State Committee Member Kate Moran

The state committee is working on an explanation of how the 15% threshold rule will work at the congressional district level.

The structure of the constituency caucuses remains an issue and is under discussion.

There may also be some rule changes coming on resolutions.

The DNC representative from the WSDCC is up for election in January. If folks want a change in representation, they need to contact their committee members and let them know. Typically, it takes lots of money to be on the DNC since the national committee members have to fund their own expenses to meetings all around the country.

We had some problems with our last batch of resolutions. We weren't sure exactly to whom they should have been submitted and the language wasn't quite correct.

Events

The Cinco de Mayo parade was a success despite some challenges with the float.

Kate offered that if there is a Pride parade associated with the event, she has a substantial supply of flags that could be used on a float.

We had a work party at Kate's garage. There is still more work to do. We need to inventory the current storage unit to determine the amount of space we need more precisely. The procurement of the shelving is still ongoing. When we move out of the old storage, a significant amount of refuse will be generated. We need to plan for its disposal.

Folks will be doing some sign waving at the corner of Stevens and Saint next week for National Prevention Week. Signs will be waved in shifts from 6AM to 7PM on Monday and from 6AM to 1PM on Tuesday. The needle exchange issue relates to this.

On June 14, there will be a concert co-sponsored by the TC Free Thinkers. The performer is Ron Zimmerman.

PCO stuff. John Masulonis

Allison has done a huge amount of work in figuring out what our priority precincts should be. Now we need to have lots of people to work those precincts. They have developed a script that is meant to be helpful in inviting more folks to participate in party activities and even become PCO's.

8th LD Update. John Masulonis

John has moved so there is a PCO adjustment to be made.

Elections Committee

We need a new Elections Committee Chair.

Adjourned at 6:58.