

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

8/5/2019

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Stan Moon, Micki McKinley, Kate Moran, John Masulonis, Kitty Tominy, Jay Clough, Carl Baker

Meeting to order, 6:02 PM

Treasurer's report

Not available. Total funds approximately \$28,000.

Secretary's report and minutes

Same as before. Motion to accept notes as written. Seconded and approved.

Around the table

Stan – He told Carl that he can't help with the Fair. Carl may need other volunteers.

John – The 8th LD had an emergency/special meeting about the Crawfish Boil. They authorized a total expenditure of \$2800 to spend on the event. That's \$1900 to feed 100 people. The rest to be spent in 10 person increments. Personal sponsors have given \$900. Two hundred people may possibly attend the event from noon to 4 PM, September 14, Saturday at the Emerald of Siam. Information on Facebook on the 8th LD and BCDCC pages.

Kitty – Passed out handouts of resolutions and development status. Doug McKinley is a patent attorney. He may be able to help.

Issue 1 sparked discussion. John: it diverges from the National and State positions. Jay: cautioned to be careful because it can create division in the party. John: one reference in anti-Sanders. Kitty: some are and some aren't. Read all the references. Named authors of studies that examine the bill. Says State has no role, so no one is without insurance. Top down control doesn't work. Allison: feasibility isn't there. As co-chair of State platform. Overwhelming support for single payers Medicare for All. Kitty: understand that the State Committee has info that if people knew isn't the same as the health care they currently know. Allison: Everybody is in favor of completely covered nonprofit health care. Don't scare people away with language and back them away. Think about bringing this to our local body and you're not in touch with progressive values. Won't work locally or statewide. Kitty : This is what the proposals say. Why don't you want members to have the info and choice about Jayapal bill. Kate: On the resolutions, the "therefores" are close but not there yet. State party docs show exactly how to put "therefore" to get it exactly as needed. Kitty: Shift Health Care into regulated utility. Specific actions to do. Jay: No specific updates. Meeting Aug 27-28th in Yakima. Stan: The floor will be open to amend and call to a vote. Jay: As President of the Platform Committee, this is a good job, but all resolutions have a high probability of being divisive. Especially in this election year and with allegiances all over the place.

Allison - Sending out access to Votebuilder as PCO's ask to access it.

Judi – 2.5% of the vote was rejected or undeliverable returns. Certification on 2 weeks. Matchback (which lists those who have actually voted) 1,300. 40% would be blue. Greta Gilbert is the State contact.

Had some contacts (this is wrong what can you do about it) from candidates about other candidates and negative info resolved by Dori posting publically. Brad Beauchamp (candidate for Kennewick City Council and real estate developer) was involved in a Ponzi scheme. He was not charged. The scheme involved a million dollars, \$25,000 of which was his. Emailed that info to the newsroom and Bill Burgman on vetting process for candidates. Got email from Herald. Wendy Culverwell will investigate. Local Democrats find issues that have bipartisan appeal and work on them with local Republicans. Wants to know if it's OK. Jay and Allison were in agreement. Micki and Stan were glad that postings weren't done as the Chair of the Benton County Democrats. Kitty said we would have done the same thing. Allison noted that Beauchamp will attend the diversity workshop.

Carl – Wish list: Living room theme for Fair. Use posts from Facebook. Alisha is providing couch, coffee table, and end tables. Kitty providing chairs. Send pictures to Carl. He will be in Wyoming.

Judi – Link to sign-up sheets. Get them signed ASAP until the 13th at signup.com. We will have 2 hour shifts with 3 people each. Link given to Kendall to distribute. Allison will repost on the local Our Revolution Facebook page. Fair will run from Tuesday through Saturday from the 20th-24th.

Micki will put link on communications page. Chuck asked how do we volunteer for the stage crew.

End of meeting 7pm