

**Benton County General Meeting  
September 18, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Uptown Theater, Richland, WA**

**Proposed Agenda**

Call to order

Adopt agenda

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Chair's Report

State Committee Member's Reports

Committee Reports

- Organization Committee

- Platform & Resolutions Committee

- Communications Committee

- Elections Committee

- Events Committee

- Labor Committee

New Business

Old Business

Good of the Order

**Minutes:**

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen- 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda- Approved

Secretaries Report – Last Months E-board and General Meeting minutes posted and distributed. Several events were posted on website. The contacts garnered at the Fair were added to our database. Secretary needs to follow-up with John about donor data from the Crawfish Boil event. The last General Meeting minutes were published later than usual. Thanks to Kurt Conrad for capturing notes last month during the Secretary's absence.

Adoption of Minutes- Moved, Seconded. Alisha noted a typo on her name. Approved

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer is absent but provided a written summary that was read to the body by Judi.

There was a question about the storage unit line item. We are still paying for a storage unit because the move to Kate Moran's garage has not been completed.

Chair's Report by Judi Johannesen – Judi has started attending a civility caucus with a number of people for various ideological perspectives including Bill Berkman, the chair of the Benton County Republicans, among others. Judi will report back how it is going. The idea is to learn how to talk to the other side in ways that keeps the conversation going.

State Committee Member 1, Jay Clough-

There was a conversation about responding to the transparency protocol advocated by the State party in regards to State Committee Members and the local party organizations they represent. The proposed protocol is for the SCM's communicate the coming issues to their LPO and listen to the comments from the LPO members on those issues and to report back to their LPO after State meetings to explain their votes in State issues at the most recent meeting. It was decided that this protocol does not require a rules change in the BCDCC. It is expected that the customary practice of

providing SCM's a sense of the body on important issues before the State meeting will be more intentional. It is also expected that the reports from the SCM's that have been customary in the past will be expanded a bit to include this information. Earlier in the evening the 8<sup>th</sup> LD approved a motion to this effect.

Motion to have the BCDCC hold advisory votes prior to State Committee meetings and that SCM's should return to the BCDCC meeting after the State meeting and report how they voted and explain why they may have voted differently than the prior advisory vote. Seconded.

Within the discussion of the motion there was a digression in which the Chair informed the body that the BCDCC will distribute copies of the State packet to all PCO's. State meeting attendees other than chairs and SCM's must register with the State in advance to attend the State meeting.

Motion carried.

State Committee Member 2, Kate Moran - Gave the highlights of the State meeting schedule.

### Committee Reports

Organization Committee by Allison Dabler - 3010 Recommended an approval of a new Appointed PCO, Sabastian Marachular. He is working to establish a Democrat club at CBC and is re-establishing the local chapter of Young Democrats. His PCO paperwork is in order. He will be the PCO of precinct 6271. Motion to accept. Carried.

Motion to maintain a list of precincts showing which precincts have PCOs with their names and contact information. Amendment proposed to have a list of precincts on the website that is color-coded where there are elected PCOs, Appointed PCOs, and Acting PCO's. Mover preferred to have the list emailed directly to PCOs only. The question was called. It was noted that the main motion did not have a second. No second came forward. Motion dismissed for lack of second.

Resolutions and Platform Committee, not present.

Communication Committee – Judi. Nothing to report.

Election Committee – Alisha. Has received a sample copy of the November ballot. She will give it to Judi so anyone who wishes to see can contact her after the meeting.

Events Committee – Carl Baker. Climate change health presentation 9/19, climate change rally noon on Friday, 9/20, followed by a student walk and a pre-screening of a climate change movie. There will be a climate walk on 9/23.

The fair was really successful. Lots of people stepped to help.

We are looking at buying a trailer for use for floats and stuff. Franklin County will take our old float materials. We did over 6 parades last year and were at the mercy of the rental yards for an acceptable trailer every time. The E-board approved the purchase of the trailer and we are looking for ratification of that purchase by the full central committee. We want the approval to spend are \$1000 for the trailer and another \$1000 for the float superstructure to go on it. Moved and seconded. [chair allows rambling discussion] Motion carried.

Tri-city Flights and Rights is having an event on October 17. ACLU will talk about voting rights with the Latin-x community in Pasco and across Washington.

Another ACLU event in Spokane. It's a training at the end of October into the first part of November.

Labor Committee – Jessica Wadsworth. The teachers were on strike. Unlike what's been in the press, it's not only a pay issue but a safety issue as well. Counselor staffing is just too little. They did come to a resolution and the teachers are back in school.

Many Fred Meyers workers in the region are working without a contract and there has been some criticism of how they have been treated by management. The local stores are not unionized yet but Labor is working to change that.

Labor is supporting the No on I-976 campaign. This is a Tim Eyman initiative attacking license tab fees. Labor says that this will seriously reduce transportation funding that is critical.

#### New Business

The chair of the Young Democrats is part of the county executive board. Judi requested that the body authorize Sebastian Marichular to occupy that seat in advance of the full reconstitution of the Young Democrats organization. Moved, seconded. Motion carried.

John Masulonis requested that the BCDCC website update the current link to the 8<sup>th</sup> LD website. An official 8<sup>th</sup> LD DCC website has been established and the link should go to it. Secretary will make that change.

John Christenson expressed a desire to have BCDCC sponsor a debate watching series of meetings. The chair informed us that the Uptown Theater is open to reservation if their schedule allows. Local 348 is not available to any organization other than their union. Should we decide to do something like this using the Uptown Theater, it would need to be scheduled in advance with the proprietors and funding would need to be found.

Old Business. None

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Jay Clough spoke about his campaign for school board. He's looking for yard sign locations. He is looking for canvassers and donors.

Allison Dabler – there will be a Plan to Win party for the Bernie Sanders campaign this Saturday at 1:00 PM at Fuse in the Richland Parkway. It's a potluck.

Kurt Conrad – There's a kickoff of the East Benton County Historical Museum Society also on Saturday at 9:30 AM at the First United Methodist church in Kennewick.

Adjourned