

Benton County General Meeting
October 16, 2019
7:00 PM
Uptown Theater, Richland, WA

Proposed Agenda

Call to order (7:00, 1 min)

Adopt agenda. (7:01, 1 min)

Secretary's report. (7:02, 3 min)

Treasurer's report. (7:05, 3 min)

Chair's Report. (7:08, 3 min)

State Committee-member's Reports (7:11, 5 min each)

Committee Reports

-Organization Committee. (7:21, 5 min)

-Platform & Resolutions Committee. (7:26, 5 min)

-Communications Committee. (7:31, 1 min)

-Elections Committee (7:32, 1 min)

-Events Committee (7:33, 10 min)

Recommendations:

Ratify \$500 to sponsor the Win With Women event

Ratify \$400 to purchase storage equipment

-Labor Committee. (7:43, 5 min)

-Young Democrats. (7:48, 10 min)

Recommendations:

Ratify \$1000 to start TC Young Democrats

New Business (7:58, 5 min)

Old Business. (8:03, 5 min)

Good of the Order. (8:08, 5 min)

Minutes:

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen- 7:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda- Approved

Secretaries Report -

Adoption of Minutes- Moved, Seconded. Approved

Some new contacts were added to iContact. In addition to the regular meeting notices, we also emailed copies of the State meeting packet to PCO's and assisted in distributing the meeting notice for the Tri-City Democrats. The August minutes were corrected and the September meeting minutes were posted. The October Executive Board minutes were distributed to board members. Several events were posted on website.

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer is absent but provided a written summary. We started the month with \$19974.33. We had \$16.04 income and \$125.76 in expenditures leaving a total of \$19,864.61.

Chair's Report by Judi Johannesen - Judi published a statement in regards to news reports about Andy Miller and Sheriff Hatcher. She was contacted by the Win With Women organization about an activity on October 26. The Executive Board agreed to be a sponsor of the event. Candidate forums and interviews have been posted on our Facebook page. ([I need to be made admin on FB.) Ballots are out on Friday. You might even have your voter's pamphlet today. It's time for us to help the people in our precincts with candidate information.

State Committee Member 1, Kate Moran – The recent State meeting spent lot of time debating things with very few votes. A few things were passed but there was a lot of work for which there just was not enough time.

Cigdem Capan: While the general meeting was unproductive, some of caucuses had some interesting discussions. The Labor caucus and the Environmental caucus got together about the LNG plant in Tacoma. Labor wants it and the environmental folks don't.

Jay Clough was not here at the time, but he will be given some time if he arrives later.

Organization Committee by Allison Dabler – PCO's have an educational opportunity with their precinct members. We need to help folks understand how the hybrid primary-caucus process will work next year for the selection of presidential delegates to the national convention. Allison encouraged PCO's to use Votebuilder to identify Democrats in their precincts and to seek help from her and her committee if Votebuilder doesn't work for them. Also help people get their ballots in and register to vote if they haven't yet. For folks that wish to be an elected PCO in the future, filing is in the odd numbered years. In discussion it was suggested that handouts be produced to assist PCO's in their education efforts. This idea was referred to the Communications Committee.

Platform and Resolutions Committee by Kitty Tominey – On the screen is our active worksheet and list of possible future topics. Folks are encouraged to help with our resolutions. Several specific topics were listed and expanded upon. She informally requested that an updateable table of the current worksheet be placed on the website.

Communication Committee by Judy Johannesen – We are working to get the storage unit emptied so we have so money freed up to do some advertising in the newspaper and elsewhere.

Elections Committee, Alisha not present – Committee member, John Christenson, took some time to share the list of candidates he prefers.

Events Committee by Carl Baker – We helped organize climate rallies to go along with the national Climate Strike effort. He gave a brief report about his experience in the State meeting. Referendum 88 on the ballot is the re-institution of Initiative 1000 which formally establishes affirmative action principles in Washington state. Some suicide prevention flyers on the registration table. The Tri-City Democrats have secured a supply of the Hate Has No Home Here signs. Suggested donation is 0-\$20 with a sweet spot of \$5-\$10. We hope to have a parade entry for the Veterans Day Parade.

The Executive Board approved \$500 to sponsor the Win With Women activity on 10/26. Motion to ratify that expense. Seconded and Carried.

The Executive Board also approved a \$400 expenditure for storage equipment. Motion to ratify spending \$400 for storage equipment. Seconded and Carried.

The chair asked that we post the Win With Women flyer on the website.

Labor Committee, the chair was not present.

Young Democrats – the representative, Sabastian Marichalar was not present. The chair informed the meeting that the Executive Board approved expending \$1000 to assist with the re-chartering the Young Democrats organization in the Tri-Cities region. Motion to ratify spending \$1000 to assist the Young Democrats. Seconded. There was discussion that there was lots of information lacking about the folks working on this. It was recommended that we establish accountability for how the money gets spent by the YD organization. The Chair agreed to follow through with that. The motion Carried.

New Business –

Motion by John Christenson to support the Fire District bond proposition. Seconded and Carried. The Secretary is requested to post this support on the website.

No Unfinished Business

Good of the Order

Shir Regev spoke to thank all the folks who have helped with her campaign. She asked for people to help with their time to wave signs and doorbell. She still has some signs that need a home.

Kate Moran spoke about efforts to remove breed-specific language from animal regulations. At the next meeting the Kennewick City Council will be voting on doing that in the city's municipal code. The meeting will start early at 5:30. She also made an appeal for people to support the animal shelter.

Allison Dabler spoke about the local Bernie Sanders campaign.

John Christenson spoke about having debate watching parties. There was discussion about renting time at the Uptown Theater. Motion to plan on holding 3 debate parties for the next three debates. The Chair will put the expenditure on the next Executive Board agenda. Seconded. Since the next debate in November will occur before final approval of the expense can occur, we will ask for donations at that first occurrence. Motion Carried.

John Christenson liked speech in Congress by Marcy Kaptur.

Adjourned at 8:05.

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