

Benton County General Meeting
November 20, 2019
7:00 PM
Uptown Theater, Richland, WA

Proposed Agenda

Call to order (7:00)

Approve agenda (7:00)

Secretary's report/approve minutes (7:01)

Treasurer's report/Finance Committee (7:04)

- approve expenditures related to replacing lost key and cutting padlock
off storage unit

- Holiday Party Fundraiser

-draft budget for ratification in December

Vice Chair's report (7:10)

Chair's Report (7:12)

-County Convention

-Election watch parties

State Committeemember 1 report (7:15)

State Committeemember 2 report (7:18)

Resolutions/Platform Committee report (7:21)

-Stranded Assets Resolution

Elections Committee report (7:36)

Organization Committee report (7:39)

-new PCOs

Events Committee report (7:44)

Labor Committee report

-Kadlec Nurses, ratify \$1000 (if nurses strike)

Young Democrats (7:49)

Communications Committee report (7:52)

Old Business (7:54)

New Business (7:59)

Good of the Order (8:04)

Adjourn (8:15)

Minutes:

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen- 7:11 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda- Approved

Secretaries Report -

In addition to the routine posting of minutes and events, a proposed resolution was posted on the website and notification was emailed to PCO's.

Approval of Minutes- Moved, Seconded.

Some corrections were noted on the October minutes.

John Christenson requested that mover's names be recorded in the official minutes. Especially since he moved to support the Fire District 1 Bond proposition and he recently ran for a position there.

John Christenson also requested that the speech he mentioned the Good-of-the-Order section be referenced with the name of the member of Congress who spoke, Marcy Kaptur.

These corrections were made.

[Parliamentarian Note.] Roberts Rules recommends that movers and seconders not be listed in the minutes. Once a motion is on the floor, the principle of objectivity dictates that the motion is the property of the body and the mover no longer has ownership of it. It is even possible that a mover may be opposed to the motion and is bringing the topic to the body to achieve an official rejection of the idea.

[Secretary's Note.] Given that this rules clarification was not commonly known at the time of the meeting, I added Mr. Christenson's name as the mover of the motion to support the Fire District 1 Bond proposition as a courtesy. However, the Secretary will not identify other movers, seconds, or debaters in the past nor in the future.

Minutes Approved with corrections.

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report.

A detailed budget for 2020 was passed out. We started the month with \$19864.61 in checking. We had \$119.34 income with \$2002.96 in expenditures. Combined with \$7675.97 in savings, we have \$25656.96 in total assets. There are \$635.30 in outstanding checks. The trailer project has expended \$1980.11 of the budgeted \$2000.

The 2020 budget has some new line items including insurance for our meeting space, the County Convention, and support of the 8th LD Caucus. Plus support for more events. We plan to do a bulk buy of candy to use in parades. The budget projects a surplus of \$2000 for next year. The Central Committee is requested to review this proposed budget and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting.

We had to cut the padlock on the old storage unit because the key had been lost. The Treasurer recommends that we reimburse Carl Baker for the \$25 expense he incurred.

Motion to adopt that recommendation. Seconded. Carried.

Alisha Victorine provided information on the Holiday Party. It will be Sunday, December 8, from 4-7 PM at the Anthology event center on Williams Blvd. in Richland. Ticket prices are \$55 for adults, \$50 for seniors, and \$25 for children. The announcement is out and ticket sales will start soon. Photos are solicited of activities and campaigns of the past year. We will be putting together a display. There will be a silent auction and donations for that are welcome. There will be a panel discussion with the candidates of this year's election.

Vice-Chair is not present for a report.

Chair's Report by Judi Johannesen – We are looking for a venue for next year's county convention. Since the focus of the convention is platform and resolutions, we don't anticipate near as large attendance as there will be at

the legislative district Presidential delegate selection caucuses. We expect to be able to find a venue for a nominal charge if not free.

Last month, we talked about debate watch parties. Unfortunately, the November debate is happening tonight. The next debate is December 19. We will look for a venue for that one, perhaps the Uptown. Alisha Victorine offered her house if someone would handle the A/V requirements.

State Committee Member 1 is not present.

State Committee Member 2 is not present.

Resolutions and Platform Committee report by Kitty Tominey. The consideration of the Stranded Assets has been properly communicated to PCO's and the text of the resolution has been made available pursuant to our rules. **Motion to approve. Seconded. After a period of debate, a vote was taken. Motion carried.**

Kitty highlighted a number of other resolutions which are in progress with the committee.

Organization Committee Chair is not present.

Elections Committee by Alisha Victorine – She would like to have a meeting on 11/26 or 12/1. She is also looking for additional volunteers for the committee. It was decided to have the meeting on 11/26.

Events Committee by Carl Baker – A number of people volunteered for the Veterans Day Parade, but many dropped out on the day of due to illness. We need to do better on our parade staffing with better lead times and better use of signups and reminders like we do for the Fair. This was the shakedown run for our new float trailer.

Once we got into the storage unit it became clear that there's work to be done in reducing the inventory of equipment and material we have been holding in storage.

Motion to authorize those who show up to sort the stored stuff to disposition these things at their discretion. Seconded and carried.

Labor Committee, the chair was not present. However, there is a labor-related issue on the agenda. The Executive Board has proposed that we allocate \$1000 for the Washington State Nurses Association to support their strike expenses should the Kadlec nurses go on strike. **Motion to ratify this expense. Seconded. Carried.**

Young Democrats, representative was not present.

Communications Committee by Judy Johannesen – When we get the storage unit emptied so we have so money freed up, we plan to move those budgeted funds to the Communications to do some advertising in Tumbleweird and other local publications. Micki noted that there is a regular communications line item in the 2020 budget.

No Unfinished Business

No New Business

Good of the Order

Cigdem Capan: There will be an annual Solidarity Saturday event organized by the unions announced in the near future. We will want to get that on our calendar.

Kendall Miller: Beaded bracelets are being hand-crafted and sold as a fundraiser for the eventual Democratic Presidential candidate. The bracelets have anti-Trump messages encoded on the beads in Morse Code. If you encounter someone selling them, be advised that they are indeed legitimate.

Alisha Victorine: I attended the Racial Equity and Social Justice meeting last Monday at the CUUC church. The next meeting is December 9 at the Kennewick library at 7 PM. Their emphasis is to act as a clearinghouse for information among other affinitive organizations so that efforts around these issues can be coordinated. If you're interested, you are invited to attend. I extended an invitation to them to attend our BCDCC meetings.

Carl Baker: We are primed for a Nobody in Above the Law rally under the Move-on.org umbrella on the day that impeachment articles get voted out of the House of Representatives.

Adjourned at 8:10.