

**Benton County General Meeting  
December 18, 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 2020 budget  
Vice Chair's report (7:10)  
Chair's Report (7:12)  
State Committeemember 1 report (7:15)  
State Committeemember 2 report (7:18)  
Resolutions/ Platform Committee report (7:21)  
Elections Committee report (7:24)  
Organization Committee report (7:27)  
    -new PCOs  
Events Committee report (7:30)  
Labor Committee report (7:33)  
Young Democrats (7:36)  
Communications Committee report (7:39)  
Old Business (7:42)  
New Business (7:45)  
Good of the Order (7:48)  
Adjourn (7:51)

**Minutes:**

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

**Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried**

Secretaries Report -

October minutes were corrected pursuant to requests in the November meeting.

The November minutes include Parliamentary and Secretarial notes concerning the recording of the names of those making motions in the future.

Pictures from the Holiday Party added to website.

**Approval of November Minutes- Moved, Seconded, Carried.**

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report.

No changes in the Savings balance.

Checking had a beginning balance of \$17,980.99. We received income from the Franklin County DCC for the fair booth, some contributions, and a modest amount from the Holiday Party for a total income of \$890.18. Expenditures included our last storage unit payment, some float trailer expenses, support for the Win with Women PAC, some Holiday Party expenses, and some regular administrative expenses for a total of \$1,520.78. The check balance is \$17,350.39. Total Assets are \$25,026.36.

The detailed Holiday Party reports that we spent \$2,699.19. We brought in \$2,367.16 in tickets, \$240 in donations, and \$461 from the auction. The result was a \$368.97 profit.

In the 2019 budget, we had allocated \$82 for the US Postal Service but the price went up to \$92 and the Treasurer paid that amount. **It's recommended that we approve \$92 for the postal service for 2019. This was moved, seconded, and carried.**

In the proposed 2020 budget, the US Postal Service line item should be amended to \$100 from \$82. A summary of the rest of the budget was presented. A list of anticipated events has been added with budget items for each. The Communications Committee budget has been increased to support more advertising.

**Motion to approve the 2020 budget as amended. Seconded. Carried.**

State Committee Member 1 by Kate Moran. In January next year the State Committee will be voting on members to the Democratic National Committee. Please inform Kate of anyone you know who would like to serve on the National Committee. There will be a total of 4 people elected with at least one woman and one man with a maximum of 2 for either gender or non-gender identifying people. They will also ask the state to provide some sort of financial support for National Committee-members so participation at that level is less means restricted. It currently costs about \$10,000 a year to afford that much travel. The next State Committee meeting is the last weekend of January. Also, in the week leading up to that weekend will be the Tri-Cities Lobbying Day at the State Legislature.

Since the January State meeting will be in Vancouver, Judi is planning to ride the train for that and invites anyone interested to join her on the train that weekend.

Kate also encouraged folks to attend as many City Council and School Board meetings as possible to insure proper accountability of our elected officials.

State Committee Member 2 is not present.

Resolutions and Platform Committee report by Kitty Tominey. We are working improvements to the format of our platform. Chuck LoPresti worked hard in the past to turn a 34-page platform into 4 pages. They want to be able to link elements of the platform to specific candidate positions.

Kitty invites everyone to look at the platform and submit ideas and comments to her. She would also be happy to have more volunteers to work on the platform directly.

Elections Committee by Alisha Victorine – She encourages people to refer her to not only prospective candidates but also those who have good connections and could aid in the search for good candidates. She is working on a letter that we could send to prospective candidates. You can

use the email address, [elections@bencodem.org](mailto:elections@bencodem.org). The next meeting will be on January 8 at 6:00 PM at Alisha's home, 1103 Roberdeau St. in Richland.

Organization Committee Chair is not present.

Events Committee by Carl Baker - The storage unit is empty. We weren't able to get any of the computers to turn on so we pulled all the hard drives out so we could examine them at a later date. Some decorations will be passed to the Tri-City Democrats to see if they want to retain any of them.

We had a good turnout at the recent impeachment rally. The idea came up that people who are willing to come out and stand and wave signs on a cold street corner would be a good pool from which to recruit PCO's and other party volunteers. People were asking how they could get more involved. It would be good if we had some good handouts that could be used at events like that. Carl is willing to share the MOVE-ON signup list for our local rally so that we could invite them to our own future activities.

**Franklin County has expressed an interest in our old parade float. It is recommended that we release it to them.**

**The recommendation was moved, seconded, and carried.**

Labor Committee, the chair was not present.

Young Democrats, representative was not present.

Communications Committee by Judy Johannesen - the committee did not meet.

Old Business

The leftover food from the Holiday Party was taken to My Friend's Place.

Alisha is hosting the next debate watching party.

New Business

Motion to create a committee to determine our position impeachment and removal of Donald J. Trump. There was no second.

Good of the Order

Kate Moran shared information about 2 Bernie Sanders events. There will be phone banking on 12/29 at FUSE. There will be a veteran-specific event on January 11. They will be using the new Bernie app. She also encourages supporters of other Democratic Presidential candidates to get in contact with the campaign of their choice because more activity will generate more Democratic votes regardless of the final nominee.

There will be a Young Democrats reorganization meeting at the Richland Public Library at 3:30 this Friday.

Adjourned at 7:51.