

Benton County General Meeting
January 16, 2019
7:00 PM
Shilo Inn, Richland, WA

Proposed Agenda

1) Call to order

2) Adopt agenda

3) Approve minutes/Secretary's Report

October General Meeting

Reorg Meeting in December

4) Treasurer's Report (Micki McKinley)

Budget approval

5) Chair's Report

Committee Chairs

Desire to interact with neighboring LD & County LPOs

Desire to develop message of our values to create a 4th CD ripe for a good candidate.

Consider making a monthly donation to 4th CD LPOs, BCDCC and others

Roberts Rules - Lots of business, use RR to get it done efficiently

6) PCO Organizing Committee - Allison

Appointment of new PCOs

7) Elections Committee - Jay Clough

Kennewick City Council appointment

8) Platform/Resolutions Committee - Kitty Tominey & Kate Moran

9) Bylaws - Kate Moran & Micki McKinley

10) Events Committee - Carl Baker

11) State Committeepeople - Kate Moran & Jay Clough

State Meeting 1/25-27/19, Olympia

12) Old Business

Need to establish meeting space for new year.

13) New Business

Meeting time and format

Need volunteers to observe the February election (Kennewick School Bond, Police Department Bond)

Need volunteers to act as liaisons to Franklin County, 16th LD, 9th LD, Walla Walla and Yakima LPOs

14) Good of the Order

Women's March, Saturday, 1/19/19, 2PM, John Dam Plaza, resource fair to follow in FUSE on the Parkway

Other?

Minutes:

Called to Order by Chair 7:02 PM

Adoption of the Agenda† MOVED/2ND PASSED

Approval of October and December Minutes.

October Minutes. Moved, seconded, and carried.

December Minutes. It was requested that the list of additional PCO's be amended to reflect which are Acting and which are Appointed. With that stipulation, the approval of the December minutes was moved, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Holiday Party netted \$240. Savings account is \$7673.67. Checking account is \$10,871. Our total balance is \$18,545.

The C1P3 has been filed with the PDC. The Treasurer requested an audit. John Christenson and Kate Moran volunteered to do it.

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed and has been made available to PCO's electronically. A budget item for \$750 has been added in case we need to make an immediate response to such things as a PDC complaint.

The total budget is roughly \$25,000.

Motion to approve the budget. Seconded. Carried.

Chair's Report

Committee Chairs:

Allison Dabler has been appointed to chair the PCO Organizing Committee.

Jay Clough has been appointed to chair the Elections Committee.

Kitty Tominy and Kate Moran are chairing the Platform & Resolutions Committee.

Kate Moran and Micki McKinley are working on our bylaws.

Carl Bakers is our Events chair.

Judi Johannesen is chairing the Communications Committee.

The chair is interested in connecting to other Democratic organizations around us, Yakima County, the 16th LD, the 9th LD, Franklin County, and Walla Walla County. She would like those who are interested in being a Benton County representative to any of these other organizations to contact her by email, chair@bencodems.org.

Reminded members of the benefit of having regular monthly donations from the membership.

Kendall Miller was appointed as Parliamentarian. He was asked to have a short training session at next month's meeting.

PCO Organizing Committee Report.

Allison Dabler:

She is asking PCO's to set aside a little time each month to make a few phone calls to recruit more PCO's in precincts that have high priority. Allison will help secure access to Votebuilder for all PCO's. She noted that links sent out to open Votebuilder access have a 48-hour shelf life.

The PCO Committee wants to start making preparations for the next election cycle.

PCO appointments:

Reid Romine is appointed PCO of precinct WR 9. (Janie is the official PCO because of Reid's age.)

Previous Votebuilder accounts have carried over if one had an active PCO account last year. It's a good practice to log in to Votebuilder access regularly to keep your account active.

Election Committee.

Jay Clough reported on the appointment of a new member to the Kennewick City Council. None of the 3 Democratic candidates got it. The gentleman who did was a super citizen. He was well-known to the Council.

Next elections are in the fall of 2019. The city councils and other local boards are up for election.

It's good practice and it gives us more experience and skills for future elections.

Jay is looking for additional people to help on the committee.

The committee gets people to run and directs them to the resources that are available.

Kitty Tominey on Platform and Resolutions

She has appreciated working with Charles LoPresti during his tenure as committee chair. She asked to create a position on the committee for past

chair. She also would like to create a position of first vice-chair. She wants Kate Moran in that role.

She would also like to have a second vice-chair.

One of the duties for Kate is as a liaison to the Elections Committee so there is a good exchange between the Platform and our candidates.

She recommended that we have listening sessions. We are looking for public concerns and issues. We intend to use this first year to get the process worked out and then good, productive sessions going into the 2020 election cycle. Allison Dabler knows someone who would like to help.

Platform and Resolution Committee will use these sessions to inform the platform.

Kate Moran and Micki McKinley will be working on our bylaws. We need to rework the election process for the state committee people. We need to also incorporate the state code of conduct. We are past due on getting the bylaws done.

Events Committee.

Carl Baker.

Women's March on Saturday at 2 PM in John Dam Plaza.

Work is just beginning on the Norm Miller Dinner.

PRIDE

Cinco de Mayo

B-F Fair. Our fair booth needs some repair. We will be reassessing our storage situation.

Voter registration people needed at the Women's March and the resource fair afterwards at the FUSE building.

State Committee report.

Jay Clough about the State meeting.

It's the state reorganization meeting. New state officers will be elected.

State committee people will be reporting back at our next meeting.

The state is making changes to how the various party caucuses operate.

The schedule of caucus meetings at state meeting is in a state of flux.

We have an ongoing issue of where to hold our meetings.
BFT needs to have go in person to get information on their auditorium.
John Harder will do it.

New Business.

The chair proposes that we change our format in cooperation with the 8th LD to have a time between our respective meetings for presentations that are applicable to both organizations. We also need to have a way for both organizations to take any applicable actions that may come out of the presentations.

Motion to try a presentation session between the 8th and BCDCC meeting on a temporary basis. Seconded. Carried.

The chair noted that some suggested that the regular meeting be moved to Thursday evening. We will be sending out a survey by email to ascertain the preferences of the membership on this. This issue also affects what we do about our new meeting space.

We have one volunteer to serve as an election observer for the February Kennewick school bond election.

There was a motion to have our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of month.
Motion died for lack of second.

Adjourned 8:07 PM
\$47 collected.