

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Round Table Pizza

George Washington Way,

Richland WA 99354

01/06/2020

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, John Masulonis, Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, Stan Moon, Alisha Victorine, Micki McKinley, Kitty Tominey, Sabastian Marichalar.

Meeting to order, 6:15 PM

Motion to approve agenda and December minutes. Seconded, Carried.

Secretary's report, Kendall Miller – We need to convert website to a secure site. We may have to go dark for a while. All incoming linkers will have to change the URL to use the "https:" prefix. He proposed that we send out an email to our members and inform them of the pending conversion. We agreed to not do the conversion until after the next central committee meeting. We have found an inexpensive way to have name tags for our meetings.

Treasurer Report, Micki McKinley –

(See Hard Copy) Last month we had income of \$2706.93 and expenses of 2516.25. Current total balance is \$25,217.81. The Treasurer would like a line item in the budget for Secretary office supplies. The name tags will come out of this.

Chair's report, Judi Johannessen – The new thing is that Benton County is expected to put on a 16th LD Presidential preference sub-caucus at the April 8th LD Caucus at Southridge. The registration and process will be the same as the 8th LD but on a much smaller scale. The BC piece of the 16th will elect 4 delegates to the next level (CD and State). VoteBuilder data is not terribly accurate on Party affiliation. We will have a better idea of Party affiliation after the March Primary. **Motion to propose spending \$3400 for the 16th LD Benton County sub-caucus. Seconded and carried.**

Vice-Chair, Stan Moon – no report.

State Committee Members, none present

Organization Committee, Allison Dabler not present. No report.

Events, Carl Baker – The storage unit is empty. The deposit has been received and we have settled up with the landlord. The only open issue is the disposition of the hard drives from the computers. The remaining items are in Kate's garage or the O'Brien's house.

A number of Iran war protests have occurred and there's another one on Thursday.

The next TCD meeting is Friday. They will have elections and some discussion of what programs they would like for the next year. Carl will propose for February that they have a Politics 101 Primer on local politics.

In light of the upcoming Presidential Primary and delegate selection process, we should get something on our website about that.

There will be a Lobby Day at the Legislature for the Tri-Cities on January 30 and 31.

Moms Demand Action will be a presenter at our next 8th LD and BCDCC meeting.

Election Committee, Alisha Victorine – There are 3 Republicans running for the 2 County Commissioner seats that will be elected this year, Jerome Delvin for district 1, James Beaver and Joe Lusignan for district 3. Diane McDaniels of local 348 suggested that we have a representative attend the Central Labor Council meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. John Christenson is working on a draft of our official Ask letter. He's also charged with talking to the Yakima Democrats about any potential candidate for the 4th CD. We have contacted a number of people who have run before with no takers so far. Claudia Johnson will consider a candidacy in 2022. The 16th already has two candidates. Kendall is charged with putting together a list of standards and vetting criteria for potential candidates and endorsees. It a fact that a campaign cost money and candidates need to have the capacity to raise funds. Next meeting is Wednesday from 6-8 at Alisha's house.

Resolutions and Platform, Kitty Tominey – We are working on a distilled platform of about one page in length from the current 4-page platform document. We would like to send out copies of our distilled platform draft to the PCO's and encourage their comments. We want to have a process that addresses all inputs before we bring the platform to the body for approval. Perhaps some sort of rule that limits changes an approval time but strongly invites participation and input at the sub-committee level. We had 7 resolutions that have been forwarded to the State.

Labor Committee, Jessica Wadsworth – Not present.

Communication Committee, Judi Johannesen – She put an entry into the calendar for the Senior Times for our general meeting time and location. John and Judi are still working to put together an op-ed piece for the Presidential Preference Caucuses.

8th LD, John Masulonis – There will be a Caucus Committee meeting Thursday night at 7:30 online. We will have to work on folding the 16th LD Benton County Sub-caucus into our planning.

16th LD, Kitty Tominey – The 16th LD is focusing its resources on some selected campaigns and has opted to not run its own Presidential Preference Caucus.

New Business – none

Old Business – none.

Young Democrats, Sabastian Marichalar – They have had their reorganization meeting and the officers will go to the bank Thursday and get the accounts transferred. Their next meeting will be on January 30 at 6 PM at the Mid-Columbia Library in Kennewick.

Good of the Order –

Judi will be travelling to the State Central Committee meeting at the end of the month by train and would like to have anyone who wished to use that travel method join her. She will be going down Friday morning and coming back Sunday evening. The fare is reasonable. She is also willing to share hotel room

in Vancouver for the meeting. **Motion to provide support of \$70 for Sabastian to attend the state meeting. Seconded and Carried.**

It was learned from the recent PDC meeting that when our organization has a contract that requires future payment such as the one we have with the Uptown Theater, we need to show that on our financials as a debt. Also, the people who have signed up for monthly donations should be booked as pledges (if they have pledged \$100 or more for the year). It's also helpful to list the number of copies on printing expenses.

Adjourned, 7:12 PM