

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee
Round Table Pizza
George Washington Way,
Richland WA 99354

03/02/2020

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, John Masulonis, Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, Stan Moon, Alisha Victorine, Micki McKinley, Jessica Wadsworth, Kate Moran, Kendall Miller, Chuck LoPresti, Diane Sundvik, Danielle Garbe-Reser.

Meeting to order, 6:00 PM

Motion to approve agenda. Seconded, Carried.

Motion to approve the February minutes, Seconded, Carried

Secretary's report, Kendall Miller – The February General meeting minutes and E-board minutes have been posted on the website. We have yet to receive any suggestions on improvements to the website. We need to add publicity for the Primary to the website. We are also outstanding on upgrading the PHP version we use on the website. We need to publish a standard practices guide on how folks can use the Google Drive for their committee collaborations. Subcommittee chairs have full permissions on their respective folders and they can adjust permissions to the contents on their folders at the folder level or at the document level.

Treasurer Report, Micki McKinley –

(See Hard Copy) Last month we had income of \$58.38 and expenses of \$1,196.14. Current total balance is \$23,903.87. Expenses included hall rental, office supplies, donation to Planned Parenthood, annual insurance, website services, and a button maker.

Chair's report, Judi Johannesen – We are continuing our planning for the 8th LD Caucus and the County Convention. The caucus for the portion of the 16 LD within Benton County will be held in conjunction with the County Convention at the Richland Community Center in the Activity Room on May 3. We will be putting out a post card with links to the agenda, rules, and the online pre-registration site. We're happy to have seen more racial diversity in our last meeting and hope that we progress further in that area.

Skyler Rude would like to speak at our next meeting to inform use about this past year's activity in the Legislature. There was no objection to inviting him to the next meeting.

Alisha Victorine has a graphic that we may be able to use.

We may want to look at what it would take to use bulk mailing for our Call-to-Meeting postcards.

Vice-Chair, Stan Moon – no report.

Organization Committee, Allison Dabler not present. No report.

Events, Carl Baker –

The Womxn's March is set for Sunday.

There was some talk about the flag mounts for the trailer.

There will be a Voting Party on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 4:30 at the Emerald of Siam.

There are letters going out from the Auditor's office telling people that they failed to mark party preference on their ballots. It turns out that there was a bad scanner. The scanner has been fixed and many ballots will be accepted after they are rerun. This needs to be publicized on the website and social media. People need to be informed to check again.

Election Committee, Alisha Victorine – I went through the storage and found some generic business cards that could be used. We also have plenty of materials like clipboards, name tags, papers and posters, etc. There were also a good number of business cards which could be useful. We'll distribute them to anyone who wants them at the next general meeting.

Danielle Garbe-Reser spoke to us about obtaining an early endorsement in her 16th LD Senate race. She had a career in the foreign service with a posting in Indonesia and helped with the recovery from the Bali bombing in 2001. She needed to come closer to home to help with her family. She took a position as the CEO of Sherwood Trust in Walla Walla. She announced on January 22 and by 11 days later, she had raised \$42,000 for her campaign. As a part of our endorsement process we ask candidates to provide a State Patrol background check and to read our platform to make sure that they are OK with it. We are working on an endorsement package that we can provide to our endorsed candidates. ⁱDonations can be made at electdanielle.com or garbereser.com.

Motion to endorse Danielle Garbe-Reser for the 16th LD Senate position. A donation of either \$1000 or the PDC limit, whichever is lower. Seconded and Carried.

Resolutions and Platform, Chuck LoPresti – People are beginning to contribute to the platform. We haven't received any resolutions so far. Our deadline for the submission of resolutions is April 3.

Labor Committee, Jessica Wadsworth – We are waiting to see what transportation jobs will be able to be revived in project affected by I-976. Labor has not endorsed anyone in the Presidential race. The Benton County Calendar doesn't seem to be working.

Communication Committee, Judi Johannesen – The main efforts now need to be about the coming LD Caucus and the County Convention. We will be preparing a mailing to go out about these things. I've been doing Facebook posting answering questions about the Primary ballots.

8th LD, John Masulonis – We had a good meeting with Tim Woods for Southridge High School. We were able to tour the site and view the rooms we will use for the caucus. We will be able to use their sound system in the gym. The template for the rules is now available. We no need to plan a meeting of the Rules Committee

We may need provide some names of people for the State Convention Committee by March 12.

16th LD, no report.

Young Democrats, Sabastian Marichalar – We have just been able to get the bank account operational. We had a good meeting last week. And now we are ready to file our PDC paperwork. We want to

organize lots of volunteer efforts. We are exploring whether the Dutch Brothers would be a good labor organizing target. Many of their employees are not happy with their management. Sabastian would appreciate some help setting up a website for the Young Democrats.

State Committee Members, Kate Moran – There has been some discussion on Facebook about what it takes to be a delegate at the National Convention. Some organizations have set up fundraising for delegate expenses.

New Business –

Unfinished Business – none.

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Adjourned, 7:25 PM