

**Benton County General Meeting
January 15, 2020
7:00 PM
Uptown Theater, Richland, WA**

Proposed Agenda

Call to order (7:15)
Approve agenda (7:15)
Secretary's report/approve minutes (7:16)
Treasurer's report/Finance Committee (7:19)
Vice Chair's report (7:22)
Chair's Report (7:25)
-16th LD Caucus
State Committee Member 1 report (7:35)
State Committee Member 2 report (7:38)
Resolutions/Platform Cmte. report (7:41)
Elections Committee report (7:44)
Organization Committee report (7:54)
-new PCOs
Events Committee report (8:00)
Labor Committee report (8:06)
Young Democrats (8:09)
Communications Committee report (8:12)
Old Business (8:15)
New Business (8:20)
Good of the Order (8:30)
Adjourn (8:40)

Minutes:

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen- 7:15 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried

Secretaries Report -

December minutes were posted. January Executive Board minutes were posted. Events posted for the No War with Iran rally and the Tri-City Legislative Day. A list was posted of presidential campaign contacts for Washington state.

The website will soon be converted to a secure website. Immediately before that happens, an email will go out to a broad audience with the warning that we may be dark for a number of days. Once the website has come back up under the new regime, another email will go out with instructions for how to reconnect to it and its contents.

An initial set of name badges has been created for use during the meetings. We will make more badges as needed. These are to be returned to the registration table after each meeting.

Approval of December Minutes- Moved, Seconded, Carried.

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report.

Increase of \$0.77 in the Savings balance to \$7667.

Checking balance started at \$17350. We have had some contributions and income from the Holiday Party. We paid the rest of the storage unit bill and the Post Office. We paid for Holiday Party expenses and some storage materials. New balance of \$17541. Total assets are now around \$25K.

We need to add a line item to the budget for the Secretary of \$150 for office supplies plus the correction for the Post Office that we discussed last month making the total budget \$26908.

The budget change was moved, seconded, and carried.

Vice-chair Report by Stan Moon. Not present.

Chair's Report.

The BCDCC has been charged with putting on a 16th LD Presidential Caucus for the portion of the 16th LD that resides in Benton County. We will have the caucus in parallel with the 8th LD Presidential Caucus on April 26 at Southridge High School. **It's recommended that we allocate up to \$3400 to fund the 16th LD Presidential Caucus.**

Motion to adopt the recommendation. Seconded.

Motion to amend the question to say that the chair will speak with the 16th LD chair to find out how much money they've got prior to deciding how much to give them for their caucus. Motion to amend was not seconded.

Main motion was carried.

We are still looking for a venue for the County Convention on May 3.

State Committee Members are not present.

We are looking for fundraising ideas so we can provide scholarships for delegates to attend the Congressional District caucus and the State Convention. Future agenda items to provide direct funding by the BCDCC need to be brought to the next Executive Board meeting before they can be presented to the full BCDCC meeting.

Motion to earmark any donations we collect between now and the LD Caucus for use in a scholarship fund. The Chair welcomed the motion but ruled that it needs to be presented at the next Executive Board meeting. The Chair noted that it isn't legal to for a donor to directly earmark any donation, but the body can decide to spend any receipts over a given time period in a specific manner.

Resolutions and Platform Committee report by Kitty Tominey. We will send out a short form of our platform and response in email ask for changes and comments. We want to get input in advance so we don't have lots of editing during the main meeting. The committee is operating by email.

Election Committee report by Kendall Miller. The committee met on the 8th. John Kennedy shared how the unions were instrumental in the recent winning campaigns of Chuck Torelli and Jim Millbauer. We should find ways to build stronger relationships with our local unions. We plan to obtain a list of labor contacts. We should look for opportunities to speak at their activities and we should invite union representatives to speak at our meetings.

There has no progress on finding a 4th CD candidate so far.

We are talking to someone about running for the Benton County Commissioner District 3 seat. We are still looking for a possible candidate in District 1.

Shir Regev has submitted her C1PC paperwork to the PDC for a campaign to unseat Brad Klippert is the 8th LD Position 1. We have an opportunity open for a candidate for Position 2 against Matt Boehnke.

Judi informed the body that John Christenson was appointed to a position on the Fire District 1 Commission. A sitting member passed away and the Commission sought John out since he had run in the past election.

Organization Committee by Allison Dabler. Allison has call lists for distribution to PCO's. Precincts have been prioritized for contact and PCO's and other volunteers are encouraged to take a list for a priority precinct. We have a new PCO candidate, John Kennedy, who unfortunately isn't here to be appointed tonight. John is already participating on the Organization Committee.

The subjects for the calls are about the Primary election ballots and LD Caucuses.

Events Committee by Carl Baker. ([see the slide at this link](#)) We have an invitation for the fair booth. List of parades. The local Women's March will be March 8. We need people to attend. The Tri-City Democrats reorganized last week. Carl is still the President and John Kennedy was elected Vice-president. They discussed future topics for meetings. The February meeting is planned to be like a Politics 101 session to introduce folks to

basic concepts and the local landscape. They will also have information about being a Presidential preference delegate at the various levels.

The Women's March will be on March 8 which is the International Day for Women. Judi is unable to attend the planning meetings for that and would like to have a volunteer who could attend in her place.

Labor Committee by Jessica Wadsworth. The passing of Initiative 976 took lots of jobs out. She advised us that the best way to gain knowledge about the unions is to contact them directly.

Young Democrats by Sabastian Marichalar. Not present. They have reorganized and are having regular meetings. They have established a bank account and they have a plan for using the money that we donated to them.

Motion to provide a stipend of \$70 to Sabastian Marichalar to enable him to attend the WSDCC meeting at the end of this month. The Executive Board has approved this expenditure. Seconded and carried.

Communications Committee by Judy Johannesen. We were able to get our meeting times onto the Senior Times calendar. We are working for an op-ed for the Primary and LD Caucuses.

Old Business

New Business

Mary Weber is looking for areas of need to clean sidewalks. One suggestion was to contact Boy Scout groups.

Cedar Kennedy informed us that the DNC elections will occur at the next WSDCC meeting. She would like to hear if anyone has any preferences.

Good of the Order

John Christenson informed us that he had been appointed to the BC Fire District 1 Commission. There may be other public positions available for people if they just make it known to the appropriate bodies that they are

interested. He also expressed his gratitude for the BCDCC endorsement of the FD 1 bond.

Allison Dabler spoke about local Our Revolution. The local chapter has material and social media accounts to follow.

Adjourned at 8:32.