

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting
Online meeting via Zoom

04/06/2020

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, Stan Moon, Alisha Victorine, Jessica Wadsworth, Kate Moran, Kitty Tominey, Sabastian Marichalar, Chuck LoPresti, Jeffrey Robinson, and Allison Dabler.

Meeting to order, 6:34 PM

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Adopt Agenda and Minutes
- 3) Secretary's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Chair's report
- 6) Vice-Chair's Report
- 7) State Committee Members
- 8) Organization Committee
- 9) Events Committee
- 10) Elections Committee
- 11) Resolutions and Platform Committee
- 12) Labor Committee
- 13) Communications Committee
- 14) 8th LD
- 15) 16th LD
- 16) Young Democrats
- 17) New Business
- How to meet during Covid.
- 18) Unfinished Business
- League of Women Voters
- 19) Good of the Order
- 20) Adjourn

Motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adopt the minutes of March e-Board and e-Board Emergency meetings. Seconded. Carried.

Secretary's Report – Kendall Miller

I sent out notices for our attempted March general meeting for full proxy voting on online meeting bylaw changes. I also sent out notices for the cancellation altogether of our March meeting.

I've also loaded iContact people plus 2018 Precinct Caucus people to the Contacts on our Google account contacts and merged duplicates. Google Contacts doesn't have the limits that iContact has and

we don't need to dummy email addresses for contacts for whom we have no email address. Google Contacts allows us to keep the same kind of data we were keeping in iContact.

On the website there were no events to post and no March general meeting minutes to post. The March E-board and emergency March E-board meetings minutes were posted.

Votebuilder does seem to have the data from the March Presidential Primary election posted so there are lots of newly identified Democrats in our neighborhood lists.

Treasurer's Report – Micki McKinley, Not present.

Chair's Report – Judi Johannessen

We cancelled the March General meeting in compliance with our state's effort to combat the pandemic. We still have no formal framework for operating in a completely online environment. However, we should still have online meetings and expect to ratify actions taken later in in-person meetings when they are allowed again.

Motion to operate under the proposed bylaw changes while under the stay-home order with all actions subject to subsequent rejection or ratification by normal in-person meetings once they are allowed. Seconded. Carried.

The Washington background check on Danielle Garbe-Reser was OK. We had an email Christine Grantham of the League of Women Voters with something that we will consider under New Business on the agenda.

Vice-Chair's Report – Stan Moon. Nothing to report.

No State Committee Members present yet.

Organization Committee – Allison Dabler.

The Coordinated Campaign is starting. We don't know what message they are using. We have an Eastern Washington coordinator. Statewide phone banking is proceeding without everyone meeting in a central office. We're not sure what the message is that they are pushing out. Allison will also reach out to the Coordinated Campaign person.

Christine Grantham has a friend who would be a good PCO prospect.

Events Committee – Carl Baker.

Parade float was at Carl's house over the winter. It's now in Kate Moran's garage. It will be idle until things change.

The Tri-City Democrats will try to have a meeting on Friday on ZOOM.

The Norm and Shirley Awards Banquet is off for May. We may need to think of some fundraising. Danielle Garbe Reser is also doing some fundraising. Frances Chvatal is holding a listening session.

Election Committee – Alisha Victorine

Danielle Garbe Reser did her background check. She informed us that she had some differences with platform things. In her view, business will need to be a partner going forward. She has not supported universal health care coverage but does to see an affordable public option such that everyone who wants insurance can get it. She fully supports coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions.

Alisha had to postpone some meetings with labor leaders. She received an email from the League of Women Voters about their plans for the banquet.

She's heard nothing from Frances Chvatal, the other 16th LD Representative candidate. Danielle has raised \$93,000. She has hired Maddy Robby as campaign manager. Maddy worked for the Andrew Yang campaign.

State Committee Member 1 – Kate Moran

LD and CD caucuses will be online only. We need to get lots more folks registered to be delegates. Chairs can be delegates. We need to get enough people to be delegates, so we have enough people to choose from. We really need people to be LD delegates from which to choose from. There is a link on the Washington Democrats webpage with which to register as a delegate candidate. The voters are the PCO's who were elected or appointed as of March 16. We need to make PCO lists available to the delegate candidates. The costs for being a national delegate is not as much as people have been publicizing. It's more like \$3,000 to \$4,000 rather than \$10,000.

LD 8 needs 9 Sander delegates and 10 Biden delegates. LD 16 needs 8 Sanders delegates and 8 Biden delegates. Allison, Kate, and Kitty will make calls far more delegates. Allison will talk to the appointed PCO's to determine what personal information they are comfortable with distributing to the LD delegate candidates. People who submitted their information as a delegate candidate before the caucuses were changed to online will need to go in again because more information is now required under the online caucus protocol. Judi will craft an email for our full list about delegates. 8 or 16.

Judi will create an email for full distribution about how to become a delegate. She will also place another ad in Tumbleweird. We have cancelled the venues we had reserved for the 8th LD Caucus and the Benton County Convention.

We will not have a state convention.

Resolutions and Platform Committee.

Chuck LoPresti could not be heard. The platform is close to its final form and we are looking for a meeting at which to give it formal approval. We will handle the platform at a regular meeting.

Labor Committee – Jessica Wadsworth.

Lots of workers are taking unemployment and biding their time. Lots of folks are not eligible unfortunately.

Communication Committee – Judi Johannessen

Sign up to be a delegate. We need to announce in Tumbleweird and Tri-City Herald about signing up to be delegates and the online county convention as well. The Franklin County Democrats will pay for TCH ads.

8th LD representative not present.

16th LD representative not present.

Young Democrats – Sabastian Marichalar

They will have a virtual meeting this week. No formal meeting this month. Will be asking people to be PCOs and delegates. We will be working on a website.

New Business

We will use May 3 for a virtual convention with only the platform on the agenda.

The 8th LD needs to have a planning meeting for how they will run their online caucus.

There was discussion about how to deal with our sign language interpreter. The only voters will be PCO's and we know of none who need that sort of accommodation. But there may be delegate candidates that could need such accommodation. We will have to examine the delegate candidate signups to see if such is the case. Since the county convention is open to a broad audience, we may want a sign language interpreter to be retained for it. We can explore the differences between having a subtitle interpreter or ASL. Alisha will look into the costs and contracts.

Kate Moran: what are other LD chairs doing? She will ask around.

Talk about getting people on the state Rules and Resolutions committees. Kate and Sabastian would both like to serve on Rules or Resolutions.

Motion to use May 3 for an online convention. Seconded and Carried. The meeting will be at 2:00 using Zoom.

The Eastern Washington Coordinated Campaign Leader is Chris Kingsley.

Unfinished Business

The League of Women Voters have a budget. They are having an essay contest and are asking the BCDCC to fund one of the prizes.

Motion to fund a \$1500 prize for one of the winning essays.

The banquet is planned for August 8 at 6:30 PM at the Richland Red Lion (Hanford House). High school students will participate in the essay contest.

Motion seconded and carried.

Good of the Order

Adjourned at 7:49 PM