

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting
Online meeting via Zoom

07/06/2020

Attendance: Judi Johannesen, Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, John Masulonis, Micki McKinley, Kate Moran, Kitty Tominey, and Jeff Robinson.

Meeting to order, 6:33 PM

Agenda:

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

Motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June E-board meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Secretary's Report – Kendall Miller

From iContact, we announced this meeting. We activated a new sign-up response email. We also added a few new contacts. On the website, we fixed a problem with the subscription process. We had been getting subscriptions from some suspicious sources. It looks like it could be a hacking attempt. We activated an invisible reCAPTCHA function and the suspicious subscriptions have stopped. We posted the June general meeting minutes. We also posted 7 events notices.

I want to propose that we change our website theme. The fonts we are currently using are not as readable as I would like.

Treasurer's Report – Micki McKinley (written report submitted)

We had a tiny bit of interest income into our savings. Saving is at \$7678. We received \$420 from the 8th LD as reimbursement for advertising. We received a refund from the Fair for \$1340. We received contributions from 4 donors bringing the total Income to \$1846. For expenditures we had Tumbleweird for \$50 and \$70, a donation to Frances Chvatal of \$1000, a donation to Carly Coburn of \$1000 for a total of \$2120. Which leaves us with a checking balance of \$3129. This would make our total assets at \$10868.

No campaigns were present with any reports.

Chair's Report – Judi Johannesen

Judi attended a couple of Black Lives Matter protests. KVEW messed up and only aired Judi's interview. The fundraiser needs more work.

Vice-Chair's Report – Stan Moon. Not present.

State Committee Member 1 – Kate Moran.

There is not much going on. The national convention in August will be online. The Platform Committee is accepted public comments on 6/29, 7/1, and 7/2. Otherwise, there is not much going at the state level except planning for the national convention. There may be in-person assemblies by region mixed with individuals at home. Tri-City Bakers Against Racism (contact Alisha) have good things for sale. They have gluten-free items and some monster cookies. Justin Raffa has a campaign meeting tonight.

State Committee Member 2 Report – Jay Clough not present.

Organization Committee – Allison Dabler not present.

Events Committee – Carl Baker.

Nothing to report.

Election Committee – Alisha Victorine

Not present but submitted a written report:

I have nothing more to report as elections chair than that Justin Raffa has door hanging opportunities for anyone interested in taking a PCO section to distribute elections materials.

Resolutions and Platform Committee – Kitty Tominey.

Kitty sent a short report:

The invitation to make comments on national platform was forwarded to committee members and a few other parties who were interested from the state convention process.

A list of resolution options is being prepared for the team and E-Board to consider.

Kitty sent the final state platform to the team members to see if we want to turn any planks into resolutions. She has a .pdf of the National platform.

Labor Committee – Jessica Wadsworth not present.

In an email thread, she reported that Frances Chvatal has received endorsements from the Teamsters and Laborers unions.

Communication Committee – Judi Johannesen

Judi has been making Facebook posts of the various campaign activities.

8th LD representative – John Masulonis.

We endorsed Justin, Shir, and Doug and made contributions to them.

16th LD representative – Jeffrey Robinson.

We've been really active working with the coordinated campaign. Danielle Garbe-Reser has raised over \$140,000. They have done lots of calls and contacts. The 16th LD candidates have been coordinating with the Franklin County Commissioner candidates to do as much outreach as possible. The 16th LD DCC will have its regular meeting on 7/25 to consider endorsements for Hilary Franz and Denny Heck.

Young Democrats – Sabastian Marichalar not present but supplied a written report.

Here is a statement on the progress of TCYD:

“These past few weeks we've been trying to build and put together our new TCYD website with a way to accept donations. We're almost finished. Progress has been slower than expected, but progress nonetheless.

I've been in talks with the new YDWA leadership elected in June and they're going to do what they can to help us grow. These include recruitment strategies and hands-on help. Because of the current Pandemic, it's been unexpectedly difficult to grow, especially for such a new organization. However I'm confident that with YDWA support we'll be able to facilitate growth.

We are going to be sending out endorsement questionnaires this week to local candidates who may want our endorsement. If any candidates are on the call, please have them contact me. My email is tricitie@ydwa.org.

In some personal news, I got word late last week of an appointment from State Party Chair Podlodowski to be 1 of 3 Pages to the upcoming Democratic National Convention. It's a great honor to have this appointment and I'm looking forward to the work that comes with it.”

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email or text me. I'm also available for a brief call if that's preferred.

Thanks,

Sabastian Marichalar

For some reason, the Biden campaign refused to have Sabastian as a delegate. Tina's appointment of him for one of the page positions is the best she could do.

New Business

It has been proposed that we obtain a box of Biden signs to distribute. They are available in lots of 50 from a printer in Spokane.

Motion to buy a box of signs. Seconded.

There was some discussion about whether this would have to be booked as a campaign contribution or not. It was suggested that we make the action of the motion contingent on it not being a campaign contribution. Judi queried Jay whether the signs were coming from the campaign or just the printer. They are not from the campaign but directly from the printer. At the general meeting we can choose to bring forward the motion or not depending on what we may find out between now and then.

Carried.

Unfinished Business

Carl Baker amended this Events report. The Tri-City Democrats sold 3 more of the Hate Has No Home Here signs. They will have a virtual potluck with a candidate forum on Friday.

Good of the Order

Adjourned at 7:18 PM