

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting  
Online meeting via Zoom

11/02/2020

Attendance:

Judi Johannesen, Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, John Masulonis, Micki McKinley, Stan Moon, Kitty Tominey, Chuck LoPresti, Jessica Wadsworth, Carla Rang, Justin Raffa, Allison Dabler, Kate Moran, Sebastian Marichular, and Alisha Victorine.

Meeting to order, 6:32 PM

Agenda:

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

**Motion to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Carried.**

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

**Secretary's Report – Kendall Miller**

1. iContact
  - a. Initial Ballot Chasing email
  - b. Second Ballot Chasing email
  - c. Announced November Executive Board meeting
  - d. Booked October meeting attendees
2. Google account
  - a. Booked October meeting attendees
3. Google Phone
4. Website
  - a. Prepare to move from election mode to reorg mode.
  - b. Announcements
    - i. Gael Tarleton
  - c. Added a section under Committee News for Platform and Resolutions activity
  - d. Posted the October Executive Board minutes
  - e. Posted events notices
    - i. Women In Leadership
    - ii. Keep Ya Crown
    - iii. Gael Tarleton
    - iv. Abolitionist Feminism
    - v. Trick or Vote
    - vi. Carly Coburn Phone Banking
    - vii. Doug McKinley Town Halls
    - viii. Signs Update
    - ix. Raffa Campaign Wrap-up
    - x. Veterans Day Parade
  - f. Events added to our Google Calendar
  - g. Monthly transfer of past recent events to Weblog.
5. Specific Recommendations
  - a. Approval of the October E-board minutes

## Treasurer's Report - Micki McKinley

### Financial Report October 2020

<b>Savings</b>	Beginning Balance - 1 October 2020	<b>\$7,679.29</b>
	Ending Balance - 31 October 2020	<b>\$7,679.29</b>

### Checkin

<b>g</b>	Beginning Balance - 1 October 2020	\$9,640.32*
	<b>Income</b>	
	contributions (including signs)	\$637.08
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$637.08</b>
	<b>Expenditures</b>	
	9/22/2020 Tumbleweird	\$70.00
	Trailer registration	\$67.25
	sign refund - should have donated to 8th LD	\$25.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$162.25</b>
	Balance 10/31/2020	<b>\$10,115.15</b>
	<b>Total Funds - 31 October 2020</b>	<b><u>\$17,794.44</u></b>

\* Due to typo last months balance was reported incorrectly as \$9,840.32  
Starting value mistake \$3,555.51 instead of \$3,355.51

We started with \$9640 in checking and received \$637 in sign and regular donations. We had expenditures of \$162. That gives us a total of funds of \$17,794.

### Campaign reports.

#### Carly Rang for Danielle Garbe-Reser

They are doing phone calls to Get Out the Vote and excited for tomorrow. A recent poll said Dannielle is in a dead heat. Peter Dozier is playing catch up.

#### Justin Raffa

This is his final update. He has received public endorsements from 62 individuals including formerly-elected and community leaders, 12 endorsements from small businesses, 12 from labor unions, 3 party organizations, and 2 newspapers. The campaign raised nearly \$70,000 from 525 contributors. The Benton County Republicans did not endorse Delvin. Tomorrow night he will be hanging out at Moon Shot Brewing for the party. He's hopeful for a blue wave at all levels tomorrow.

### **Allison Dabler for Doug McKinley**

They are referring their volunteers to the Coordinated Campaign for GOTV phone-banking. Allison has been working on curing ballots. They are hoping to push the needle in the right direction. They have been working to get more Democratic turnout in the 4th CD.

**Motion to change Article 5 in the bylaws to add the office of Second Vice Chair and to add a section in the Policy Guide for the duties and responsibilities of the Second Vice Chair. Seconded. Carried.**

### **Chair's Report**

Ballot chasing is going well. Judi has been posting on Facebook supporting statewide and local candidates. There has been a request to do ballot collections. It's legal but problematic because the process is complex. The Garbe-Reser campaign has set up a process to do this and would be happy to support other organizations who wish to help out in this way. We should put this on the list for future elections and add it to our election toolbox.

Allison Dabler will refer PCO's to Carly Rang if they wish to collect ballots.

### **Vice-Chair's Report - Stan Moon.**

Nothing to report.

### **State Committee Member 1 - Kate Moran.**

Nothing to report.

**State Committee Member 2 – Jay Clough not present.**

**Organization Committee – Allison Dabler.**

PCO's are encouraged to Get Out the Vote in their precincts.

Kate Moran about PCO survey out on 11/5. concern about the personal questions not being sufficiently masked.

**Events Committee – Carl Baker.**

There is a tentative protest planned for 4:30 on November 4 should there be organized efforts to corrupt the counting of ballots. Be ready.

Our biennial reorganization meeting will be on December 5. Expect to see more new people.

West Richland Chamber of Commerce Veterans Parade. Alisha did a great video for the parade. Typically we don't classify our entry in the parade for judging but the video was so good that Carl entered it to be judged.

Tri-City Democrats will meet on Friday, November 13. The topic will be "What's Next?" That depends on the results of the election but either way there will be much to discuss on that topic with whatever type of leadership comes to pass.

**Elections Committee – Alisha Victorine**

There was a good article published in [couriernewsroom.com](https://freakonomics.com/podcast/bonus-sudhir-mcgowan/) about how technology both aids and hinders democracy. The article is linked at <https://freakonomics.com/podcast/bonus-sudhir-mcgowan/>. We will be assembling lessons-learned information from this last election cycle.

Secretary's note: I suggest to all committee chairs to assemble their materials for handing off to a new staff lineup after the reorg. This can be aided by loading electronic material onto the Benton Dems Google Drive folder for your committee. I'll work with anyone who needs help doing that.

### **Resolutions and Platform Committee - Kitty Tominey.**

We've been collecting good material. Chuck sent Kitty a link to an article on changes to the US Supreme Court that need to be made. Things like this could be turned into resolutions. We should take the opportunity to make these resolutions more effective by bringing the issues before candidates and the media. There's another opportunity to enact an Equal Rights Amendment at the state level. The current worklist and template is on the website. It is hoped that individuals or other affinity groups can find something there that interests them.

### **Labor Committee - Jessica Wadsworth**

Her local did three rounds of calls to all their members. They have had good feedback from their members. They have also been providing volunteers to as many campaigns as they could. All the other locals have been on the same page.

### **Communication Committee - Judi Johannesen**

Covered in the chairs report.

### **8<sup>th</sup> LD representative - John Masulonis.**

Nothing to report.

### **16<sup>th</sup> LD representative - not present.**

### **Young Democrats - Sabastian Marichalar.**

They are working on getting more people into the group. They are looking at ideas like doing a PPE drive to raise their public profile. We still need to figure out our email service. We'll start having public meetings with our first on 11/23 at 6:00 PM.

### **New Business**

Benton County will have an election zoom watch party tomorrow.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

None

**Adjourned at 8:16 PM**