

Benton County General Meeting
October 21, 2020
7:00 PM
Online via ZOOM

Proposed Agenda

Call to order
Approve agenda
Secretary's report/ approve minutes
Treasurer's report/ Finance Committee
Campaign Reports
Chair's Report
Vice Chair's report
State Committee Member 1 report
State Committee Member 2 report
Resolutions/Platform Cmte. report
Elections Committee report
Organization Committee report
Events Committee report
Labor Committee report
Young Democrats
Communications Committee report
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the Order
Adjourn

Minutes:

Call to order Chair Judi Johannesen at 7:01 PM

[Secretary's note: We have 51 Central Committee members so the 20% is 10 and minimum quorum is 10. Attendance was 15 members and 6 from the general public.]

Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried

Approval of September Minutes- Moved, Seconded, Carried.

Officer Reports-

Secretaries Report -

1. iContact
 - a. TCD meeting announcement
 - b. Announced October Executive Board meeting
 - c. Announced October online general meeting
 - d. Booked September meeting attendees
 - e. Added new contacts. We have a number of new subscribers.
 - i. Donors
 - ii. Facebook contacts
 - iii. Website sign-ups
2. Google account
 - a. Booked September meeting attendees
 - b. Added new contacts.
 - c. Developed Ballot Chasing data support.
3. Google Phone
 - a. Phone activity of 65 calls since last meeting
4. Website
 - a. Added a new page for all the videos from recent candidate forums.
 - b. Announcements
 - i. Signs Events
 - ii. Phone Banking Works
 - iii. WSDCC RBG
 - iv. 8th LD Signs Update
 - v. TCRCC Forum Benton County Commissioner
 - c. Slide show.
 1. Added more pictures harvested from current campaigns.
 - d. Posted the September General meeting minutes
 - e. Posted the September Executive Board minutes
 - f. Posted the October Executive Board minutes

- g. Posted events notices
 - i. Zero-Carbon Energy Mix
 - ii. TCFE Allies Panel
 - iii. ACLU: Pandemics
 - iv. Carly Coburn Phone Banking
 - v. Doug McKinley Town Halls
 - vi. Signs Update
 - vii. Something's Brewing
 - viii. National Coming Out Day
 - ix. Race Series: Part 1
 - x. Whole Washington
 - xi. Disinformation in Local Elections
 - xii. History of Civil Rights: Tri-Cities
 - xiii. BLMWW-Breonna Taylor
 - xiv. 8th LD Signs Update
 - xv. Riden with Biden
 - xvi. Badger Club 4th CD Forum
 - xvii. Badger Club BC Forum
 - xviii. Badger Club Basic Health Care
 - xix. Women In Leadership
 - xx. Keep Ya Crown
 - xxi. Gael Tarleton
 - xxii. Abolitionist Feminism
 - xxiii. Trick or Vote
 - h. Events added to our Google Calendar
 - i. Monthly transfer of past recent events to Weblog.
 - j. Added some new You-Might-Be-A-Democrat riffs.
5. Specific Recommendations
- a. Approval of the September General Meeting Minutes
 - b. Zoom meeting link for the scheduled Ballot Chasing meeting

We have just had the first tranche of ballots reported by the Secretary of State. For Benton and Franklin counties combined, we had about 110 Democratic ballots that were rejected and need to be cured. There will be new numbers each day as more ballots come in.

Treasurer Report – Micki McKinley

Savings is basically unchanged \$7678. In checking, we received regular monthly donations of \$105. We have had a good response to the sign distribution, \$868 initially plus \$1380 from later distributions. We received a refund from the Doug McKinley campaign of \$4000. We had donated over the allowable limit. Total income was \$6300 and some change. We only spent \$70 on our regular ad in Tumbleweird. Our checking balance \$9840 for a total assets of \$17519.

Campaign Reports.

Carly Coburn. We did a bilingual Town Hall on Monday with drag queen Vida Amore. We have phone-banking each Friday until the election. We have radio ads on 104.9, commercials in Spanish and English on 99.1 and an alternative Christian station. Our small quantity donations have reached our accountant and we can begin text-banking soon. Watch our Facebook and Instagram account for the announcement. We need volunteers for phone-banking and text banking.

Frances Chvatal. We are busy doing GOTV activities. We have purchased ads on three radio station systems, both Spanish language and the same group that Carly is using. Ads will run right up until November 3. We are two-thirds of the way through hand-dropping literature. We have newspaper ads in Prosser, Tri-City Herald, Union-Bulletin, and Waitsburg Times. We are making personal calls to voters who requested a call-back on certain issues. We're using an autodialer for our GOTV efforts. We need continued letters to the editor. We have a coming interview with KONA radio. Her and her opponent will tape for a program called The Bottom Line plus a posting on the KONA website.

Danielle Garbe-Reser campaign by Carly Rang. Tomorrow at 7:00 PM we will be having a Facebook Live event with younger voters. They would like folks to spread the word through their social networks. Our biggest need for phone-bankers. Carly will work with anyone who wants to help at any time. we just ordered a bunch of lit. We are in a partnership with Kim Lehrman and Ana Ruiz Peralta for a combined literature drop in Franklin County on Fridays from 2-4 and Saturdays at 10:15 and 1:30. You can email her if you want to help.

Brian Griffith for Shir Regev. Shir is getting ready to go live on Facebook tonight. The biggest campaign news is the Tri-City Herald endorsement. TCH used the phrase, "Brad Klippert as a danger to us all." They are looking for volunteers this weekend for a lit drop in Kennewick and central Richland. They will have a Halloween afternoon event to encourage voting, Trick or Vote. The campaign will be GOTV text-banking and phone-banking on Tuesday with the Coordinated Campaign. There is a sign-up link in the chat.

Steve Goheen for Doug McKinley. He's been advertising on the radio. Flyers have been distributed and signs are up.

Skye White for Justin Raffa. Justin was also endorsed by Tri-City Herald. They still have a little bit of money left. They have TV ads, radio ads, and periodical ads. They have volunteers for ballot chasing.

Ballot Chasing.

Tomorrow night those interested in ballot chasing are invited to a meeting. The announcement and Zoom meeting link will go out tonight. The process is to pull the list of county ballots from the Secretary of State's list, match that list with the Presidential Primary voters to identify Democrats, and finally flag Democratic ballots that have been rejected. If we have the time, we might go deeper and look at ballots for other classes of voters. Randy Slovic might have won if there had been better chasing then.

Chair's Report - Judi Johannesen

Judi has been making Facebook posts and responding to sign requests. Doug McKinley has a Ride with Doug event on Friday afternoon starting at the Toyota Center.

Vice-chair Report - Stan Moon not present.

State Committee Member 1 is not present

State Committee Member 2 is not present.

The Organization Committee Chair is not present.

Events Committee - Carl Baker.

The Ridin' with Biden event went well. There was a Saturday afternoon protest on Amy Comey Barrett Supreme Court appointment. West Richland will have a virtual Veterans Day Parade. Getting something together may be a problem. There will be a meeting at 10AM Saturday to assemble photos. Folks are invited to send in any appropriate pictures that could be included.

Election Committee - Alisha Victorine. Tina Podlodowski issued an email that said low voting Republicans are voting early. We shouldn't relax in our GOTV efforts.

Resolutions and Platform Committee - Kitty Tominey.

Kitty sent documents to the Secretary for the common template for resolutions and the Table of Topics.

We will use Google Docs to accept and process comments.

State Committee Member 1, Kate Moran, arrived. There was an issue with a resolution at the state level about choke holds and someone objected to having George Floyd's name used in the text of it in what seemed to be a racially-motivated manner. In response, the Progressive Caucus created a 21 day anti-racism program. A survey came out for State Committee Members, Chairs, and Vice-Chairs. The Benton County and 8th LD officers completed their surveys. The 8th LD did receive the reward donation but Benton County has yet to receive it. There will be another meeting about the survey because some survey questions could be too personally invasive. Tina Podlodowski said that only the third party collecting the data can see the personally identifiable data. The state party only sees the data in an aggregated fashion. The survey's purpose is to establish a demographic baseline of the party's diversity index.

Labor Committee - not present.

Communications Committee - Judy Johannesen.

Nothing new to report that wasn't covered in the Chair's report.

8th LD - by Cedar Kennedy.

The 8th LD gave Shir Regev \$1000 and Justin Raffa \$250.

The 8th LD and Benton County Reorganization meetings will be on December 5. The time to be determined

16th LD - by Kitty Tominey

Danielle Garbe-Reser is doing a great job as well as Frances Chvatal. They are working hard hoping for the best. The Union-Bulletin has a big article about her money sources and the water thing. This has brought some head to the campaign. The Tri-City Herald seems to be holding their endorsement. Peter Dozier did not listen to the people like he should have. Look for a new ad drop on this issue. As always they appreciate volunteers for phone-banking and letters to the editor.

Young Democrats - Sabastian Marichalar.

Sabastian was not present but sent a written report. They released their endorsements. They are close to fully publishing their website. They are working on their email service. We are willing to fold Young Democrats onto our iContact account if they want to use that.

New Business - none

Unfinished Business - None

Good of the Order.

We discussed making more contributions. Our E-board would need to approve any additional expenditure before the full central committee be able to vote on it.

If you are interested in the ballot chasing, please indicate so in the meeting chat. We will record the meeting and post it so others who may come in later can understand our process.

Some notes from Justin's campaign. They are looking for more rack card distribution volunteers, especially in Prosser. They are looking for more letter-to-the-editor writers.

Thinking about the coming reorganization, we have a lack of diversity in our leadership and we need to reach out to our under-represented groups. This requires us to explicitly extend invitations to those outside our current circle of membership and leadership.

There is a movement to build a letter writing campaign to Secretaries of State across the country urging a full and transparent count of the coming votes. There are more than 100 organizations getting ready to contest instances of poor vote counting. Cigdem Capan has a template of a possible letter to the editor.

Allison Dabler for the Organization Committee and the Doug McKinley campaign. People are invited to contact the Coordinated Campaign and volunteer for phone-banking and text-banking shifts. There will be a Ridin' with Doug event this Friday at 1:00. PCO's should be making remote contact with the people in their precincts.

Vote

Adjourned at 8:18.