

**Benton County General Meeting**  
**November 18, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Online via ZOOM**

**Proposed Agenda**

Call to order  
Approve agenda  
Secretary's report/ approve minutes  
Treasurer's report/ Finance Committee  
Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Reorg Meeting Planning  
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 7:04 PM

[Secretary's note: We have 51 Central Committee members so the 20% is 10 and minimum quorum is 10. Attendance was 16 members and 6 from the general public.]

**Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried**

**Approval of October- Moved, Seconded, Carried.**

Officer Reports-

Secretary's Report -

1. iContact
  - a. TCD meeting announcement
  - b. Announced November Executive Board meeting
  - c. Announced November E-board minutes posted
  - d. Reminder about the WSDCC PCO Survey
  - e. Announced November online general meeting
  - f. Email to PCO's about ballot collection
  - g. Announced Ballot Chasing meetings
  - h. Booked October meeting attendees
  - i. Added new contacts. We have a number of new subscribers.
    - i. Donors
    - ii. Facebook contacts
    - iii. Website sign-ups
  - j. Google account
  - k. Booked October meeting attendees
  - l. Completed the move of historical documents from my personal computer onto our Google Drive.
  - m. Worked with Kitty Tominey to use Google Drive for Platform and Resolutions work.
  - n. Encouraged other officers to do likewise. The website serves as an archive of publicly published documents but the Drive would be a place to handoff working documents as we go along.
  - o. Developed Ballot Chasing data support.
2. Google Phone
3. Website
  - a. Offer assistance to YD.
  - b. Post link to State Resolutions page
  - c. Announcements

- i. Converted announcements related to elections to Weblog posts.
    - d. Created a full list of PCO's for Org cmte folder.
    - e. Posted the October General meeting minutes
    - f. Posted the October Executive Board minutes
    - g. Posted the November Executive Board minutes
    - h. Added link to Ballot Chasing video.
    - i. Posted events notices
      - i. TCD November
      - ii. Kids in Cages
      - iii. Bitter Medicine
    - j. Theses New Events added to our Google Calendar
    - k. Converted September recent events to Weblog posts.
- 4. VoteBuilder Updates
  - a. Flagged 2021-2022 PCOs and confirmed known emails.
- 5. Ballot Chasing Summary
  - a. Benton plus Franklin numbers
  - b. Total ballots - 137838
  - c. Dem ballots (pres. primary voters) - 28672, 20.8%
  - d. Dem remaining rejected - 152, 0.53% of Dem ballots
  - e. Unsigned, 24. Too late, 8.
  - f. Other reasons include:
    - i. Name Change
    - ii. Signature does not match (most frequent reason)
    - iii. Deceased
    - iv. Moved
    - v. Other than Voter
- 6. Specific Recommendations
  - a. Approval of the October General Meeting Minutes

## Treasurer Report – Micki McKinley

Savings is basically unchanged \$7679. In checking, we received regular monthly donations of \$637. Our expenditures were for our Tumbleweird

ad, our trailer registration, and a sign contribution refund for a total of \$162. Our checking balance is \$10115 for a total assets of \$17794.

We are over our budget for the trailer because the registration fee was higher than we budgeted for. We used money from the trailer improvement line item to cover the difference.

**Motion to authorize the Treasurer to draw extra money set aside for trailer improvements at the amount of \$17.25. Seconded. Carried.**

Last month, there was a typo on the report \$33.55

Reorganization Meeting Planning

Our bi-annual Reorganization Meeting will be on December 5. The 8th LD Reorganization Meeting will start at noon. The BCDCC meeting will follow the 8th LD and will start no earlier than 1:00.

We will include the appointment of PCOs on the agenda. It was suggested by State authorities to include an approval of Bylaws in the agenda. Changes to the Bylaws would be out of order at that time. This will be set as such in the proposed rules.

We will get proposed rules and agenda out in email by 11/25.

Include language about in email and Facebook posts.

**Motion to include the appointment of PCO's between the election of the 4 state-required officers by the elected PCOs and our Treasurer and Secretary. Seconded. Carried.**

Proposed Bylaw and Policy Guide changes

**Motion to approve the proposed Bylaws and Policy Guide changes which add the office of Second Vice Chair. Seconded. Carried with a % majority.**

Chair's Report - Judi Johannesen

Good work has been done by our ballot chasing team which includes Tanya Lasuk, Allison Dabler, David Harvey, Randy Slovic, Kendall Miller, and the Chair. Our chasers used a number of methods to contact people.

Vice-chair Report - Stan Moon not present.

State Committee Member 1 - Kate Moran.

January 30, 2021 is the state committee election. Caucuses will be reorganizing as well. Caucuses are a good way to get connected across the state.

Tina Podlodowski has an opponent for State Chair, Lyn Idahosa.

There was a question about attendance requirements for State Committee Members. We have no attendance requirement in our bylaws.

State Committee Member 2 is not present.

There are no attendance requirements for State Committee Members in the bylaws.

Organization Committee - Allison Dabler.

We've been working to get new PCOs ready for the reorg. And we're always looking for more PCOs.

Events Committee - Carl Baker.

Did not have a protest on counting the votes. Lots of people signed up for that. Carl will point them to our website and invite them to subscribe.

We submitted a good Veterans Day video to the West Richland Virtual Veterans Day Parade. Many thanks Alisha Victorine for her work on it.

Allison organized a Biden-Harris celebration. Some folks from the opposition made their presence known across the street from the celebration venue.

The Tri-City Democrats topic was “What’s Next”. Carl has a write-up of the discussion.

In the West Richland City Council last night, they, along with other local councils, were drafting a letter to Jay Inslee in opposition to the pandemic-induced restrictions.

There is a follow-on discussion in a Flatten the Curve Facebook thread.

The TCD will hold a meeting in December. It will be Jim Conca presenting about a Scientifically Achievable Green New Deal. This will be a good presentation for wide distribution. The date and time is December 11 at 6 PM.

Tri-City Democrats will have their annual reorganization in January, 2021.

Some Trump supporters attempted to harass the Biden-Harris celebration by “rolling coal” in the street nearby. (Rolling coal is adjusting a diesel engine to expel excessively sooty exhaust.) The police response was substandard.

Perhaps we should have a documented process for best practices in regards to counter-demonstrators.

Elections Committee - Alisha Victorine.

We had a contact about the Hatcher petition. They would like us to distribute through our Facebook and website.

Act Blue has a fund that supports Fair Fight for administering. Other activities are also going on such as phone-banking, text-banking, and postcard writing.

Any info on 2021 candidates should be sent to Alisha.

Resolutions and Platform Committee – Kitty Tominey.

Three resolutions being worked on by Kitty. Two by Chuck LoPresti. We have a list of topics on the website. People are invited to review the list and contribute their time to developing an appropriate resolution. We also

have a template that can be used to craft a resolution. Kitty would like to get on the TCD calendar to do a presentation about how to do resolutions. She would also like to do the same for Young Democrats. We had a good year this year and are looking forward to next year.

Labor Committee – Jessica Wadsworth.

The Twin City Foods workers have been working hard to get a vote on organizing a union. It appears that the effort will be successful. The next step would be to work out the contract.

Communications Committee - Judy Johannesen.

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

8th LD - John Masulonis.

We're just looking forward to the Reorg.

16th LD - by Kitty Tominey

There's nothing to report

Young Democrats – Sabastian Marichalar. Not present

New Business

In the 21-day race equity training by the Progressive Caucus there was an idea to create a committee in our organization for interfacing with other affinity organizations. It would be staffed with people who attend other meetings of the other organizations and report to the Central Committee. The idea is to keep tabs with the more marginalized folks in our community and to help make their hot issues our issues as well.

**Motion to adopt the following statement:**

**The BCDCC strongly recommends, in view of the pandemic, that Kennewick, Richland, and West Richland families gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas meet virtually this year. In a seven-minute "Address to the State" on November 12th, Governor Jay Inslee, with his wife Trudi, explained that their family would be doing this and appealed**

to other Washington families to do the same. The Inslees' kind, and very urgent, personal appeal can be viewed at <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?clientID=9375922947&eventID=2020111055>.

Seconded.

Motion to amend.

Motion with proposed amendments:

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Amendment is seconded.

Without objection, the question was put on the motion with the proposed amendments.

Motion Carried.

Allison Dabler announced that she will be running for Vice Chair.

Motion to have the BCDCC spread the information and encourage others to participate in donating to the GoFundMe that Jess Loflin is creating to provide holidays to families in need through Shari's restaurant.  
Seconded. Carried.

Dori Luzzo Gilmour. There's lots of chatter about people who are refusing to close and will have armed guards to confront efforts to close them down.

The recent TCD meeting had an unidentified participant who refused to be identified when asked. We might want to consider changing our meeting protocol such that invitees need to RSVP in some method in order to

receive the Zoom link for the meeting. We don't want to become inaccessible but we want to avoid facilitating bad actors.

Dori Luzzo-Gilmour is also running for Vice Chair.

Unfinished Business – None

Good of the Order.

Thirty members of Congress are positive for COVID. Dan Newhouse is the latest.

Adjourned at 9:06.