

Benton County General Meeting
April 15, 2020
7:00 PM
Online via ZOOM

Proposed Agenda

Call to order

Approve agenda

Secretary's report/ approve minutes

Treasurer's report/ Finance Committee

Vice Chair's report

Chair's Report

-online meetings

-sponsorship of League of Women Voters essay contest

State Committee Member 1 report

State Committee Member 2 report

Resolutions/Platform Cmte. report

Elections Committee report

-ratification of donation to Danielle Garbe Reser, 16th LD candidate

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- 7:09 PM

[Secretary's note: We have 48 committee members so the 20% is 9 and minimum quorum is 10. Attendance was 17 members.]

Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried

Secretaries Report –

February Executive Board minutes were posted. February minutes were posted. March Executive Board minutes were posted. There was no March general meeting. April Executive Board minutes were posted. The April online general meeting was announced in a public email. Votebuilder contains the data for participants in the March Presidential Preference Primary. We also have imported our own version of that data directly from the Secretary of State. Our iContact data has been duplicated in the Google Contacts data. This space also contains contacts from the 2018 Precinct Caucus. This list was too big to be housed in iContacts. We may begin to use Google Contacts for our larger contact data purposes. I recommend we approve the February general meeting minutes.

Approval of February Minutes- Moved, Seconded, Carried.

Officer Reports-

Treasurer's Report, Micki McKinley. Micki submitted a written report. We received income from our savings account dividend and some contributions of \$58.38. The Young Democrats cashed their donation check. We will have to book that properly for the PDC. We also had expenditures for the website of \$8.71 for a total of \$1008.71. Savings balance is \$7677.50. Checking balance is \$15276.80. Total assets are \$22954.30.

Vice-chair Report by Stan Moon. He talked to Doug McKinley who is exploring a campaign for the 4th Congressional District. Doug has a website at dougmcKinley2020.com. He is now able to take donations.

Chair's Report.

We will have online meetings for the duration of the stay-at-home order. When it's safe, the order is lifted, and we have in-person meetings, we will have to go back and ratify all the actions we took during the exceptional meeting restrictions. We will hold a meeting on May 3 as a convention to pass the 2020 Platform. The Executive Board approved sponsorship for the League of Women Voters essay contest for \$1500.

Motion to ratify \$1500 sponsorship of the League of Women Voters 2020 Centennial Banquet Essay Contest. Seconded. Carried.

State Committee Member 1 – Kate Moran. The State Party is really pushing for more delegate candidates at the Legislative District level. The 8th LD is allocated 9 delegates for Bernie Sanders and 10 for Joe Biden. We still need 5 female delegates and 2 male delegates for Biden. We still need 2 female and 3 male delegates for Sanders. The 16th LD needs 2 male and 1 female delegates for Sanders and 1 male and 1 female for Biden. We especially are looking for minorities of all kinds. You can submit your delegate candidacy at the waelectioncenter.com website. From that page there is a link to see how many delegate candidates have signed up to be delegates. People who signed up before the change to an online meeting must go back in again and submit some more information.

Judi will keep an eye on it and will drop her name in if necessary.

Legislative districts, congressional districts and the state will all have their meetings online.

Resolutions and Platform Committee – Kitty Tominey and Chuck Lo Presti. The platform has a final draft out. We can strike things and do typographic corrections.

Election Committee - Alisha Victorine. We will be supporting Danielle Garbe-Reser for the 16th LD Senate seat. Doug McKinley is exploring a run for the 4th Congressional District seat. Shir Regev is running for one of the 8th LD legislator seats.

Danielle has been approved by the Executive Board. Doug and Shir will be at the next board meeting.

Frances Chvatal who is running for one of the 16th LD legislator seats, will be at the next board meeting as well.

Chris Kingsby has been assigned as the coordinated campaign Eastern Washington Regional Field Director operating out of Spokane.

Danielle has a strong resume. As of today, she has raised \$100,000 in donations for her campaign. All campaigning is now virtual. It's a challenge. She has two opponents at the moment, Bill Jenkin and Henry Doescher. You can donate on her ActBlue site. She will need lots of money to purchase paid media.

Motion to ratify our endorsement of Danielle and a donation of \$1000 to her campaign. Seconded.

Question for Danielle: What are the 3 main issues in your platform?

Danielle: The first in health care costs and the availability and access to it. I had to go onto the public market myself. I'm also aware of the need for access to mental health care options. Washington state makes it difficult for newly relocated people to get insurance. Next, lots of people need jobs. She would like them to be in clean energy. And finally, housing security is a big problem.

Motion Carried.

Organization Committee - Allison Dabler. We are always looking for more PCO's. We've been successful in getting more delegate candidates to run and for more volunteers for our congressional campaign. Kate Moran and Allison will be contacting the PCO's to vote for the delegates.

Events Committee - Carl Baker. Most of the May things are on hold for the duration of the stay-at-home order. The parade float is in Kate's garage. There are some minor improvements that could be done to it while it's out of service. We will have some more shelving available to add to the storage situation. We have paid for the Fair booth for this year. The state director says that we may be at this for quite a while. In 1918 school was cancelled for 2 years. If they cancel the fair, we can have our fees used for the following year.

Labor Committee - Jessica Wadsworth. Lots of jobs are on hold. Lots of folks are just waiting with contingency funds used to pay people. Dan Newhouse sent a letter out about opening up construction, but it was more about residential construction which is not as unionized as other

construction sectors. His constituency is the realtors rather than the workers. Danielle asked a question about the past loss of the union in the Tyson plant. Kate Moran mentioned that the West Richland Police have designated an architect for the new police station building. And she has other information for Jessica to know about the work there.

Young Democrats - Sabastian Marichalar. Not present. They were able to finally cash our donation check.

Communications Committee - Judy Johannesen. We posted a Facebook event for signing up delegate candidates. It's been boosted and we invite our members to share it widely. Facebook had a snag. There will be more information going out about the May 3 online convention. We will contact the Tri-City Herald. Franklin County will pay for half of it for a quarter-page ad. They want a prepayment. It will also appear in the digital version. Danielle also suggest that we all do lots of sharing of posts from our candidates to expand their reach.

www.canvo.com has good graphic software. It's good for Facebook and flyers.

Unfinished Business - None.

Good of the Order.

PCO filing will need to be publicized.

PNNL has done research on what materials are best for making face masks at home.

Adjourned at 8:35.