

Benton County General Meeting
June 17, 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
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

[Secretary's note: We have 48 committee members so the 20% is 9 and minimum quorum is 10. Attendance was 18 members and 7 from the general public.]

Adoption of Agenda- Moved, Seconded, Carried

Approval of May Minutes- Moved, Seconded, Carried.

Secretaries Report –

1. iContact
 - a. Announced June Executive Board meeting
 - b. Announced June online general meeting
 - c. Reminder of June general meeting with Zoom link
 - d. Booked May meeting attendees
 - e. Assisted the reset of a member's DoNotContact status. (Was a simple email from member to iContact support.)
 - f. Had some new additions to our mailing list
 - g. Distributed WSDCC Proposed Platform to Committee Members
2. Website
 - a. Posted the May General meeting minutes
 - b. Posted the May Executive Board minutes
 - c. Posted the May Executive Board Special meeting minutes
 - d. Posted the May General meeting minutes
 - e. Posted events notices
 - i. NAACP Emergency Town Hall
 - ii. Sweet 16 LD Fundraiser
 - iii. Petition for Stopping Illegal Armed Militias
 - iv. Peaceful Protest Against Systematic Racism
 - v. Pasco Protest for George Floyd
 - vi. Tri-City Democrats meeting
 - vii. Justin Raffa Facebook live event
 - f. Posted the links from Cigdem for Yakima strike funds
 - g. Posted June E-Board minutes

Officer Reports-

Treasurer Report

We had to pay a few bills and executed some donations: email service, web hosting, Benton-Franklin Fair, League of Women Voters, Doug McKinley, Justin Raffa and Shir Regev. That was lots of expenditures. We received \$58

in donations. We have 1500 in checking. Total liquid assets are around \$9000 when savings is included.

Chair's Report – Judi Johannesen

One of our delegates to the state convention was rejected by the Biden campaign.

Vice-chair Report - Stan Moon. Nothing to report.

State Committee Member 1 – Kate Moran.

The State Convention was on June. The delegates to the DNC were selected. From the 4th CD Kate Moran was elected representing Bernie Sanders, Richard Evans representing Joe Biden, and Elaine Perin representing Joe Biden. Jeffrey Robinson representing Bernie Sanders was elected as the alternate. We had no PLEO's from our local area. Patsy Whitefoot was chosen as the 4th CD elector. There is less than a 50% chance that there will be an in-person convention in Milwaukee. The planks adopted on nuclear issues are contradict each other.

State Committee Member 2 is not present.

Election Committee - Alisha Victorine.

She has assembled a sheet of candidates and their opponents for all the local elections. We will deliver it to those who have expressed interest including Black Lives Matter and the Justice League.

Labor Committee – Jessica Wadsworth. Nothing to report.

Young Democrats, not present.

Resolutions and Platform Committee – Kitty Tominey. In going through comments that were made during the platform development, there are many issues there which may lead to future resolutions.

Organization Committee – Allison Dabler.

The committee has been doing lots of public education and recruitment of future PCO's at the recent protests. We need more people helping with this work.

Events Committee - Carl Baker. The ACLU is sponsoring Initiative 1715 which assign alternative, more appropriate resources to be dispatched in first response to some situations which have heretofore been tasked to law enforcement.

Motion to endorse I-1715. Seconded, Carried.

The signature collection process under stay-at-home conditions is to encourage folks to ask for a petition sheet to be sent to them. They may collect wet-ink signatures from those within their own physical distancing bubble. The deadline is in July.

Communications Committee - Judy Johannesen.

She is still working on the teabag fundraiser. Keeping up with the BLM protests. There will be a big Juneteenth celebration. The BLM organization has a Facebook page.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business.

Motion that BCDCC encourage people to wear masks when they go into any store in the county by posting messages on social media and website. Seconded. Carried.

Good of the Order.

Frances Chvatal reports that she has met with folks in the Latinx community. Fundraising has been slow but steady. In her district, the COVID response has been varied. Different counties are in different phases of recovery. There are opportunities for phone banking on Thursdays and Sundays. Text message banking is being rolled out next week. She has signs available (contact Ansley Gerhard-Roberts).

Danielle Garbe-Reser reported through Frances that one of her Senatorial opponents, Bill Jenkin, has not been endorsed by the 16th LD Republicans. Instead prior office holders, Terry Nealey and Maureen Walsh have endorsed Perry Dozier instead.

Carly Coburn reported that the Sweet 16th LD fundraiser went well. Donations to her campaign have been slow but steady. She is working on ordering her signs.

Tali Sams, a candidate for Superior Court Judge position 1, needs help finding a treasurer and a campaign manager or advisor.

At noon on Thursday, June 18, Jim Mattis will address the Badger Club in a free online presentation.

Adjourned at 8:31.