

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Online via Zoom

04/05/2021

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm

Attending: Judi Johannesen, Durga Victorine, Justin Raffa, Allison Dabler, Kate Moran, Kendall Miller, Kitty Tominey, Jessica Wadsworth, Carl Baker, Chris Tracy, Julie Soderquist

Adopt Agenda (no minutes from last meeting, saved recording). Moved, seconded and approved by all.

Introduce Julie Soderquist, Secretary

Treasurer's Report (Durga Victorine)

Current balance is \$17, 945.41. C3's and C 4's have been filed. Will be away for a couple weeks in May and will need help keeping an eye out for any bills that need to be paid immediately.

Elections (Justin Raffa)

Friday, May 21 is the official deadline to file with the PDC. Our committee is working to target and prioritize the 50+ open races in Benton County, in line with the state program "Contest Every Race." There is one more informational zoom meeting for potential candidates on April 19 at 6:30, in partnership with Contest Every Race.

1st VC & Organizing (Allison Dabler)

Met today with Esteban Ortiz, who is interested in grassroots organizing and voter registration. Plan to have him appointed at this month's general meeting. He has agreed to assist with comparing 4th CD campaign data to figure out which precincts to target.

2nd VC (Dori Luzzo Gilmour)

Not present, no report

SCM 1 (Kate Moran)

Rural committee meeting on April 10, state meeting on May 1. Resolution Committee report will be posted on the state party website by April 16; should be available to look at before our general meeting.

SCM 2 & Young Dems (Sabastian Marichalar)

Not present, no report

Webmaster (Kendall Miller)

Have been attending T3 training. Upgraded WordPress to v5.7 on our website. Also added a tracking option for legislative bills and a quick reference for upcoming events.

Resolutions (Kitty Tominey)

No report

Labor (Jessica Wadsworth)

No report

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl Baker)

TCD are hosting a forum on the wind energy project proposed for the Horse Heaven Hills on Friday, April 9th. Looking forward to our participation in the B/F county fair.

8th LD (Chris Tracy)

Working to make our committees more organized and efficient. Expecting some changes after census and redistricting. Also working to update bylaws. Kate Moran has invited anyone from 8th LD to take inventory of their items which are housed in her garage.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Not present, no report

New Business

Diversity Policy - thanks to Durga for the effort in putting this together. Suggest using the first two paragraphs as a concise policy and keeping the full document as more of a reference for inclusion on the website or as a pamphlet. Also suggest adding a definition for cisgender to the glossary.

Old Business

None

Good of the Order

Justin has been attending BC Republican meetings. They meet in person without masks and the general tone has been angry and uncivil. There's also an obvious divide between traditional Romney-era Republicans and new Trump-era Republicans.

Adjourned 7:45 pm