

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

Online via Zoom

05/3/2021

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm

Attending: Judi Johannesen, Allison Dabler, Dori Luzzo Gilmour, Kate Moran, Kendall Miller, Jessica Wadsworth, Carl Baker, Chris Tracy, Julie Soderquist

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

Treasurer's Report (Durga Victorine not present, emailed report)

Balance carried forward \$17, 994.48

Fees and payments \$662.72

Pledges and contributions \$582.00

Ending balance \$17,913.96

Communications

With regard to DEI training, decisions need to be made how/when/if to move forward as only 6 people have filled out the assessment.

Elections (Justin Raffa not present, emailed report)

We're getting close to the May 21 filing deadline. Happy to set up any in-person or remote meetings to assist potential candidates. Completed the T3 program. A few candidates have asked for assistance in securing campaign managers and/or treasurers. My knowledge of experienced campaign staff is limited, so please send me names and contact info if possible. Met with two staff members from Break Blue Strategies regarding their interest in supporting Dem party candidates in the 4th CD and 8th LD next year.

1st VC & Organizing (Allison Dabler)

Excited about a strong potential candidate for the 4th CD. Looking for candidates for KSD, in particular position #2 against Gabe Galbraith. CBC professor Chris Wagar was a possibility but in the end he will only be available for recruitment. T3 training is complete; working on a Word document with links to share with those who prefer alternative learning formats. Looking for a way to reach PCOs who signed up for the job but haven't been showing up.

2nd VC (Dori Luzzo Gilmour)

Has a lead on two great candidates for RSD. Got one name from the RSD accountability group. Probably don't need to worry about Ben Griggs as he's running against Janson. Observed the Recall Jerry Hatcher signature checking process, which was impressive.

SCM 1 (Kate Moran)

On 4/30 we had the vote for a contingency caucus member to be a special member for the state central committee, but not the e-board. Followed by the state meeting in which we had to vote without having had our budget questions answered. Also voted on the slate for the e-board

at-large members without having heard speeches or introductions prior to voting.

SCM 2 & Young Dems (Sabastian Marichalar not present, emailed report)

At the May 1 WSDCC meeting: New budget approved which should allocate more state party resources to eastern WA and rural WA. Slate of at-large executive committee members have been approved, including me. Constituency caucuses elected Vanessa Blandino (chair of the Latino Caucus) as a voting representative to the WSDCC.

TCYD is considering having fewer general board meetings, perhaps every other month or quarterly, as we don't have the workload to warrant monthly meetings. To make up for that, we intend to have more low-pressure, casual events aimed at recruiting people.

Webmaster (Kendall Miller)

Conducted some basic iContact training with Julie. Working with Kitty on a Resolutions collaborative workspace. Completed T3 training - my takeaway was goals, timelines and deadlines. Kept legislative bill tracking spreadsheet updated through the end of the session.

Resolutions (Kitty Tominey)

Not present, no report

Labor (Jessica Wadsworth)

No report.

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl Baker)

Will not be at the next general meeting. Slowly losing confidence that the B/F county fair will happen. Hope to get back to the items in Kate's garage after vacation. TC Dems will have a meeting in May; June and July meetings will be hybrid meetings, dedicated to candidate forums. Pride is pending for June. Pendleton Pride has an event on June 12. Juneteenth crowning will be June 18 and the celebration will be on the 19th.

8th LD (Chris Tracy)

Attended chair's meeting for state party. Through Contest Every Race they identified 10,000 potential candidates statewide and 5,000 potential volunteers. Next meeting is in August.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Not present, no report

New Business

None

Old Business

Might want to be open to DEI training provided by the state, if they offer it. Perhaps we could use their recordings but also have a body on hand for Q and A.

Good of the Order

Carl had a conversation with Ed Frost about the possibility of losing the Tri City Herald, and the idea of the Mid Columbia Library purchasing and operating the paper under a public funded model, like PBS. Ed liked the idea and he's on the MCL board.

Adjourned 7:41 pm