

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

12/6/2021

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm

Present: Richard Reuther, Carl Baker, Kitty Tominem, Regina Speer, Kendall Miller, John Christensen, Chris Tracy, Julie Soderquist, Durga Victorine

Motion to move 8th LD report before 7pm to accommodate Chris' schedule. Seconded, approved by all.

Secretary's Report / Minutes (Julie)

Motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report & Communications(Durga)

Current balance is \$17,866.35. Received follow up materials from Charles Wiegand/Question Pac.

Chair (Richard)

Our zoom account is set up. Much discussion regarding the Rittenhouse Resolution. Will probably be lawsuits over the redistricting. Doug White's campaign for 4th CD has a funding deadline of 12/31/21 for those inclined to donate.

Elections (Justin)

In discussions with the 8th LD about the 2022 election cycle. Christy Rasmussen has been appointed as Port Commissioner.

1st VC & Organizing (Allison)

Not present

2nd VC (John)

No report

SCM 1 (Regina)

Legislature still has to approve the redistricting map. Klippert's fundraising is down.

SCM 2 (Sabastian)

Not present

Resolutions (Kitty)

Two resolutions are ready for the body to review. Rittenhouse resolution will be amended to include lawyers' footnotes.

Labor (Jessica)

Not present, no report

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl)

TC Dems have a virtual holiday social event on 12/10. Working with Greater Columbia Health for future diversity and inclusion events.

8th LD (Chris)

Redistricting map is out with significant changes for 8th LD. It's time to begin recruiting for state representatives and the senate. Send any information to Chris and/or Shir.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Still working on redistricting issues

Unfinished Business

Where are we at with our DEI directive? Need to make sure we keep this on the table.

New Business

Will schedule special meeting for the general body to discuss and vote, possibly on the 19th or 20th. Motion to move forward with this plan, with proper notification and dissemination, seconded, approved by all.

Good of the Order

Durga received a packet of information regarding vetting services, will forward to election committee.

Consider setting up a campaign/schedule for submitting letters to the editor on a regular basis to educate about the works and progress done by local Dems. Doug White is assembling a group of letter writers.

Motion to adjourn 7:46pm, seconded, approved by all