

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

08/8/2021

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm

Attending in person: Judi Johannesen, Richard Reuther, Kitty Tominey, Dori Gilmour, Julie Soderquist, Durga Victorine, Chris Tracy, Sebastian Malachar via Zoom: Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, Allison Dabler

Adopt Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, seconded, approved by all

Secretary's Report / Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report & Communications(Durga Victorine)

New balance is \$16,477.18. We paid for the fair and for an ad in Tumbleweird.

Chair (Judi Johannesen)

Richard Reuther is nominated for Chairperson; election to be held at next general meeting. Judi will offer resignation when the new Chair has been elected.

Elections (Justin Raffa)

Not present, no report

1st VC & Organizing (Allison Dabler)

Continuing to assist candidates. Has a date to meet with a local man who intends to file for the 4th CD as a democrat. Ballot watch party at Moonshot Brewing on Aug 3 at 7pm.

2nd VC (Dori Luzzo Gilmour)

Continuing to help and encourage candidates running for non-partisan office. Attended march for IBEW Richland line crew, made contact with their organizers, did some education and networking regarding our union-supporting candidates.

SCM 1

Shir Regev resigned. Durga Victorine has self-nominated.

SCM 2 (Sabastian Marichalar)

Has stepped down from Young Democrats but will continue as SCM2. Rules Committee is recommending the SCC adopt a set of rules regarding redistricting; key points are LDs have 30 days to begin meeting within their new boundaries, PCOs' terms of office remain unaffected, and ownership/control of bank accounts and other LD assets remain the property of the LD.

Resolutions (Kitty Tominey)

Three resolutions sent for feedback in June are ready to formalize and move forward. Will vote on them at the next general meeting.

Labor (Jessica Wadsworth)

Not present, no report

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl Baker)

Attended march for Medicare for All on July 24 to gather signatures for petition. Faith and Cultures event on August 7. Next TCD potluck is Aug 13. Concerned about staffing our booth at the fair during this covid pandemic. We can set up a slide show but the contract requires a body to be present. Still planning to participate in the parade.

8th LD (Chris Tracy)

Attended TCD function. Have been dropping flyers for candidates. 8th LD Dems do not meet every month; next meeting is in August.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Not present, no report

Old Business

In person vs zoom meetings. There is some discomfort with returning to the Uptown since they are also a church. The alternative is The Reach, which holds up to 70 and cost \$175 per meeting. Meeting in a church has not been an issue in the past. The Uptown is cheaper. Agreed to discuss and vote at the next general meeting.

New Business

Elect Chairperson - Richard Reuther has agreed to stand for nomination.

Elect SCM 1 - Durga Victorine self nominated.

Next meeting will move up one week to the third Thursday, August 19, to accommodate elections and avoid conflict with the fair.

Good of the Order

Tina Podlodowski was in town but did not meet with any e-board members, only one local candidate.

Members might benefit from a refresher course regarding rules on speaking time limits and raising their hands.

Notice of elections and formalized resolutions will be emailed out in time for vote at Aug general meeting.

Kitty requests that people read up on the proposals for Whole WA.

Motion to Adjourn 8:13 pm, seconded, approved by all