

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

06/7/2021

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Attending: Judi Johannesen, Kitty Tominey, Carl Baker, Chris Tracy, Justin Raffa, Jessica Wadsworth, Durga Victorine, Julie Soderquist, Kendall Miller (via phone)

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 (Durga Victorine)

Balance carried forward \$17, 104.96

Pledges and contributions \$7681

Ending balance \$17,785.96

Communications

Chair (Judi Johannesen)

Reached out to the Uptown Theater with regard to resuming our contract for general meeting space, but no response yet.

Chairperson needs to step down for health reasons; we will need to hold an election to elect a new Chair. Candidate must be male or non-binary, as the 1st Vice-Chair is female. Hope to fill this position as soon as possible. If we have a nominee, we can include this position with the SCM election at the next general meeting

Elections (Justin Raffa)

There was a meet-the-candidate event at John Dam Plaza tonight, which only advertised conservative candidates who have been endorsed by BC Republicans. Our chosen candidates are reluctant to seem partisan. BC Republicans are fully endorsing candidates and they are well organized and well funded. Raises the issue of competing without becoming partisan. Working on some sort of event or forum that will interview ALL candidates and give them the option to accept BCD's recommendation (rather than an outright endorsement).

1st VC & Organizing (Allison Dabler)

No report

2nd VC (Dori Luzzo Gilmour)

No report

SCM 1 (Kate Moran)

No report

SCM 2 & Young Dems (Sabastian Marichalar)

No report

Webmaster (Kendall Miller)

No report

Resolutions (Kitty Tominey)

Request for input was sent to PCOs and eboard members. Planning to attend training workshop on the 10th

Labor (Jessica Wadsworth)

Focussed on renewable energy. Labor committee will endorse pro-worker/pro-union candidates.

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl Baker)

ongoing LULAC food distribution events

Tri-city democrats potluck candidate forum - June 11

Juneteenth - coronation June 18, family day at Kurzman Park June 19.

July 4 - canceled

August 7 - TCD & IC Faith and Cultures event

Benton County Fair is back on

8th LD (Chris Tracy)

Elections committee is focussed on legislative races. Subgroup is working on DEI. Looking for some leadership with fundraising.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Not present, no report

Old Business

No resolution yet on DEI training.

New Business

Justin will make contact with the Uptown Theater for setting up hybrid meetings. If anyone has a possible body to run for Chair, let Judi know. Notice must be out by the 14th.

Good of the Order

none

Motion to Adjourn 8:07 pm, seconded, approved by all