

Benton County Democrats Executive Committee

9/6/2021

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm

Attending in person: Richard Reuther, Regina Speer, Kitty Tominem, Julie Soderquist, Carl Baker, Justin Raffa, Chris Tracy, 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)

not present, no report

Chair (Richard Reuther)

Have been shadowing to learn the role, mostly with elections committee. Keeping eyes on candidates. New phone, can now receive texts and calls.

Elections (Justin Raffa)

Elections committee will not formally engage with candidates any further for this election cycle. One Prosser SB candidate did ask but the committee agrees we will not move forward with any recommendations. Fundraiser for Elizabeth Vann-Clark this Thursday and kick-off event for Danica Garcia next Sunday. Working hard to match volunteers with candidates, and to encourage candidates to be very specific about what kind of help they need.

1st VC & Organizing (Allison Dabler)

Save the date 10/3/21, more information will be forthcoming. Working on helping Kennewick candidates. Trying to steer progressive facebook groups towards helping candidates.

2nd VC (open)

Dori will have to resign this post because of her new job.

SCM 1 (Regina)

Have received the 'rules of engagement' and have many resolutions waiting to be tackled.

SCM 2 (Sabastian Marichalar)

not present, no report

Resolutions (Kitty Tominey)

The state has requested the submitted resolutions be edited with more supporting details. Still following up on agrivoltaics.

Labor (Jessica Wadsworth)

Not present, no report

Events & Tri City Dems (Carl Baker)

Signature gathering for I-1362 has been suspended. TC Dems will meet via zoom on Sep 10; topic is candidate forum for city council, mayoral, and school board candidates. The fair parade was successful; hope to participate in the Veteran's Day parade. The Miller dinner is an unknown at this point. October 2 - will be a demonstration in opposition to the anti-abortion law in Texas.

8th LD (Chris Tracy)

General meeting was held in August; the next is in November. Attended the rural summit; two attendees recommend watching archived sessions. Secretary position is still open. Eboard is networking with candidates.

16 LD

Not present, no report

Franklin County

Not present, no report

Unfinished Business

DEI - Carl has had contact from Carol Moser. Perhaps we could arrange a presentation or workshop with TC Dems? Different groups have handled this topic differently, with varying results.

New Business

none

Good of the Order

Richard, Justin and Allison met with a potential progressive candidate for 4th CD race in 2022. Announcement to be made October 3.

Motion to Adjourn 7:29 pm, seconded, approved by all