

## **Benton County Democrats General Meeting**

### **Online via Zoom**

**11/18/2021**

### **Call to order 7:06pm**

**Present:** Carl Baker, Kendall Miller, Richard Reuther, Julie Soderquist, Cedar Kennedy, Lora Rathbone, Brent Kirby, Regina Speer, Kitty Tominey, Durga Victorine, Margaret Baker, Sebastian Malachar

**Motion to approve agenda, seconded, approved by all.**

### **Secretary (Julie)**

Motion to accept October minutes as presented, seconded, approved by all.

### **Treasurer**

Current balance is \$16, 471.

Discussion regarding annual audit of our books. Suggestion to check in with Mickie Mckinley. Possible committee members are Regina, Durga, and Brent Kirby as an alternate.

### **Chair (Richard)**

Election reports are not as bleak as we thought- some results are hopeful and give us something to build upon. Justin will debrief with candidates to gain insight for the next election cycle.

The chair briefed the group on redistricting.

Had discussion with Jeff Robinson - will coordinate with him to eliminate duplication in our efforts. Hope to make the process more socially oriented.

Monday is zoom event for Doug White kickoff. If you have any union connections, contact his campaign with the information.

### **Elections (Justin)**

Benton County voter turnout was 38.64%, fairly typical for an off-year election. Most races ended up in a 60/40 split. Consider contacting our candidates who lost and congratulate them on their hard work. We had fantastic candidates who ran against GOP challengers in an unusually divisive election. I will hold brainstorm sessions with them and our volunteers. I have applied for the open District 2 seat with the Port of Benton. Our work continues—it's important to hold newly elected officials accountable.

### **VC1 & Organization (Allison)**

Not present. Cherissa Boyd has agreed to assist with volunteer work.

### **VC2 (John)**

Not present

**SCM #1 (Regina)**

Patricia Whitefoot was elected as the new 4th CD representative to the state executive committee.

**SCM #2 (Sabastian)**

Rules committee is focusing on the state convention next spring. Date and place TBD.

**Resolutions (Kitty)**

Continuing to work on existing resolutions. Have some new papers on agrivoltaics. Might have a lead on another we might want to endorse.

**Labor (Jessica)**

Not present

**Events (Carl)**

Veterans Day Parade was successful. No new events planned until spring. TCD event for December is not set in stone.

**8th LD (Chris)**

Not present

**16th LD (Evertt)**

Not present

**Unfinished Business**

Motion to fund new zoom account for BCDCC, not to exceed \$150, funded by unused meeting space budget for now, but as a new line item in the future. Seconded, approved by all. Motion passes.

**New Business**

Discussion on statements of support for Doug White and Patty Murry in their campaigns. Designating them as outstanding candidates would allow them to present to our group and ask for an official endorsement.

Motion to designate Doug White and Patty Murray as outstanding candidates for 2022 election.

~ Doug White is new, not all are convinced yet. Some want to wait and see.

~ Patty Murray is definitely outstanding

~ We don't yet know how the 4th CD will change after redistricting.

Motion fails.

Motion to formally support Doug White in his 4th CD campaign, seconded, approved by all.

Motion passes.

Motion to designate Patty Murray as an outstanding candidate for US Senate, seconded, approved by all. Motion passes.

**Good of the Order**

No meeting in December. Next meeting is January 27.

**8:15 pm move to adjourn, seconded, approved by all.**