

Benton County Democrats General Meeting

Online via Zoom

04/22/2021

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

Approve Agenda:

Chair has two changes to the agenda: 1) increase all the times by four minutes to account for the late start, and 2) Elections is 7:28-7:43, so adding 10 minutes to each time from the end of elections to the end of the agenda.

Moved to approve as amended, seconded and approved by all.

Secretary's Report:

Not present, no report

Treasurer's Report (Durga Victorine)

Balance carried forward \$17, 898.21

Expenditures \$2.93

Income and contributions \$82.00

Ending balance \$17,994.48

Communications

DEI&R - Submitted a document for review in advance of today's meeting. There was also a poll that went out but only two people have responded. Chair encourages everyone to respond to the poll so we have a direction.

Chair (Judi Johannesen)

Attended listening session held by League of Women Voters regarding redistricting. T3 training not yet completed.

VC1 & Organization (Allison Dabler)

Also attended listening sessions on recruiting. Hope to hear back from BC PCOs regarding their lists.

Kate Moran

Provided information on constituency caucus meetings leading up to the State Central Committee meeting.

Young Democrats (Sabastian Marichalar)

Had our election last month. Still have two vacancies: 2nd Vice Chair and Benton County Representative. Latino Caucus meeting is next week. Current push to make sure the Constituency Caucus has correct bylaws per the State Central Committee.

Events (Carl Baker)

We're thinking that the BF County Fair will not happen. If it does happen, we should be able to

staff a booth. Have not yet heard about any PFLAG Pride events or about Cinco de Mayo.

Elections (Justin Raffa)

Recently held two open house forums for potential candidates, each with about 20 attendees. have worked closely with the state party program Contest Every Race; they sent a spreadsheet of nearly 200 BC people who may be interested in potential running. Also received 130 names of potential volunteers. Cutoff for filing is 5/21/21.

Resolutions (Kitty Tomimey)

Three resolutions in process: 1) Agrivoltaics, which is proving effective in increasing crop yields 2) Reinstate ban on stock buybacks, and 3) Reinstate ban on naked credit default swaps. Might need iContact assistance from Kendall and Julie to send draft resolutions to PCOs for input and comments.

New Business

None

Old Business

Chair has not found time to review and edit the DEI&R document but will make it a priority.

Good of the Order

Zoom fundraising dinner at state level on 5/11/21 at 4:30pm. Allison proposed we have a table. Anyone else interested? Esteban is a yes.

Carl - June and July events will most likely be candidate forums.

Laura - live event about electric vehicles - check out sustainable tri cities facebook page

Moved to adjourn, seconded, approved by all