

Benton County Democrats General Meeting

Online via Zoom

08/19/2021

Call to order 7:01pm

Motion to approve agenda, seconded, approved by all

Secretary's Report (Julie)

Was not present at the July meeting and did not have access to the zoom recording. July minutes are pieced together from other attendees. No additions presented. Motion to accept July minutes as presented, seconded, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report & Communication (Durga)

No report

Chair (Judi)

Resigning effective with the election of a new chairperson at tonight's meeting. Jeffrey Robinson and I made the decision to pull out of the fair due to rising covid numbers.

VC1 & Organization (Alison)

Continuing to work with candidates. Spoke at KSD school board meeting.

VC2 (Dori)

Not present

SCM #1

SCM #2 & Young Democrats (Sabastian)

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.

Events (Carl)

Should get a refund even though we are not participating in the fair. We are still participating in the parade on Aug 21. Need walkers, candy buyers, and candy throwers.

Elections (Justin)

Primary results were fairly good. It's clear which candidates espouse democratic views. Will continue to encourage all Democrats to be supportive of our candidates - they definitely need our help. From Contest Every Race we have a list of possible volunteers--we are getting names and numbers to our candidates.

Resolutions (Kitty)

The state needs editable copies of the resolutions signed by the chair and secretary.

Labor (Jessica)

Not present

8th LD (Chris)

General membership meeting is on Aug 26 at 6:30. Need to elect a new secretary.

16th LD

Not present

New Business

Election of Chair - Richard Reuther is nominated, seconded. With no other nominations, Richard is declared the new chairperson.

Election of SCM1 - Durga Victorine had self-nominated but has since withdrawn. Regina Speer has self-nominated. With no other nominations, Regina is declared the new SCM1.

Location for in-person meetings. Motion to remove from the table the discussion for in-person meetings. Seconded. Discussion whether to return to the Uptown for \$100/meeting or move the The Reach for \$175/meeting. Motion to continue meeting via zoom due to covid. Seconded. Pro: current covid case rate is 885 per 100,000 and rising. Con: we are all vaccinated, losing momentum, and tired of zoom. Motion passes with majority vote.

Votes on Resolutions:

Motion to pass resolution to reinstate ban on stock buybacks. Some discussion to correct typos. Motion seconded, no discussion against, approved by all.

Motion to pass resolution to reinstate ban on naked credit default. Seconded, no discussion against, approved by all.

Motion to pass resolution to limit executive compensation. Seconded. Discussion to clarify language. Motion to amend resolution title to include "limit deductibility of executive compensation". Seconded, approved by all. Motion to pass resolution as amended, seconded, approved by all.

Old Business

Diversity training. Jayce: say something to the black community. Don't let our effort fade. Democrats need to let black people know they matter.

Good of the Order

Richard introduced himself to the group. Former chair of Franklin County Democrats, has time for civic engagement at this time. Will finish out Judy's term as chair.

Jeffrey Robinson, Judi and Richard wrote an opinion piece for the Sunday TC Herald explaining why we will not be participating in the fair. Open communication is important. Goal is to have a

monthly op-ed in the Herald.

Nationwide voting rights march on August 28 - keep ears open for something local.

Ty Beaver (RSD communication) encourages people to attend school board meetings to mitigate the effects of the anti-mask, anti-vaccine, anti-CRT crowd.

8:38pm move to adjourn, seconded, approved by all