

## **Benton County Democrats General Meeting**

**6/23/2022**

**Present:** Kurt Conrad, Richard Reuther, Julie Soderquist, Cindy & Ralf Bluemel, Durga Victorine, Allison Dabler, Kendall Miller, Charles LoPresti, Chris Tracy, Leona Hassing, Marla McMillan, Patrick Paulson, John Duresky, Amy Goatley, John Christenson, Regina Speer

**Call to order 7:02 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adopt Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as chair's prerogative, seconded, approved by all.

**Secretary (Julie)**

Motion to approve minutes as provided, seconded, approved by all.

**Treasurer (Durga)**

Old balance \$17,205.40

New balance \$17,201.72

**Chair (Richard)**

Thanks to all who helped with the new zoom link for tonight. All hands on deck for the August primary and November general elections. Ballots will drop in less than one month. PCOs will be critical; appointed PCOs are welcome. Doug White signs are available; contact me at [upstage.reuther@gmail.com](mailto:upstage.reuther@gmail.com). Liz Vann-Clark is hosting a fundraiser for Doug White next Sunday. Door knocking for Jeff Strickler in the 16th LD this Saturday in Prosser, Sunday in Walla Walla.

**VC1 (Regina)**

no report

**VC2 (John)**

Looking forward to being a delegate at the convention. Election security is a growing concern.

**Organization (Allison)**

Trying to get new PCOs set up with lists. Could use some help with organizing.

**Elections (Justin)**

Elections committee spoke with Jeff Strickler, candidate for 16th LD House Rep #2; voted unanimously that he should receive our endorsement. City of Richland selected three finalists for Phil Lemley's vacant seat.

**SCM #1 (Regina)**

WA was the second presenter at the national DNC meeting.

**SCM #2 (Sabastian)**

not present

## **Resolutions (Kitty)**

not present

## **Labor (open)**

## **Events (Carl)**

not present but sent notes: 4th of July parade is coming up. Pride was a great event—good energy, new voters, new volunteers. Juneteenth and March for our Lives were also successful.

## **8th LD (Chris)**

Bob Ferguson is hosting an informal meet and greet, by invitation only, on Friday evening. Next 8th LD general meeting is Thursday July 14. Convention is this Saturday.

## **16th LD (Everett)**

Canvassing is ongoing. Hope to add literature for 16th LD candidates to our table at the Prosser farmer's market.

## **15th LD**

not present

## **Unfinished Business**

Motion to accept resolution on stock buybacks, seconded. No discussion, approved by all, motion passes.

## **New Business**

Discussion on policy regarding candidate donations. Consider historical donations, the need for caps. Need to do our research and discuss at an eboard meeting.

Next eboard meeting is July 11, not the 4th.

Motion to add a paragraph to the rules that deal with meeting remotely, seconded. Discussion: proposed text is available on the website. This temporarily puts us in alignment with Roberts Rules until we meet fully in person. Motion to wait on this; no second. This was brought up at the last general meeting; it was decided to revise the wording. Vote - approved by all, motion passes.

Treasurer still working on learning ActBlue. After conversation with another DEI instructor, consider making it an annual training. Will bring options to the eboard.

## **Good of the Order**

State convention is this Saturday. Sample ballot is available online; Doug White is #4. Motion to accept election committee's recommendation to endorse Jeff Stricker in the 16th, seconded, approved by all, motion passes.

**8:22 pm move to adjourn, seconded, approved by all.**