



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Ruth Byron
MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair	Kaycee Byron
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Dennis Sutton
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Caroline Walline
Todd DeVries, State Committeeman	Robert Nielsen
Jim De Angelis	Jade Nielsen
Mel Fitch	Dave Manson
George Morrison	Cecile Pérez
Annette Harker	Karen Lansing
Leslie Smith	Don Watters
Ron Hampton	Collett Olson
Andy Frerichs	Karen Bauer

The March 2019 minutes were reviewed. Andy Frerichs moved that they be accepted, Dennis Sutton seconded, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. Nominations were opened for the position of State Committeewoman, vacated by the resignation of MaCay Frerichs, who was elected Vice Chair in March. Dave Manson nominated Pat Tucker, and Karen Lansing seconded. Mr. Sutton asked whether Ms. Tucker would resign her position as secretary if elected. Ms. Tucker stated that she would allow enough time for a smooth transition and then would resign. No one else was nominated. Ms. Marquit called for a voice vote to elect Ms. Tucker by acclimation. The vote was unanimous. But Ms. Marquit then stated that the election was invalid because Dave Manson, after resigning as Vice Chair in February, is no longer a member of the Central Committee. She asked for nominations to reopen. Karen Lansing nominated Ms. Tucker and Andy Frerichs seconded. Ms. Marquit again asked for election of Ms. Tucker by acclimation, and the voice vote was unanimous. Ms. Marquit stated that the election for a new secretary would be planned for June.
2. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on March 18, 2019, was \$7,996.39, and the ending balance on April 16, 2019, was \$7,413.04. Mr. Manson asked whether in-kind donations had been made during the previous month. Mr. Conquergood stated that postage for Truman Banquet postcards was paid through in-kind donations, but they would be reported next month.
3. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Marquit reported the following:
  - April 13th Pizza & Politics on the candidate interest meeting was very well attended with excellent information. Speakers included City Council member John Radford, former District 33 state legislator Jerry Shively, and Teton County Commissioner Bob Heneage. Ms. Marquit noted that several people have expressed interest in running for office including Cecile Pérez, Zoe Creed, and Jim De Angelis for the District 91 School Board. Mr. Manson noted the extreme importance of using

precinct captains fully for success in 2020. Ms. Marquit noted that several precinct captain vacancies exist, and that she will update the list to clearly show the vacancies.

- Discussion included that Ramona Marshall, wife of District 30 legislator Gary Marshall, substituted for District 30 Senator Wendy Horman. It was noted that the process is allowed but the substitute cannot vote and finishes the term for the office holder.
  - Volunteers are needed for the Earth Day booth at Tautphaus Park on April 27th. There will also be booths at Cinco de Mayo on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Tautphaus Park, the Duck Race, and Liberty Fest.
  - Volunteers and auction items are needed for the Truman Banquet. Volunteers and people interested in attending should talk with Pat Tucker or John Conquergood. April 26<sup>th</sup> is the RSVP deadline.
  - Mike Saville of District 28 has decided not to relinquish his Eastern Idaho State Fair booth, and so Bonneville County will continue to share the booth with District 28 instead of buying the booth.
  - Pride is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Two people are needed to staff the booth since Ms. Marquit will be out of town. Jim De Angelis and Ms. Tucker volunteered.
  - The NetRoots Nation conference is July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia. MaCay Frerichs and Ms. Marquit have registered; Karen Bauer, her mother, and daughter also will attend; and Dave Manson will attend. \$2,000 was budgeted for conference expenses.
4. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:
- Idaho Falls Progressives:
- The new meeting place for Idaho Falls Progressives will be at A Light in the Window, which is the new LGBTQ safe space and community center established by Rev. Mara Pennell, 550 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Ste 215. The second monthly meeting is Saturday at 10 a.m.
  - Highway 26 cleanup will be held on Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup>. People interested in volunteering should contact Ms. Harker. Volunteer forms must be turned in to the Idaho Transportation Department beforehand. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at A&T Service, 3912 N. Yellowstone Highway.
- Medicaid Expansion
- Luke Mayville, co-founder of Reclaim Idaho, is concerned about misleading reporting on Medicaid expansion. He wants clarity that Medicaid expansion did not pass as written, but the sideboards passed. Mr. Manson noted that Reclaim Idaho will focus on accountability and fixing Medicaid with the sideboards passed. Five to 10 legislators who opposed Medicaid expansion as written on the ballot will be targeted. Ms. Tucker noted that according to House Minority Leader Mat Erpelding, the sideboards leave 20,000 still in the health care gap.
5. Ms. Frerichs provided the Communications report.
- Luke Mayville has been the subject of an Idaho GOP smear campaign.
  - USA Today has published an investigative piece on which states rely heavily on right-wing “copycat” legislation pushed by American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) for corporations, and Idaho hovers at the top instead of sponsoring legislation based on the needs of Idahoans. Mr. Manson noted that Idaho’s practice of having part-time legislators with no paid staff does make drafting legislation a challenge.
  - Ms. Marquit noted that a maintenance plan has been agreed to for the Bonneville County Democratic Party website: one hour of development per month will cost \$250 per year.
6. Ms. Frerichs provided the Regional Director’s report:
- Van Beechler has been installed as the new IDP chair.
  - Names are being sought for a second vice chair position.
  - The IDP staff is in flux. Shelby Scott is the Interim IDP Executive Directive. The annual salary for that position is \$60 to 65K. Luke Henken has resigned as Development Director, and Robert West has resigned as Field Director to take a position with Boise Mayor Dave Bieter.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

A breakout session was held for planning the Truman Banquet.