



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	David Nipper
Jim De Angelis, Vice Chair	Dennis Sutton, State Committee Representative
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Karen Lansing
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Collett Olson, State Committee Representative
George Morrison	Melvin Fitch
Dorothy Swiesz	Andy Frerichs
Annette Harker	Kevin Roberts
Jim Eisenmenger	Marei Montalvo
Jim Delmore	Sandra Brow
Lyn Stangland Camerson	John Radford
Harry Guelzow	Jerry Sehlke
Kaycee Byron	Earline Reid
Lary Larson	Peter Pryfogle
MaCay Frerichs	
Cecile Pérez	

Ms. Marquit asked for review of the March 20, 2018, minutes. During discussion, Marei Montalvo noted the attendance list needed to be corrected. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as revised, Pat Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

1. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:

- The April 14 meeting of Pizza and Politics was well attended with 42 people. It was the first meeting at the new location at the College of Eastern Idaho. The comments of those attending was favorable about the additional space over the previous location. Aaron Swisher, candidate for Congressional District 2, spoke briefly about his campaign. Keynote Bob Breckenridge spoke on public lands. \$40 profit was made after accounting for the \$30 room rental.
- A candidate forum will be held Thursday, May 3, at Compass Academy at 6:30 p.m. between Congressional District 2 Democratic primary contestants Aaron Swisher and Peter Rickards.
- Bonneville Democrats will have a booth at the April 21 Earth Day event at Tautphaus Park. Legislative candidates are invited to have literature at the booth.
- Bonneville Democrats will also have a booth at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5.
- The next meeting of the Central Committee will be Tuesday, May 22, because of the primary election being on May 15. The meeting will focus on reorganization of the party with election of all positions including officers, state committee representatives, and precinct chairs and vice chairs. Collett Olson noted that she will not be running again for state committee

representative. Ms. Tucker noted that she will send out the agenda early to meet the 10-day notification required when the meeting is at a different time than the usual scheduled meeting.

- The Fourth of July parade fee of \$150 has been paid. Candidates will walk with the float.
- The Quality of Life Festival will be held during the summer.

2. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- Claudia Pine is stepping down as historian, opening up that position for interested volunteers
- On Sunday, May 6, the Move to Amend event will be held at Papa Tom's at 3 p.m. The event will focus on removing money from politics.
- United Vision for Idaho (UVI) training was held in Pocatello on Friday, April 13th.
- Highway cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 19 between Mile Market 344 and 346 on Highway 26. Volunteers are asked to meet 8:30 a.m. at 3912 N. Yellowstone Highway.

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Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- On March 13, 2018, a signature drive will be conducted at polling places for the District 93 bond. Volunteers must be 100 ft away from the polling facilities.
- On Sat., Feb. 24, canvassing of Legislative District 33 neighborhoods will be held. Volunteers are to meet at the downtown Villa Coffeehouse location at 9:30 p.m. Leslie Smith will be notarizing completed petitions at 1 p.m. at Villa Coffeehouse.
- 60% of the required signatures (6% of the voters in each district) have been collected in District 33, and 20% of the required signatures have been collected in District 30.
- More volunteers are needed.

3. Pat Tucker, Event Planning/Activities Committee, report

- Ms. Tucker noted the Quality of Life Festival vote was scheduled. Dennis Sutton moved that the event be held again in 2018. Ms. Tucker seconded. Discussion included Sandy Brow wanting to know what the festival would be. Ms. Tucker explained that the intent is to use lessons learned from the October 2017 Quality of Life Festival, which included speakers in the areas of health care, education, clean air/clean water, public lands, and income inequality. She noted that upwards of 20 nonprofits had booths at the festival. Mr. Sutton said the event needed a clearer purpose and suffered from "lots of flowers, but no basket." Dave Nipper suggested calling the event Defending Our Quality of Life to clarify the purpose. Ms. Marquit said the event should be held at noon to encourage attendees to purchase lunch from vendors. Ms. Brow asked whether the event involved knowledgeable presenters speaking only to loyalists. Ms. Marquit said the attendees were a good mix of loyalists and people she had never seen at party events before. Mr. De Angelis noted the number of competing events during the summer. It was concluded if the event is held again, it should be in June or August. A voice vote was held, and the motion to hold the festival again carried.
- Ms. Tucker noted progress has been made on planning the Truman Banquet. Ms. Marquit noted that she would begin advertising the event on the BDP Facebook page. Ms. Tucker asked for approval of \$200 to send out Save the Date postcards. Mr. Sutton moved that \$200 be approved for the postcards, which was seconded by Ms. Harker. Discussion included that approval was not needed because of budget funds already being allocated to the banquet, and the motion was withdrawn.

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4. Lary Larson gave the Campaign Committee report.
 - The election of the Board of Directors of the College of Eastern Idaho will be in November with filing opening in September.
 - The period for filing for the Idaho legislature is from February 26 through March 9.
 - Precinct committee chair qualifications require living in the precinct for at least 6 months and registered Democrats.
 - Registering to vote can now be done online.

5. Collett Olson gave the State Committee Representatives report.
 - Democratic state legislators have some good bills. One is the Ban the Box bill that would remove a check box on work applications requiring the applicant to inform the potential employer of a felony conviction. The intent is to give those with convictions a better chance to get jobs.
 - Gov. Otter and Lt. Gov. Little's Idaho Health Care Plan includes significant coverage problems such as a lifetime cap and a 1-year waiting period for health care for pre-existing conditions.
 - 200 seats have been filled on Web training to be held before the 24th annual Frank and Bethine Church Gala on March 10th.
 - The IDP is looking for a data director.
 - Ms. Olson reported that she has called Skyline High School and visited the City Recreation Center on Skyline Drive and concluded that the conference facility at the College of Eastern Idaho is the most appropriate for Pizza and Politics events, which have outgrown the seating capacity at Papa Tom's.

6. John Conquergood presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - Linda Williams donated the \$584.30 remaining in the campaign account of her late husband and former BDP chair Neil Williams to the BDP. The ending balance in the BDP account for February is \$9232.87. George Morrison suggested making the automatic donation process more known. The Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

7. Reports from Other Committee Chairs included the following:
 - Dave Nipper, chair of the Rules and Bylaws Committee, noted a vote needed to be held to approve proposed minor wording changes to Article 3, Sections 1 and 3, of the Rules and Bylaws discussed at the January meeting. Mr. Sutton moved that the wording changes be approved, Ms. Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.
 - Ms. Tucker distributed a rough draft of a resolution proposed to abolish the electoral college. Ms. Marquit suggested holding a vote on the resolution in April to allow revising it.

8. New Business
 - Ms. Marquit noted that a school walkout is planned on March 14th, one month after the Florida school mass shooting. She added that a student from Compass Academy is planning the Idaho Falls March for Our Lives on March 24. Ms. Marquit noted that a meeting will be held Sat., March 3, 10 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church to offer support to the student planning the march. Marei Montalvo said that one of her friends attended a funeral of one of the victims of the Florida shooting.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.