



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Mel Fitch
MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair	Collett Olson
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Jim De Angelis
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Harry Guelzow
Dennis Sutton	Kaycee Byron
Carrie Mullin	Ruth Byron
Lyn Stangland Cameron	Claudia Pine
Annette Harker	Dave Manson
Tod DeVries	Joe Somerville

The July 2019 minutes were reviewed. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as written, Pat Tucker.

1. A vote was held to elect a new captain for Precinct 11. Annette Harker nominated Dave Manson as captain, and Todd DeVries seconded. During discussion, Ms. Tucker noted that Mr. Manson is highly motivated to increase the effectiveness of precincts in 2020, and his being precinct captain will help him work closely and efficiently with other precinct captains and vice captains. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Manson was elected by affirmation.
2. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on July 15, 2019, was \$13,297.61, and the ending balance on August 19, 2019, was \$13,869.49. Auto deposits totaled \$595.00, and a refund from Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation for park fees for the canceled Quality of Life Festival of \$101.89 was received..
3. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Marquit reported on the following:
 - The Cady Tucker Run in the Spirit was a success. Ms. Tucker thanked the party for its continued support. She said participants commented that that this year's run was the best so far; Mr. Manson's benediction was beautiful and he did a superb job emceeding; Dave Moran's Servant's Heart Entertainment deejaying added greatly, and three automated external defibrillators will be purchased from the proceeds for Fox Hollow, Westside, and Hillview elementary schools. Mr. Manson added that if any event needs soft drinks or bottled water, the Community Food Basket will donate them—soft drinks are not given to clients.
 - Turnout at the Duck Race on August 10th was good with several people registered to vote.
 - The Hunger Games fundraiser for the Community Food Basket on August 17th was "super fun" with the BCDP being one of 12 teams. Events included trivia and cooking. Mr. Manson noted that \$70K was raised—including \$50K from a single donation. In addition to adding creativity and wit, the Dems team tied with a Jr. Civitans team for first place in the trivia contest.
 - People interested in volunteering for the Eastern Idaho State Fair booth should contact Mike Saville for time slots. Ms. Marquit will send his email address to Central Committee members. U.S. Senate candidate Nancy Harris will be at the fair. Ms. Tucker requested that a meet and greet is held for her in Idaho Falls.
 - The Bed Race, a fundraiser for Hospice, will be September 21st. People interested in being on the team should contact MaCay Frerichs, who is leading the team.
 - The Dems will have a table for 10 at the Habitat for Humanity Hoedown. The cost is \$750 for the table. People interested in attending should contact Ms. Marquit. Mr. Manson noted there will be line dancing and live auction items include a drift boat. People interested in donating a dessert should contact Caroline Wallin.

- The topic of Pizza and Politics at CEI on October 12th will be back to school challenges. Administrators and teachers from public and private schools will be speaking.
 - Breaking Boundaries formal dinner and auction will be Friday, December 6th. Ms. Marquit and Ms. Tucker said they will be going. Others wanting to attend should contact Ms. Marquit.
 - On August 27th at CEI from 6 to 9:30 p.m., a hearing will be held on Idaho education standards. The Idaho Freedom Foundation forced the hearing by complaining formally about Idaho's Common Core standards. Ruth Byron noted that the evening is a back to school night, and so attendance by teachers and other supporting Common Core could be affected. Kaycee Byron said that when a similar hearing was held in Nampa, the vast majority supported Common Core.
 - Ms. Marquit present a slide show providing an overview of the NetRoots Nation conference in Philadelphia July 11th through the 13th. Mr. Manson thanked the Dems for underwriting some of his cost. Ms. Marquit passed along the same for Cécile Perez, who is attending back to school night for District 93. Ms. Marquit will email the link to the slide presentation to Central Committee members. Mr. Manson focused on canvassing, Ms. Perez on inclusiveness, and Ms. Marquit on operations and messaging. Mr. Manson said Reach, a field organizing app, has a lot of potential for the 2020 election. Discussion in the workshops he attended included deep canvassing and changing the focus from transactional to transformational canvassing—meaning that people are canvassed to engage them not just ask more of them. He said this may help reach low-turnout minority voters and other low-propensity voters. Ms. Marquit said that workshops providing training are more valuable than panels featuring big names but not much new information. The 2020 NetRoots Nation conference will be August 13th through 15th in Denver.
4. Annette Harker provided the following liaison report:
Idaho Falls Progressives:
 - The speaker at the August 17th meeting was Laura Milson, the new Idaho Falls Education Association president for District 91.
 - IF Progressives are supporting the IF Climate Action Summit, which Lyn Stangland Cameron is leading. Events will take place in tandem with the UN Climate Action Summit from September 19th through the 27th.
 - Claudia Pine noted that the next Women's March will be January 25, 2020, and the next National Issues Forum will be on energy with the Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho Falls Power as co-sponsors.
 - The next meeting of the Idaho Falls Progressives will be September 4th.
 5. Ms. Frerichs provided the Regional Director's report:
 - David Trotter is the new Idaho Democratic Party Executive Director. He has an M.A. in Political Science from McGill University.
 6. Mr. DeVries reported on the weekly conference call:
 - Scamming on political issues is being conducted via Facebook. All should be on the alert for this.
 7. New Business
 - Mr. Byron is collecting signatures for the medical marijuana petition drive sponsored by the Idaho Cannabis Coalition.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.