



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	David Sealander
Dave Manson, Vice Chair	Melvin Fitch
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Annette Harker
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Leslie Smith
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	Susun McCulla
John Kennedy, State Committeeman	LinAnn Dresser
Karen Lansing	Carolyn Abbott
James Manzanaras	Collett Olson
Dennis Sutton	George Morrison
Ruth Byron	Eric Olvera
Kaycee Byron	Grace Burgert
Robert Nielsen	Cecile Pérez
Jade Nielsen	Teresa Konishi
Kathryn Welsh DeVries	Earline M. Reid
Marei Montalvo	Caroline Walline
Jim Delmore	Lyn Stangland Cameron
Jackie Stephens	

It was noted that Carolyn Abbott from the League of Women Voters is attempting to solicit volunteers to assist with registration of new voters. Since Pat Tucker, secretary would be late, Ms. Marquit recommended, and it was moved and seconded that the approval of the July meeting minutes be delayed to next month. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood provided the treasurer's report. Discussion included why in-kind donations have not been a line item. Mr. Conquergood explained that the report has been for cash contributions only. Mr. Conquergood agreed to add in-kind donations as a regular part of the treasurer's report to celebrate and recognize the level of support provided through in-kind donations.
2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:
 - Ms. Marquit reported on the NetRoots Nation conference, which Cecile Pérez, MaCay Frerichs, Karen Bauer, and she attended from August 2 through 4 in New Orleans. Ms. Marquit said it provided much useful information for winning elections and grassroots efforts including on fundraising, running for office, voter demographics, scriptwriting, canvassing, the importance of registering new voters, get out the vote (GOTV) strategies, event planning, planning for primaries, reaching people where they are, and panels and keynotes including by Paulette Jordan. 52 workshop sessions were offered. Outgrowths of the conference include increased awareness of the importance of Spanish language material and ads being built into the budget, consideration of purchasing text messaging software such as Blast and Hustle, and providing swag for recurring contributions. The 2019 conference will be July 11 through 13 in Philadelphia.

- Dave Manson noted that James Manzanaras and David Moran are providing community event support called Servants for Entertainment. A goal of the business is to help young people be entrepreneurial and away from drugs and drinking.
 - The August 11 Duck Race was highly successful with more than 1,000 people visiting the Bonneville County Democrats booth, that at almost all times candidates were talking with passersby, 50 people were registered to vote, and 30 people signed up to be added to the mailing list.
 - The August 18 Pizza and Politics featuring sides presenting pro and con positions on the District 91 school bond was well attended and covered by Channel 8. The bond election is August 28. Ms. Marquit said that discussion included whether the Central Committee should pass a resolution of support for the election. Mr. Conquergood moved that the Central Committee pass a resolution of support for the election. Discussion included whether the resolution would be helpful to the success of the bond, that the resolution could potentially lose votes for candidates, whether giving the degree of opposition the risk would be worth the reward, and that the issue is not solely about education and students but accountability, taxation, and transparency. Others speaking in favor of the resolution wanted a strong show of support for the bond, and to be ourselves and support education. A roll-call vote was taken of voting members resulting in an 8 to 8 tie. As chair having the authority to vote in the event of a tie, Ms. Marquit voted against the resolution and the motion failed.
 - Ms. Marquit requested \$500 to support the Kenneth Krell meet and greet on September 4. Mr. Sutton moved that \$500 be budget to support the event, Pat Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.
 - Mr. Manson noted that September 5 is Community Food Basket Night at Melaleuca Field and that he has 1,000 tickets to give away. Anyone interested in attending should speak with him.
3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:
- Idaho Falls Progressives
- Progressive's highway cleanup is September 22. Volunteers are needed but must be 18 years of age. Meet at 8:30 a.m. to clean a 2-mile stretch of Highway 20.
 - A booth was shared with the Museum of Idaho at the Roaring Youth Jam. This was a problem because of being unable to talk freely about the issues and will not be done again.
 - A pamphlet is being produced to support Operation Shield, which is working to stop sex trafficking.
- Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)
- On August 24, Luke Mayville, cofounder of Reclaim Idaho, will speak at the Bonneville County Democratic Headquarters.
 - On August 27, training will be held on writing effective guest columns and letters to the editor at the Public Library at 7 p.m.
 - Jim De Angelis noted that he and George Morrison are writing postcards to each person whose signature was invalidated in the Districts 33 petition drive. Several of the 2,500 signatures are from District 30. Ms Tucker noted that she would like to support the effort and do the same for the people in District 30.
 - Meetings on Medicaid Expansion will be held every second and fourth Tuesday at the Unitarian Universalist Church from 7 to 8 p.m.
4. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging Committee report:
- Idaho Falls Pride on September 15 will not be at Kiefer's Island, which has closed and provided sponsorship of the event. The Shilo Inn will charge for the event there and so financial support through sponsorship of the tee shirts and booths is badly needed.
5. Campaign Committee report
- A booth will be shared with other counties at the Eastern Idaho State Fair. Mike Saville is leading this. People interested in volunteering should call Mike at (208) 244-4216. The fair will be from August 31 to September 8.
 - Candidates Corner
 - A Students for Pat event will be held at Rigby Lake on August 25. Eric Olvera and Grace Burgert are available to answer questions about the event.

- Meet and greets will be held for Pat at Jackie Stephens's house on August 23 and Mike Mooney's house on August 25. Mike Mooney noted that he will be canvassing in Precinct 1 in advance of the meet and greet and would like volunteers.
 - Precinct captain training is at noon on Saturday, August 25 at the CEI, Room 6163.
 - Volunteers are needed for 4-hour shifts at the Bonneville County Democratic Headquarters. Interested people should talk with Ms. Marquit. Susun McCulla asked which slots were open. Mr. Manson suggested that the schedule be posted on the website.
 - Ms. Frerichs noted that all of the events are on the county Dems Facebook page, and encouraged all to like and share the events.
6. John Kennedy gave the State Committee Representatives report.
- A.J. Balukoff has endorsed Paulette Jordan for governor.
 - Phone banking will be held at the headquarters from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.
7. New Business
- Mr. Manson read the Resolution of the Bonneville County Democratic Party to Support Medicaid Expansion that was discussed during previous meetings. Annette Harker moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Leslie Smith. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - Ms. Tucker requested that the July meeting minutes be approved because they had been distributed and contained current information. Ms. Harker so moved, Mr. De Angelis seconded. Discussion included that people wanted more time to read the minutes. Mr. Sutton suggested emailing the minutes with the agenda each month before the Central Committee meeting. Ms. Tucker agreed to do so. The motion failed by voice vote. Ms. McCulla commended Ms. Marquit on doing a fabulous job conducting the meeting, which involved a wide range of views and discussion.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.