



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Introductions followed. Attendees marked as guests were from an Idaho Falls High School advanced placement government class.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Stephanie Fryer, guest
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Caroline Walline
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Andy Frerichs
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	Annette Harker
Todd DeVries, State Committeeman	Mel Fitch
Mikayla Cook, guest	Jackie Stephens
Reed Eddington, guest	Karen Bauer
Leslie Timmons, guest	Rhonda Rohe
Brittnie Gavin, guest	Faith Katseanes, guest
Dennis Sutton	Ben Christofferson, guest
Robert Nielsen	Natalie Jardine, guest
Jade Nielsen	Cecile Pérez

The January 2019 minutes were reviewed. Annette Harker noted that information about Barbara Ehardt and the Idaho Falls Progressives should be changed to indicate that her stated need for criminal justice reform could be an area of collaboration. Andy Frerichs moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Pat Tucker seconded, and the minutes were approved as corrected by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on January 1, 2019, was \$6,630.38 and the ending balance on February 18, 2019, was \$7,297.01.
2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Marquit reported the following:
 - Dave Manson is stepping down as vice chair because of his work with New Day Lutheran Church and Habitat for Humanity. A vote for a new vice chair will be held at the March Central Committee meeting. Candidates must find a voting member of the Executive Committee to nominate them and a member to second their nomination, be a registered Democrat, and a resident of Bonneville County. Ms. Marquit encouraged candidates to prepare statements for presentation at the meeting on why they are interested in the position. The vacancy would be posted on Facebook and emailed.
 - Attendance at about 200 at the Jan. 19 Women's March was down by about half from years past. Ms. Marquit may not be interested in coordinating the event in future years, and suggested that an event on the March 8 International Women's Year may be a good and more successful substitute.
 - The Idaho Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (IDLCC) will be presenting the March 2 Pizza & Politics lunch at CEI, Health Building, Room 6163. House Minority Leader Mat Erpelding will be the keynote speaker.
 - Copies of proposed changes to the bylaws were distributed and discussed. Ms. Marquit proposes changes to allow (1) proxies for voting at the Central Committee to be submitted by email or in writing and (2) to reduce the number of standing committees from six (Rule and Bylaws, Finance and

Budget, Activities, Campaign, Growth, and Technology) to four: Rules and Bylaws, Finance and Budget, Communications, and Campaign committees. These changes will be voted on at a future Central Committee meeting. Andy Frerichs asked whether allowing designation of proxies by email poses a legal issue. Ms. Marquit responded that email signatures are considered legally valid. Ms. Other committees would be created on an ad hoc basis.

- The Idaho Democratic Party (IDP) is looking for silent auction items for the 25th annual Frank and Bethine Church banquet in Boise on March 16. All items must be received by March 1. Ms. Marquit will be driving out on March 15 for annual meeting events and has rented lodging with floor space from Airbnb. MaCay Frerichs and Todd DeVries will be attending as state committee woman and state committee man.
 - A second vice chair of the party is needed, and Ms. Marquit would like that slot filled by someone from east Idaho. She is contemplating nominating Robert Nielsen. Dennis Sutton suggested Ralph Mossman, Ms. Tucker suggested Chris Abernathy, and Steve Landon also was recommended.
3. The following liaison reports were provided:
- Annette Harker provided the Idaho Falls Progressives report.
- Former Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate and the 2009 Outstanding Education of the Year Jana Jones presented at the organization's meeting on Sat., February 17 and was excellent. Ms. Harker highly recommended her as a speaker.
 - A position statement opposing Rep. Barbara Ehardt's (District 33, Seat B) HB 120 sex education opt-in bill will be written.
 - Future Idaho Falls Progressives meetings will be at the LGBTQ Outreach Center, 550 2nd St., Ste 215
- Ms. Marquit provided the Medicaid Expansion report.
- Utah Gov. Herbert has signed into law a bill to impose restrictions on Utah's voter approved Proposition 3 Medicaid expansion initiative. The restrictions were pushed through with the help of money outside Utah. Boise lobbyists Kate Hoss and John Foster have been hired to support opposition to Medicaid expansion. Mr. Sutton suggested writing emails to eastern Idaho representatives to urge their support for Medicaid expansion as written and to oppose the House Health and Welfare bill that would impose worker restrictions. A meeting will be held tomorrow, February 20, at Ms. Marquit's house at 2130 Brookcliff Dr. for phone banking for support for Medicaid expansion as written. Ms. Tucker noted that coupled with the Idaho Senate bill to significantly increase the difficulty of passing voter initiatives, if passed, the worker restrictions bill will have a chilling effect on initiative efforts in Idaho. MaCay Frerichs noted that the Salt Lake Tribune had a column denouncing Gov. Hebert for signing a bill that undercuts the will of Utah voters.
4. MaCay Frerichs provided the report from the IDP:
- A 28-day course on white privilege is available for IDP members.
5. Monthly call—Executive Committee
- People interested in commenting on the 2020 delegate selection plan should email Lary Larson (larylarson@hopkinsroden.com).
 - A review committee will be making changes to the IDP Strategic 10-year Plan.
6. New Business
- Ms. Tucker noted that the District 91 Futures Conference will be next Tuesday, February 26, at the Waterfront from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and encouraged those with time to attend because of its importance for visibility and district long-term planning.
 - Ms. Harker noted that applications for poll workers are available.
 - Mr. Sutton encouraged those interested to email legislators support for SB1040, which would allow an increase in the number of liquor licenses to restaurants.
 - Caroline Walline, who organized the dessert auction for the Truman Banquet in 2018 asked people who will be making desserts to give her their contact information. She noted that \$3,600 was raised through the dessert auction last year at the Truman Banquet.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.