



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Lary Larson
Jim De Angelis, Vice Chair	Harry Guelzow
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Annette Harker
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Ron Hampton
George Morrison	David Friedman
Dennis Sutton, State Committee Representative	Sandra Brow
Collett Olson, State Committee Representative	Cecile Perez
Dave Nipper	Marei Montalvo

John Conquergood moved that the minutes from the November 21, 2017, and January 16, 2018, minutes be accepted and Pat Tucker seconded. During discussion, Jim De Angelis noted misspelling of a name on p. 4 of the January 2018 minutes, and Annette Harker noted that her name needed to be removed from those attending the January 2018 meeting. Mr. Conquergood moved that the minutes be accepted as revised, Ms. Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

1. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

- Ms. Marquit reported that the January 20 Women's March was fun and well attended.
- Ms. Marquit said that a meet and greet with gubernatorial candidate Paulette Jordan will be held on Wed., February 28 at Fort Hall.
- Ms. Marquit said that the District 91 bond election will likely be held in August 2018.
- Ms. Marquit reported that Reps. Barbara Ehardt and Bryan Zollinger and Sen. Tony Potts from Legislative District 33 conducted a Town Hall Sat. afternoon, February 17 at the Public Library. The turnout was heavy, and the question and answer spirited. The town hall was live streamed on Facebook.
- Jim De Angelis reported that signatures are still being collected for the Medicaid Expansion petition drive, which has been going well.

2. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- The Organizing to Win grassroots training session held Sat., Jan. 27th and led by Adrienne Evans, executive director of United Vision for Idaho, provided great tools for effective grassroots campaigning including how to encourage others to listen to your message and breakout sessions.
- About 25 people attended the stress management workshop led by Judy Schmidt on Feb. 10.
- A Conscientious Consumerism Project will be conducted for high schools

- A speaker from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Idaho spoke at the February 7 at the bimonthly meeting. She spoke forcefully about the importance of CASA and identified the need for volunteers.

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.