



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, July 16, 2019

MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair
Pat Tucker, Secretary
John Conquergood, Treasurer
Linda Evans
Mel Fitch
Dave Nipper
Dennis Sutton
Robert Nielsen
Jade Nielsen
Parker Hume
Joe Somerville

Jim Sathe
Jim De Angelis
Mark Muñoz, guest
Michelle Muñoz, guest
Karen Lansing
Annette Harker
John Ferebauer
Claudia Pine
Kathryn DeVries
Todd DeVries

The June 2019 minutes were reviewed. Karen Lansing noted that she should be added to the list of attendees. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, Jim De Angelis second, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on June 17, 2019, was \$13,581.525, and the ending balance on July 15, 2019, was \$13,297.61. Mr. Conquergood noted that the July 4th parade budget was exceeded by \$150. A reusable banner that was made for the parade caused the deficit.
2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Frerichs reported on the following, noting that the meeting would be short because of her having surgery scheduled the next day:
 - The July 4th parade was successful with a great crowd response. Mr. De Angelis recognized Don Watters for his time and care assembling the large donkey float and labeling all the parts to facilitate future assembly. This was a lot of work and important because Steve Zeman, who built the donkey, couldn't help assemble it this year. With the labeling, the donkey will be able to be assembled without Mr. Zeman's help. Mr. Sutton suggested that Mr. Watters and his effort should be considered for the Truman Service Award next spring. Ms. Tucker said she would write a letter thanking Mr. Watters for his work.
 - An overview of the NetRoots Nation conference will be presented at the August Central Committee meeting. Miranda Marquit and Dave Manson were interviewed at the conference by *Business Insider*. Mr. Manson briefly summarized the benefits of the conference in an email that Ms. Marquit included in the Central Committee meeting invitation.
 - Pizza and Politics on Sat., July 13th, on "A Nation in Debt," was sponsored along with the Idaho Falls Progressives and the Eastern Idaho Policy Center. Claudia Pine distributed a handout summarizing the event, which was a National Issues Forum Institute deliberative forum. The facilitator and event organizer was Cassandra Hemphill with 26 people attending in addition to the facilitator. Groups of six or seven people discussed the issue. Topics for future forums based on people completing evaluations at the end of forum included immigration, reviving civility, national security, and end of life.
 - Pride on Sat., July 30th, was successful with many people stopping by the booth and 16 people signing up to volunteer or to be added to the Central Committee meeting email distribution. Several people were registered to vote at the booth, and voter registration cards were given to several others to complete themselves because they didn't have their identification information with them.

- Volunteers are needed for the Duck Race booth on August 10th. Mr. De Angelis will set up the booth. Robert Nielsen will bring a generator.
 - Annette Harker made a motion to cancel the Quality of Life Festival scheduled for Sat., August 24th. She reported that the Parks and Recreation Department would provide a full refund of the \$108 deposit for Freeman Park facilities. Mr. Sutton seconded the motion. During discussion, Kathryn DeVries suggested having the festival in September or delaying until 2021. Mr. Sutton called for the question, and Mr. De Angelis seconded. By a show of hands, the motion carried with seven supporting canceling the event and two opposed to canceling.
 - Volunteers are needed for the Eastern Idaho State Fair booth. The booth is inside out of the heat. Entrance tickets will be provided to volunteers.
 - David Nipper suggested that involvement should be considered for the Bonneville County State Fair, which will for the first time be at Sandy Downs. It will be held from August 2 through the 9th.
3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison report:
- Idaho Falls Progressives:
- No meetings have been held since the June Central Committee meeting with the July 4th holiday.
 - Future meetings are every first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and every third Sat. at 10:30 a.m. at A Light in the Window building at 550 2nd St., Ste. 215.
 - Thirteen people volunteered for the Highway 26 cleanup on June 22nd. Ms. Harker thanked the volunteers for their work. Ms. Tucker noted that one volunteer overheated and needed to be transported in the car, rest, and given water.
4. Ms. Frerichs and Ms. Tucker reported on the IDP monthly and weekly calls.
- Ms. Frerichs provided the Regional Director's Report. An Executive Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, July 9th. Morgan Hine has been hired as the Operations Director. Shelby Scott is still acting Executive Director.
 - Ms. Tucker reported on the weekly conference call. The Post Register's editorial "The Architect of Cruelty" was praised for noting that a new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that Medicaid work requirements have had no positive effects but result in excluding people who would otherwise qualify because of not meeting the reporting requirements. Ms. Tucker said she noted the *Post Register's* hypocrisy: In the 2018 election, the newspaper endorsed all the local Republican legislative candidates, who stated opposition to Medicaid expansion, over the Democratic candidates, all of whom supported Medicaid expansion as written on the ballot.
5. New Business
- Karen Lansing said that she is resigning as chair of Precinct 11 and will be vice chair. Mr. Manson has just closed on a house in the precinct and would like to be chair. The affirmation of Mr. Manson as chair will be held at the August Central Committee meeting.
 - Parker Hume reported that he and Cassandra have a new baby, and both the new mom and baby, Wyeth, are doing great.
- Ms. Frerichs adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.