



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., noted that a picnic signup sheet was being routed and introductions followed.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Karen Bauer
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Kathryn Welsh DeVries
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Ron Hampton
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	Cecile Pérez
John Kennedy, State Committeeman	Michael Mooney
Kaycee Byron	LinAnn Dresser
Karen Lansing	Sharon Coyle
Andy Frerichs	Wayne Casella
Jim De Angelis	Jackie Casella
Mel Fitch	Jackie Stephens
Collett Olson	Dennis Sutton
Peter Pryfogle	Annette Harker
Teresa Konishi	

Ms. Marquit asked for review of the June 19, 2018, minutes. MaCay Frerichs moved that the minutes be accepted, Pat Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood provided the Treasurer's report. Ms. Marquit noted that Dennis Sutton suggested moving the Treasurer's report to the beginning of the agenda to facilitate decision making on issues requiring expenditures. The checking account ending balance is \$10,966.48.
2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:
  - The Fourth of July parade was a success with the giant, highly visible donkey in blue waves and Paulette Jordan walking with the candidates. Ms. Marquit noted that candy lasted longer than in past year but still was not enough with Democrats not being able to skip a child's hand.
  - Registration for the River Fest booth was \$350. The location was at Snake River Landing for the second year. River Fest was heavily attended with Paulette Jordan, local candidates, and several volunteers handing out balloons and greeting people throughout the day and early evening. Forty people were registered to vote, and 20 new people were added to the newsletter distribution.
  - A survey was conducted via the newsletter asking recipients for their opinion on whether the monthly Central Committee meeting date should be changed and whether videoconferencing software should be purchased and used as an option to attend Central Committee meetings. Two-thirds said that the date of the meeting shouldn't be changed, and three-fourths said that videoconferencing was not worth the trouble. During discussion, Jackie Stephens asked how many people responded. Ms. Marquit said 40 people did and that the survey was repeated in two newsletters. Teresa Konishi was how large the email list is. Ms. Marquit said 997. Ms. Konishi suggested that the response relative to the total newsletter distribution may not be representative. Ms. Tucker suggested that the survey be prominent in the email subject line. Ms. Marquit said that she would send out the survey again.

3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- The Progressives had a successful float at the Fourth of July parade, emphasizing important progressive beliefs.
- No general meeting was held on the first Tuesday because of July 4th. The second Saturday meeting was held.

Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney announced today that the Medicaid Expansion petition qualified for the ballot with the required number of qualified signatures: 56,192. Several members said they heard about it reported earlier through various media outlets as an impressive grassroots victory for Idaho. Approximately two-thirds, or 75,500, were valid of the 113,500 submitted. Contacting the people whose signatures were invalid will be the priority of the initiative drive for the coming weeks. Many volunteers are needed for this effort to communicate with the people whose signatures were invalid and get them registered to vote.
- The effort to emphasize the nonpartisan effort of the Medicaid expansion petition was strengthened with Republican Legislature Christy Perry from Nampa as co-chair with Emily Strizich. LinAnn Dresser suggested that PSAs be routed to radio stations about registration and get out the vote efforts.
- Meetings on Medicaid Expansion will be held every second and fourth Tuesday at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 6:30 p.m.

4. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging Committee report:

- Ms. Marquit noted that the Post Register will begin having Republican and Democratic guest columns. Ms. Stephens suggested that they should be side by side for a point/counterpoint comparison on the issues. Ms. Marquit said the Republicans would likely not agree to that but will ask editor Katie Stokes.
- Phone banking will be at Ms. Marquit's house on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Karen Bauer, Cecile Pérez, Miranda Marquit, and MaCay Frerichs will attend the NetRoots Nation conference, August 2 through 4 in New Orleans.
- Jill Humble will join the Bonneville County Democrat's Duck Race booth on August 11. Karen Bauer has arranged having a popcorn machine. The booth will be on the west side in front of the Quality Inn. Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts.
- The Anne Voillequé meet and greet for the four local candidates on July 26 at the Carr Gallery of the Willard Arts Center will include hors d'oeuvres and tickets for drinks.
- Pizza and Politics will resume on August 18 with a forum on the District 91 school bond election. Mr. Conquergood will arrange the pro-bond District 91 speaker, and Brian Stutzman will oppose.
- Precinct captain training is at noon on Saturday, August 25 at the CEI, Room 6163.

5. Mr. Conquergood reported on the campaign headquarters committee.

- A highly visible location for the campaign headquarters was closed on. The storefront is at 515 Park Avenue in the old Pachanga's location across from Civitan Plaza. The rent is \$1,400/month. Karen Lansing will provide furniture. The total rent will be approximately \$4,900 from August 1 through November 15.

6. John Kennedy gave the State Committee Representatives report.

- He noted that the 2018 Idaho Democratic Party platform was the most progressive in the history of the state party.
- Voter turnout for the May primary was a record statewide.

7. New Business

- A voice vote was held on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact resolution discussed at previous meetings. The resolution passed.
- A Medicaid expansion resolution was presented and will be voted on at a later meeting.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.