



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., and requested a motion to change the order of the agenda to include the appointment of precinct captains and vice captains to allow the meeting to be conducted within the bylaws and to move the treasurer's report up to facilitate discussion of options for rental of campaign headquarters. Dennis Sutton so moved, Pat Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Andy Frerichs
Dave Manson, Vice Chair	MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Jackie Stephens
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Jim Delmore
Kathryn Welsh DeVries	Kaycee Byron
Marei Montalvo	Ruth Byron
Annette Harker	Cecile Pérez
Collett Olson	Karen Bauer
Mel Fitch	Dennis Sutton
Michael Mooney	Karen Lansing
Peter Pryfogle	Jade Nielsen
Teresa Konishi	Robert S. Nielsen
Earline M. Reid	David Nipper
Jim De Angelis	Nick Noe

Ms. Marquit asked for review of the May 22, 2018, minutes. Karen Lansing moved that the minutes be accepted, Marei Montalvo seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Marquit announced the nominations of the following precinct captains and vice captains:

Precinct 1: Mr. Mooney, precinct captain, and Peter Pryfogle, vice captain
Precinct 14: Carmen Moreno, captain. Ms. Marquit noted that Ms. Moreno became interested in the position after volunteering with last week's phone bank
Precinct 21: Jackie Stephens, captain; Jim Delmore, vice captain
Precinct 27: Gabrielle Rodrigues, captain
Precinct 38, Karen Bauer, captain
Precinct 26: Mel Fitch, vice captain
Precinct 4: Teresa Konishi, vice captain
Precinct 7: Andy Frerichs, vice captain

Mr. Sutton asked that the precinct captains and vice captains take their positions seriously over the next two years and attend Central Committee meetings because 20% of all appointed precinct captains are

required to be present for a quorum. David Nipper noted that vice captains can be counted toward a quorum and vote in the absence of the captain. Ms. Marquit noted that precinct captain training will be held on August 18. Mr. Sutton also asked that precinct captains and vice captains resign if they cannot fulfill their duties to allow new captains and vice captains to be appointed. Mr. Sutton moved that the nominations close, Kathryn DeVries seconded, and the nominations were approved by voice vote. A voice vote was held to approve the seating of Ms. Marquit as chair and David Manson as vice chair, both of whom were elected at the May 22 meeting. Ms. Marquit then began conducting the meeting as chair.

Jackie Stephens asked for clarification on attendance requirements. Ms. Marquit noted that vice captains are allowed to vote in the absence of the captain without a proxy, but when neither the captain nor vice captain is in attendance, the precinct must provide written notification of the name of the proxy who will attend to have a proxy vote.

1. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:

- There will be a breakout session to plan the Fourth of July float. The four legislative candidates will chair the float committee. The candidates will walk along side the float or ride on the float. The lineup for the parade will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the parade beginning at 9 a.m.
- Volunteers are needed for River Fest. Legislative candidates are invited to have literature at the booth, which cost \$300. Jim De Angelis noted that balloons have been ordered for the booth. Robert Nielsen noted that he will have a float for his District 34 candidacy in Rexburg. Ms. Tucker noted that volunteers with her campaign will be wearing campaign tee shirts. MaCay Frerichs noted the environmental impact of balloons. David Manson added that games for kids at the booth have been shown to be very successful.
- Planning of the Quality of Life Festival has been delayed to allow focusing on the election.
- The Duck Race is Sat., August 11, and there will be a booth. The event is well-attended and candidates are encouraged to have a visible presence.

2. John Conquergood provided the Treasurer's report

- The checking account balance is \$11,467.83. Up to \$6K is available to rent campaign headquarters from July through November 6. Mr. Sutton noted the importance of having the headquarters for GOTV efforts and visibility of the party and candidates. Mr. Conquergood projected based on past years that \$3K can be expected in donations to the party before November. Mr. Sutton noted the importance of spending all available funds on the election. David Nipper agreed. Ms. Tucker moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Annette Harker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- Ways to address pollution from plastics will be researched and addressed.
- The Progressives will have a float.
- A presentation on sex trafficking was made at the bimonthly meeting at the Labor Training Hall.

Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- A volunteer appreciation picnic was held June 12.
- Volunteers are needed to help with scanning of the petitions.
- The petitions for each district will be delivered to the Secretary of State's office on July 6th.

4. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging Committee report:
 - Ms. Frerichs distributed a written proposal for \$1,500 for three people to attend the NetRoots Nation conference in New Orleans August 2 through 4. She said the conference was highly valuable last year and noted that \$500 of her cost of provided by the Bonneville Democratic Party last year. Seven people have expressed interest in attending. Mr. Sutton said that he supports using that money directly on the election. Mr. Manson noted that the timing could be crucial to use the information to support candidates winning. Mr. Conquergood moved that \$1,500 be authorized to pay partial expenses of those wishing to attend. During discussion Mr. Sutton asked that there be a high-quality return on the investment for the party. Mr. Manson moved that debate end, Ms. Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.
5. Mr. Conquergood reported on the campaign headquarters committee.
 - Both Mr. Sutton and Mr. Conquergood have been searching for locations.
 - Five to six months of rent are acceptable.
 - Attendees were encouraged to provide any leads to the committee.
6. Ms. Frerichs gave the State Committee Representatives report.
 - The keynote speaker at the June 29 and 30, state convention in Caldwell will be Jason Kandor. He founded Let America Vote after narrowly losing his bid for U.S. Senate in 2016. Mr. Manson said that he would like to participate in the weekly calls. Ms. Marquit will add Mr. Manson to the call list. Ms. Marquit noted that comments on the Idaho Democratic Party platform are encouraged and that it would be voted on at the convention.
 - Voter turnout for the May primary was a record statewide.
7. New Business
 - Further discussion was held on whether to allow Central Committee meeting attendance via videoconferencing. Ms. Tucker summarized the issue noting that attendance of young people and others should be pursued based on their preference and that it would not be open to everyone but only to those included in the monthly email providing notice of meetings. Mr. Manson noted that the technology would allow people with disabilities to participate in the meetings. Mr. Sutton voiced his strong objection based on the value of people participating face to face. Ms. Stephens acknowledged that benefit but noted that attendance by all options could allow better representation. Mr. Nipper noted that the success of videoconferencing widely varies and that a big screen and skilled moderator greatly help.
 - Ms. Marquit noted that moving the meeting to another Tuesday to allow those with schedule conflicts should be further considered. She suggested that the second or fourth Tuesday of each month are options.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.