



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

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Introductions followed. It was noted during the introductions that Todd DeVries would be proxy voting for Kathryn DeVries.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	David Nipper
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Dennis Sutton
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Collett Olson
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	Mel Fitch
Todd DeVries, State Committeeman	Marei Montalvo
Joan Bell	Ruth Byron
George Morrison	Cecile Pérez
Jim De Angelis	Claudia Pine
Harry Guelzow	Annette Harker
Andy Frerichs	

George Morrison requested a moment of silence in respect for Sen. John McCain because of the posthumous attacks leveled against him by President Trump. The moment of silence was held.

Dennis Sutton passed around a sympathy card for Carrie Crom, long-time Central Committee member and supporter, over the death of her beloved dog.

The February 2019 minutes were reviewed. Todd DeVries moved that they be accepted, MaCay Frerichs seconded, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. Nominations were opened for the position of Vice Chair of the Central Committee, vacated by the resignation of Dave Manson. John Conquergood nominated Ms. Tucker, and Collett Olson seconded. Harry Guelzow nominated Jim De Angelis, and Ms. Frerichs seconded. Todd DeVries nominated Ms. Frerichs, and Mr. De Angelis seconded. Ms. Frerichs was elected by secret ballot. Ms. Frerichs said that she would resign her position as state committeewoman. Ms. Marquit noted that election of a new state committeewoman would be held at the April meeting and that interested candidates must be nominated and the nomination seconded by a member of the Central Committee (members of the Executive Committee and precinct captains).
2. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on February 18, 2019, was \$7,267.01, and the ending balance on March 18, 2019, was \$7,996.39.
3. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Marquit reported the following:
 - March 2nd Pizza & Politics was standing room only for the legislative update provided by House Minority Leader Mat Erpelding. The topic for the April 13th Pizza and Politics will be on candidate interest. Expected speakers are former Idaho Rep. Jerry Shively and City Council members Jim Francis, John Radford, and Shelly Smede.
 - The deadline for applying for the Library and Auditorium boards is March 22nd. Marie Montalvo noted that precinct captains will all need to be reelected in 2020.

- Volunteers are needed for the Earth Day booth at Tautphaus Park on April 27th. There will also be booths at Cinco de Mayo on May 4th at Tautphaus Park, the Duck Race, and Liberty Fest. There will be a float in the 4th of July parade.
 - Scholarships are available for people wishing to attend the Truman Banquet on May 4th at the Downtown Event Center, 480 Park Ave. Registration is through eventbrite.com, which allows a pay at the door option, or to RSVP to Ms. Tucker or Mr. Conquergood. Valet parking will be available. Dave Nipper noted he and Marsha will attend. Mr. Guelzow noted that the Central Labor Council will purchase a table. Ms. Marquit noted that Melaleuca has offered to rent the headquarters for half price for a future event. Mr. Sutton said that accepting the offer for the appropriate event would be a good idea.
4. The following liaison reports were provided:
- Claudia Hemphill provided the Medicaid Expansion report.
- Rep. John Vander Woude, who is a member of the Health and Welfare Committee, has reintroduced work and other restrictions on Medicaid expansion passed by 61% of voters on the November 2018 ballot. The anticipated House vote breakdown is 29 for the Vander Woude bill, 23 opposed with 13 to 18 undecided. Area representatives and members of the committee should be called or emailed and urged to oppose any sideboards on the ballot language. Rep. Bryan Zollinger was not able to get a harsher bill through. Sen. Fred Martin has introduced a bill in the Senate with voluntary work restrictions. A door knocking campaign was completed on 100 houses with 40% expressing strong support for Medicaid expansion with no restrictions. Anti-initiative SB 1159 will put voter initiatives virtually out of reach. Calls are needed to voice opposition for this bill as well. Volunteers for additional door knocking are needed.
- Annette Harker provided the Idaho Falls Progressives report.
- Progressives will partner with the Bonneville County Democratic Party on the Quality of Life Festival as it did in 2017. The festival will be held on August 24th at Freeman Park.
 - Highway 26 cleanup will be held on Sat., May 18th. Bob Goettsch will coordinate the cleanup. People interested in volunteering should contact Ms. Harker.
 - A voter registration table will be set up at the Earth Day event.
5. Ms. Frerichs provided the Communications report. Medical issues have prevented her from having a meeting in the last few weeks, but one will be scheduled as soon possible.
- The BCDP Twitter account has 400 followers, and the Facebook page has nearly 700 followers.
6. Mr. DeVries provided the State Committee report:
- At the IDP state Central Committee meeting, Van Beechler was elected chair. Discussion included the Women's Caucus wanting a voted on the state Central Committee, which was not approved. Ms. Marquit noted that the bylaws would have to be amended to give chairs of special groups voting power on the state Central Committee.
 - Mr. Sutton nominated Ms. Frerichs to be Regional Representative for District 7 counties, taking over from Lary Larson. Ms. Frerichs was elected to that position.
7. Ms. Marquit provided the state chair report:
- A Chair of Chairs potluck was held on Friday at the State Committee meeting.
 - Elle Casner is the interim IDP executive director. There are four finalists for the position.
8. New Business
- Ms. Frerichs noted that the 2019 NetRoots Nation conference will be held in July in Philadelphia. People interested in attending should contact her to register to get the group rate.
- Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.