



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

Jim De Angelis, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

Pat Tucker, Secretary

Jim De Angelis, Vice Chair

Tammy Winn

Roger Frazier

Lary Larson

Marei Montalvo

Dennis Sutton, State Committee Representative

Arleen Malone

Audrey Malone

Jackie Stephens

Jim Delmore

Earline Reid

Melvin Fitch

John Conquergood, Treasurer

MaCay Frerichs

Pete Pryfogle

Vic Storhok

Sandra Storhok

Collett Olson, State Committee Representative

Stephanie Fryer

Ron Hampton

Harry Guelzow

Don Watters

George Morrison

Renee Magee

Cecile Perez

Jerry Sehlke

Karen Bauer

Robert Nielsen

Annette Harker

Todd DeVries

Arnold Erickson

Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes of the February 20, 2018, Central Committee meeting be accepted and Pat Tucker seconded. During discussion, Collett Olson noted she called rather than visited Skyline High School to review its meeting facilities for potentially holding Pizza and Politics there as the minutes indicated. Mr. Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, Ms. Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

1. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

- Mr. De Angelis reported that Chair Miranda Marquit was on vacation and could not attend the meeting.
- Mr. De Angelis noted that all of the Democratic legislative candidates who had declared were in attendance at the meeting, would need volunteers and other help, and that time would be available at the end of the meeting to talk with the candidates.
- Mr. De Angelis stated that the order of the agenda would be changed to allow Lary Larson to discuss upcoming events because he had to leave early.

2. Mr. Larson stated that nuts and bolts Campaign Training for candidates and others working on campaigns will be held Wed., May 2, at 7 p.m. John Conquergood said that he would reserved the Public Library conference room for the training. Mr Larson also noted that at the end of the April 17 Central Committee meeting, a caucus will be held to elect delegates to the Idaho Democratic Party convention. Ms. Tucker added that the convention would be held in Caldwell on June 29 and 30.

Mr De Angelis said that a facility for campaign headquarters will be rented as in previous years. Harry Guelzow stated how important it is to donate to the candidates and their campaigns. Mr. Larson said that 20 delegates and 20 alternates will be elected.

3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- Mayor Casper was a guest speaker at the bimonthly meeting.
- A protest near the Melaleuca Headquarters on Sat., April 14, is planned during the Lincoln dinner to be held there to object to right-wing keynote speaker Dinesh D'Souza, who made disparaging remarks about the student survivors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
- Tee shirts are available for purchase for members. The fee for membership is \$5.00.
- District 2 congressional candidate Aaron Swisher will speak at the Sat., April 21, meeting at the Labor Training Hall at 10 a.m.
- Help is needed for highway cleanup from Mile Markers 344 to 346 on Sat., May 19. Volunteers should arrive at 9 a.m.

Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- More than 29,000 signatures have been gathered for Medicaid Expansion. In District 33, 90% of the 6% of the needed signatures have been gathered, and in District 30, 30% of the signatures have been gathered. A door knocking strategy is being developed for District 30. Ms. Tucker noted that her campaign will carry petitions while door knocking.
- 168 signatures were elected at polling places for the March 13 District 93 bond election.

4. MaCay Frerichs, Strategic Messaging Committee Chair, noted that she and Ms. Marquit have chosen a website design for the Bonneville Democratic Party website.

5. Pat Tucker, Event Planning/Activities Committee, report

- Ms. Tucker noted progress has been made on planning the Truman Banquet including that wine and beer will be provided by MarCellars and that requests for wine and beer could be provided to her to pass along to MarCellars, and postcard invitations will be mailed out to contributors, party members, and others in a few days. Mr. De Angelis stressed how important the fundraiser is, and that it allowed \$1,000 to be donated to each of the four candidates before the May 15 primary and another \$1,000 will be donated for the general election. He noted that tables that seat eight could be reserved.

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6. Collett Olson gave the State Committee Representatives report.

- A third candidate, Peter Dill, will be running for the Democratic nomination for Idaho governor.
- Rapid Response phone banks will be available for contested primaries.
- Cindy Wilson and Allen Humble will be vying for the Democratic nomination for superintendent of schools.
- Mr. Sutton reported that IDP Chair Bert Marley is considering means to support independent candidates running for the legislature—with priority given to Democratic candidates. He noted that some districts candidates choose to run as independents because running as a Democrat is near certain defeat. Mr. Sutton also expressed thanks to Ms. Marquit for helping him find his way to the Church Gala in Boise.

7. John Conquergood presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Mr. Conquergood noted that the ending balance for the accounting month was \$8752.96. He noted that a \$500 check was donated at the March Pizza and Politics event, which included the report on the legislative session. Mr. Conquergood also noted that Snake River Landing cashed

the \$1,000 fee for the Waterfront for the Truman Banquet and the \$500 deposit it was not supposed to cash. Pat Tucker moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Mel Fitch seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

8. Reports from Other Committee Chairs included the following:

- Ms. Tucker distributed a second draft of the resolution proposed to abolish the electoral college. A vote is planned for April.

9. New Business

- Ms. Tucker suggested that subscribing to GoTo Meeting or another online meeting service be considered for the Central Committee meetings. She noted that the technology has improved greatly since she used it several years ago, and that the ease of use helped generate a large turnout for training for local schools associated with the Cady Tucker Run in the Spirit, which she hosts. Ms. Tucker said the cost of GoTo Meeting would be \$19 per month, access could be limited to only those on the Central Committee email list, and online meetings as an option for some attendees could increase attendance especially of young people. Mr. Sutton said he is not in favor of virtual meetings because of the value of having people in a room together. Renee McGee noted that the meeting costs could be higher if equipment were upgraded to better accommodate online attendance. Jerry Sehlke described his experience with GoTo Meeting and said that the technology is well established. A vote will be held at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. De Angelis adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.