Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Miranda Marquit called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. She noted that the meeting was a week later than usual because of the May 15 primary election.

In attendance:
Miranda Marquit (precinct captain)  Ron Hampton (precinct captain)
Pat Tucker  Harry Guelzow (precinct captain)
John Conquergood  Peter Pryfogle
Cecile Pérez (precinct captain)  Lary Larson (precinct captain)
John Kennedy  MacKay Frerichs
Michael Mooney  Andy Frerichs
Margaret Squires  Todd DeVries (certified proxy precinct captain)
David Nipper (precinct captain)  Leslie Smith
Marei Montalvo (precinct captain)  Annette Harker (precinct captain)
George Morrison  Jackie Stephens
Karen Bauer  Earline Reid
Collett Olson (precinct captain)  Teresa Konishi
Susan McCulla  Dennis Sutton (precinct captain)
Karen Lansing (precinct captain)

Ms. Marquit said that reorganization of the Central Committee by electing officers, which must be done every 2 years, was the purpose of this meeting. She announced that the order of the agenda would need to be reversed to elect officers to be able to conduct the meeting. She noted that the newly elected precinct captains would elect the officers. Collett Olson moved that the agenda order be changed accordingly, Pat Tucker seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote. Dave Nipper noted that a quorum was present. Ms. Tucker noted that agenda notification was timely.

Ms. Marquit noted the officer positions listed below would be voted on and that eligibility requires nominees to be registered as a Democrat. Incumbents are listed in parentheses.

Chair (Miranda Marquit)
Vice Chair (Jim De Angelis)
Secretary (Pat Tucker)
Treasurer (John Conquergood)
State Committeewoman (Collett Olson)
State Committeeman (Dennis Sutton)
Leg District 34 Chair (Lary Larson)

Ms. Marquit added that candidates had to be nominated by precinct captains. She noted that Todd DeVries would be acting as the certified proxy for Kathryn DeVries.
Ms. Marquit opened nominations for chair. Collett nominated Ms. Marquit, Dennis Sutton seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Mr. Sutton then moved that the nominations cease, and Collett Olson seconded. Ms. Marquit was re-elected chair by precinct captains raising their manilla certification envelopes.

Ms. Marquit noted that incumbent Jim De Angelis was stepping down as vice chair and opened nominations for the position. Karen Lansing nominated Dave Manson, who was not present, and Cecile Pérez seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Ms. Olson moved that the nominations cease, and Ms. Lansing seconded. Mr. Manson was elected vice chair by precinct captains raising their envelopes.

Ms. Marquit opened nominations for secretary. Annette Harker nominated Pat Tucker, and Harry Guelzow seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Karen Lansing moved that the nominations cease, and Ms. Harker seconded. Ms. Tucker was elected secretary by precinct captains raising their envelopes.

Ms. Marquit opened nominations for treasurer. Lary Larson nominated John Conquergood, and Ms. Harker seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Ms. Lansing moved that the nominations cease, and Ms. Olson seconded. Mr. Conquergood was elected treasurer by precinct captains raising their envelopes.

Ms. Marquit noted that Ms. Olson was stepping down as state committeewoman and opened nominations for the position. Ms. Olson nominated MaCay Frerichs, and Ms. Lansing seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Ms. Lansing moved that the nominations cease, and Ms. Olson seconded. Ms. Frerichs was elected treasurer by precinct captains raising their envelopes.

Ms. Marquit opened nominations for state committeeman. Ms. Pérez nominated John Kennedy, and Todd DeVries seconded. Ms. Marquit asked for additional nominations and there were none. Mr. Larson nominated Mr. Sutton, and Marei Montalbo seconded. Ms. Lansing moved that the nominations cease, and Ms. Harker seconded. Ms. Marquit invited both candidates to make brief statements about their candidacies. Mr. Sutton noted that he had held the position for the past year after Ken Olson stepped down and that dealing with the Idaho Democratic Party is an ongoing challenge. Mr. Kennedy said that he helped organize the Science March in 2017 and was working on Pat Tucker’s campaign as field coordinator and wants to improve the VoteBuilder database locally and at the state level. Precinct captains voted by secret ballot, and Mr. Kennedy won by 6 to 5.

Ms. Marquit opened nominations for District 30 legislative chair. Ms. Pérez stated she wanted to be a candidate and was elected by voice vote.

Ms. Marquit opened nomination for District 33 legislative chair. Mr. Sutton, George Morrison, and Andy Frerichs said they wanted to be candidates. A secret ballot was held and Mr. Sutton and Mr. Frerichs tied with three votes each. A runoff was held and Mr. Sutton won four to two.

Ms. Marquit announced that elections for the meeting were concluded and the rest of the agenda would be considered.
Ms. Marquit asked for review of the April 17, 2018, minutes. Mr. Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as written, and Ms. Tucker seconded.

1. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:
   - A thank you note from Leslie Smith for her Truman Banquet award was read.
   - The Liberty Festival booth has been aid for and reserved.
   - A summer picnic will be held Sat., July 28
   - The Fourth of July parade will be held and it was agreed that candidates will walk with the float. Ms. Stephens recommended that each of the candidates have a volunteer walk with a banner. Volunteers are needed. The theme is “River of Hope.”
   - The Quality of Life Festival committee includes Ms. Harker, Ms. Pérez, Ms. Frerichs, and the chair at this point. No date has been set yet.
   - Mr. Kennedy will instruct a class on MiniVan on June 2 at 10 a.m. at the Public Library for the Pat Tucker campaign. Ms. Tucker noted that the campaign rented the conference room and encouraged all to attend because of a lot of space availability.
   - There will be a booth at the Duck Race, which is August 11.

2. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:
   Idaho Falls Progressives
   - Turnout was excellent for Highway 26 cleanup held on Saturday, May 19. The cleanup will be held again in the fall.
   - The Progressives will have a float in the 4th of July parade.
   - Steve Peters is now historian, replacing Claudia Hemphill.
   - Anne Dustin is the new member at large, replacing Nathan Davis.
   Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)
   - Though the official certification won’t be completed until July, it appears certain that the Medicaid Expansion petition will be on the ballot in November. Activities for the campaign season are being planned. A volunteer picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 12.

4. Ms. Marquit gave the Campaign Committee report.
   - With the excellent fundraising at the Truman Banquet, money is sufficient to rent a building for campaign headquarters. Everyone should look for available facilities. Ms. Marquit asked Mr. Larson and Mr. Conquergood to head up finding the facility. Mr. Sutton moved that they be co-chairs of the headquarters committee, and Ms. Frerichs seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Pat Tucker, Event Planning/Activities Committee, report
   - The Cady Tucker Run in the Spirit will be Sat., July 21, and a relay team of five will be needed again. It will be at Snake River Landing 8 a.m.
4. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging report
   - The NetRoots Nation conference will be August 2 through August 4. Ms. Frerichs noted the excellent conference she attended last year. Registration is $465 with scholarships at $21.90. Interested people should advise Ms. Frerichs. Mr. Sutton suggested that criteria be established for determining people the County Dems will provide funding to attend.

5. Mr. Conquergood presented the Treasurer’s Report, which was approved by voice vote.

Ms. Marquit noted that the remaining precinct captains and vice captains will be voted on at the June meeting of the Central Committee. Anyone interested in the positions should advise Ms. Marquit.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.