



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Judy Leonard
Dave Manson, Vice Chair	Loreta Kurkowski
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Jackie Stephens
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Dennis Sutton
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	George Morrison
John Kennedy, State Committeeman	Jim De Angelis
Leslie Smith	Todd DeVries
Collett Olson	Annette Harker
Melvin Fitch	Lyn Stangland Cameron
Paula Bendixsen	Robert S. Nielsen
Karen Bauer	Harry Guelzow
Ruth Byron	

The August and September 2018 minutes were reviewed. Collett Olson noted “attended” needed to be changed to “attempted” on p. 1 of the August minutes. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be approved as noted. Ms. Olson seconded, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood presented the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance was \$7,335.49, and the ending balance was \$3,021.14. Expenditures included donating \$1,000 for each of the five Bonneville County legislative candidates to the IDP, which in turn would be donated to the county legislative candidates. Ms. Marquit noted that a \$500 contribution from the Bonneville County Democratic Party to Ralph Mossman for his write-in campaign for District 32 was rejected and will be returned.
2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair, Ms. Marquit reported the following:
 - Ms. Marquit entertained nominations for Precincts 23 and 24. Pat Tucker nominated Paula Bendixsen for Precinct 23 and Juliet Marshall for Precinct 24. Annette Harker seconded. Both were elected by voice vote.
 - Attendance was good at the October 13 Pizza and Politics town hall for Bonneville County Candidates. The event was livestreamed on Facebook. Not all of the many questions were answered during the event. The candidates will have an opportunity to answer all of the questions, which will be posted on the website. George Morrison has answered the remaining questions.
 - A watch party will be held on election night. Mr. Morrison volunteered to find a facility. It was agreed that it should start at 6:30 p.m.
 - Jim De Angelis announced that postcards have been sent out to all of the nearly 2,500 disqualified petition signatories of the Medicaid expansion initiative.
 - Ms. Marquit noted that a holiday party/potluck will be held in lieu of the December meeting. After discussion, it was decided that it would be at Jackie Stephens’s house, 335 W. Commons Rd., December 15, 6:30 p.m.

4. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- The first bimonthly meeting will be the annual meeting, holiday party, and election of officers. It will be at Ms. Marquit's house at 6:30 p.m. on December 5. Her address is 2130 Brookcliff Dr.

Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- More Proposition 2 yard signs will be put up. Volunteers are phone banking and door knocking.
- MSNBC will be covering the status in four Republican states with Medicaid expansion on the ballot. News staff will meet Luke Mayville of Reclaim Idaho at North Highway Café at 7 a.m. tomorrow morning. Supporters are encouraged to attend. Luke and the media will be at a health fair at the Senior Center in Shelley later in the day. On Thurs., October 18, Luke will be at CEI, phone banking from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and at Pat Tucker's meet and greet at Dave McGrath's house, 3335 Taylorview Lane, at 6 p.m. Luke will be at Papa Tom's on Thurs., November 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- One more bimonthly meeting will be held on Medicaid expansion before the election at the Unitarian Universalist Church from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23.

5. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging Committee report:

- Engagement has been up and down a bit on the Bonneville County Dems Facebook page, but overall very good. The Dems page is within 100 of the 633 likes of the County Republican Facebook page.
- She invited someone to respond to Stanton Anderson's guest column in which he described Democrats as "dangerous" and causing "chaos." Ms. Marquit said that she would respond. Ms. Tucker will text her the column.

6. Campaign Committee report

- Ms. Marquit noted that she will be looking for a new chair for the Campaign Committee. Lary Larson said he would like to give someone else an opportunity to chair the committee. Ms. Marquit noted that she will also be looking for chairs of events and fundraising committees. She added that Executive Committee positions will be open.
- Ms. Marquit noted that literature drops for Districts 30, 33, and Medicaid expansion are underway. Mr. De Angelis asked for volunteers for his campaign for literature drops, noting that many volunteers are needed.
- Kristin Collum will be the guest at the City Club on Thursday. Her opponent, Republican Janice McGeachin, will not be attending. Several people said they could not attend the lunch but offered to pay for those who could.
- Candidates Corner
 - As mentioned, Ms. Tucker will have a meet and greet at Dave McGrath's house
 - The Pat Tucker campaign will host a Latino community dinner on Sunday, October 21, at the CEI cafeteria at 4 p.m. All five Bonneville County candidates will be speaking.
 - All were urged to attend the candidate forum from October 29 through November 1.

8. Reports from the IDP were provided.

- Mr. Larson gave the IDP Executive Committee report. The hiring of another IDP field organizer was approved. He clarified information discussed at the September Central Committee meeting on funding from the national party: The DNC has been funding the IDP \$10K/month for operations, \$3K/month for VoteBuilder, and \$58K for GOTV and voter identification to total close to \$200K this year. Mr. Morrison noted that Elizabeth Warren has promised to send \$50K to each state party.
- Ms. Marquit noted that the Secretary of State's Office didn't fact check a voter pamphlet against Proposition 2. The IDP is filing a complaint, and Reclaim Idaho and Idahoans for Health are drafting a response.

9. New Business

- Dave Manson encouraged people to take advantage of opportunities for Democratic voices to be heard at upcoming local events. United Way Community Conversations will be held on November 1 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, and November 13 at 6 p.m. at the Bennion Student Union. He said the meetings will be important because they will focus on how United Way funding will be allocated in

Bonneville County based on determining the most pressing needs. Also, the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be discussed at the Residence Inn at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30.

- Mr. Manson said that he has become a member of the planning committee of the African American Alliance. He noted that the annual Martin Luther King dinner is currently scheduled to be held at the Melaleuca headquarters. He noted potential risks to the Alliance in having the event there and the potential benefit to Melaleuca. Pinecrest Event Center and other venues were suggested as alternatives.
- The annual Boy Scouts food drive is October 27 with donations going to the Community Food Basket. Ruth Byron encouraged people to consider donating cash instead of food. Mr. Manson agreed, adding that every donation of \$1 cash can be stretched to \$5 worth of food through the purchasing power of the Community Food Basket.
- Ms. Marquit invited people to attend the formal Breaking Boundaries dinner on Friday, November 30, at the Elks Lodge at 6 p.m. She has reserved a table, which has openings. The cost is \$12.50 each.
- Mr. Manson noted that the Habitat for Humanity Hoedown Fundraiser held last month raised record funding for the homeless.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.