



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by introductions.

In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair	Joe Somerville
Dave Manson, Vice Chair	Dennis Sutton
John Conquergood, Treasurer	Ruth Byron
Pat Tucker, Secretary	Kaycee Byron
MaCay Frerichs, State Committeewoman	Paula Bendixsen
John Kennedy, State Committeeman	Karen Bauer
Karen Lansing	Teresa Konishi
Leslie Smith	Earline M. Reid
Annette Harker	George Morrison
Don Watters	David Sealander
Ron Hampton	Jim De Angelis
Harry Guelzow	Robert S. Nielsen
Andy Frerichs	Lary Larson

Ron Hampton noted that former party member Nita Rowe passed away. Pat Tucker said that she would have a card to sign at the next meeting.

The July and August 2018 minutes were reviewed. The July minutes were approved by voice vote. The August minutes will be amended to include approval of the resolution to support Medicaid Expansion and will be reviewed again during the October meeting.

1. Ms. Marquit announced that Joe Somerville has agreed to be Precinct 50 captain and asked for a motion to nominate him. Ms. Tucker nominated Joe and Dennis Sutton seconded the nomination. The motion carried by voice vote.
2. John Conquergood delivered the Report of the Treasurer and in-kind donation. He stated that sufficient funds were available, with a balance of ~\$8,985, to make additional donations to candidates, but because \$2,000 has already been provided to each candidate, an agreed-upon amount would be donated to the IDP with the recommendation that it be given to each of the designated candidates. Dennis Sutton noted that arrangement was done in 2010. Ms. Marquit noted that substantial money was saved on the rental of the headquarters, which are being rented under a license agreement rather than a lease agreement, and that field ops director Jessica Sharp's salary is being paid in full by the IDP instead of half as was discussed. After much discussion, John Conquergood moved that a committee including Lary Larson, the treasurer, and the candidates decide on the specifics. The motion was seconded by Ron Hampton. Karen Lansing noted that write-in candidate for District 32 Ralph Mossman does not need to be included as a recipient of the IDP donation because he has not received a previous donation. Mr. Sutton offered to amend the motion to include a \$5,000 limit to the donation to the IDP for the candidates. Joe Somerville seconded, and John Conquergood accepted the amendment. The amended motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Sutton moved that \$1,000 be donated to Ralph Mossman, and Marei

Montalvo seconded. Mr. Manson moved to amend the motion to a \$250 donation, which Mr. Sutton rejected. Ms. Tucker moved to amend the motion to a \$500 donation, which Mr. Sutton accepted. Ms. Marquit asked voting members to vote with a show of hands, and the motion carried nine to six.

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

- Mike Saville, District 28, is giving up his booth at the Eastern Idaho State Fair. Bonneville County has the opportunity to take over the booth, which Mike has stated 248,000 passed through at the fair this year. The cost would be \$800 to \$1,000. Ms. Tucker moved that the Bonneville County Democrats take over the booth, and Ms. Lansing seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The September 8 Pizza and Politics featuring veterans issues was not well attended.
- About 250 people attended Dr. Kenneth Krell's meet and greet for statewide and Bonneville County candidates.
- The Pride march and booth were successes with 20 new voters registered.
- Mr. Manson noted that the Habitat for Humanity Hoedown is September 28 with excellent auction items including a Sonoma Valley wine tasting and a trip to Chicago to see "Hamilton."

3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison reports:

Idaho Falls Progressives

- Pat Tucker spoke at the Progressives meeting. Annette noted that all candidates are invited.
- Progressive's highway cleanup is September 22. Volunteers are needed but must be 18 years of age. Meet at 8:30 a.m. to clean a 2-mile stretch of Highway 20.

Medicaid Expansion (Reclaim Idaho)

- Jim De Angelis noted that he is handwriting postcards to all of the disqualified signatories of the Medicaid expansion petition, and needs volunteers to help.
- Door knocking for Medicaid expansion will follow the September 22 highway cleanup.
- Meetings on Medicaid Expansion will be held every second and fourth Tuesday at the Unitarian Universalist Church from 7 to 8 p.m.

4. MaCay Frerichs provided the Strategic Messaging Committee report:

- Continuing to look for people to write guest columns for the Post Register as part of the Bonneville Democrat Party. Interested people need to talk with Ms. Marquit.

5. Ms. Marquit noted a chair for events planning is needed, and that there are no "off years" any longer.

6. Campaign Committee report

- Lary Larson stated that Dr. Kenneth Krell wants to respond to a letter to the editor that charged that Medicaid expansion would increase the likelihood that public money will be used to pay for abortions. Several people responded that the Hyde amendment made that illegal. Ms. Frerichs suggested that he talk with attorney Betty Richardson.
- Ms. Harker said that year-round headquarters should be considered.
- Ms. Frerichs provided the IDP field ops update. October will focus on GOTV, absentee voting, and early voting. More volunteers are needed. Interested people should contact Jessica Sharp (208) 881-8055.
- Ms. Harker said that a voter registration table will be at the Public Library for National Voter Registration Day on Tues., September 25.
- Ms. Marquit invited all to join a group attending 11/9 on opening night on September 21 at Edwards Theater.
- Kristin Collum will be at Kool Beanz on September 22 at 5 p.m.
- Cindy Wilson will have a meet and greet on September 29 at Anne Voillequé's home, 755 Gustafson, 4 p.m.
- Candidates Corner
 - Caroline Walline will have the Bonneville Candidates Brisket BBQ on September 23, 2206 Bodily St. 1 p.m.
 - Pat Tucker Union Nights will continue each Wed. for door knocking.
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7. Reports from the IDP were provided.

- Mr. Larson gave the IDP Executive Committee report. He stated that it meets three times a year to help with IDP administration. Jessica Sharp's appointment to field operations for Bonneville County was ratified. The IDP is in its best financial shape in history with more than \$300K. Andy Frerichs said given that, support should be reflected around the state. Ms. Marquit said the IDP provided the precinct captain training. The DNC provides \$50K of support to the IDP, pays for the headquarters in Boise, and the cost of VoteBuilder. Mr. Larson passed along to the candidates what Blake Hall had told Sharon Perry: Know who your supporters are and make sure they vote.
- Ms. Marquit said County Chairs will have weekly calls until the election and quarterly thereafter. She will be creating a spreadsheet for county chairs to update information in their counties.
- Ms. Frerichs gave the State Committee Representatives report. She noted that there was discussion about Paulette Jordan's lack of response to her campaign staff resignations and that she will be speaking at the Idaho Falls City Club on Thursday, September 20. Ms. Marquit noted she has not yet gotten yard signs from the Jordan campaign.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.