



## Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Miranda Marquit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Introductions followed.

### In attendance:

Miranda Marquit, Chair  
MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair  
Pat Tucker, Secretary  
John Conquergood, Treasurer  
Dave Manson  
Mel Fitch  
Annette Harker  
Dennis Sutton  
Lyn Stangland Cameron  
Joe Somerville  
Todd DeVries

Karen Lansing  
Collett Olson  
Cecile Pérez  
Andy Frerichs  
Ruth Byron  
Kaycee Byron  
Jim de Angelis  
Harry Guelzow  
Gary Robertson  
Elissa Crane  
Dave Crane

The August 2019 minutes were reviewed. Collett Olson asked that her intended resignation as Precinct 26 captain that she announced at the August meeting be added to the minutes. Discussion included when Karen Lansing was approved by acclamation as Precinct 11 vice captain at the July meeting. Consensus was that she had been. Ruth Byron noted that the spelling of the name of the new Idaho Falls Education Director should be corrected to Laura Milton. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, Annette Harker second, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. Ms. Olson resigned as Precinct 26 captain effective immediately. Mel Fitch, the current vice captain, said he would like to be captain. Mr. Sutton nominated Mr. Fitch as Precinct 26 captain, John Conquergood seconded, and Mr. Fitch was approved as captain by affirmation.
2. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on August 19, 2019, was \$13,869.49, and the ending balance on September 16, 2019, was \$14,137.56.
3. Reports of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Marquit reported on the following:
  - The Eastern Idaho State Fair was successful with approximately 600 people being registered to vote including recently exonerated Chris Tapp. Mike Saville has indicated that he intends to turn over the EISF booth to the Bonneville County Democratic Party for the 2020 state fair.
  - Pizza and Politics was informative with Toni Lawson, president of the Idaho Hospital Association, speaking on Medicaid Expansion, and Republican Sen. Dave Lent providing a legislative update. Ms. Marquit noted that attendance was the lowest in past years and encouraged people to attend.
  - Lyn Stangland Cameron invited all to participate in the Idaho Falls Climate Action Summit from Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - The theme for the Bed Race Hospice fundraiser for the Bonneville Dems team is "The Grateful Bed."
  - The cost for the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser is \$75 per person. More people are needed for the Dems table. Dave Manson noted that the auction items are extraordinary.

- The topic for Pizza and Politics on Sat., October 12<sup>th</sup>, at CEI will be back to school challenges. Ms. Tucker noted that principals, administrators, and teachers from Dora Erickson, Ethel Boyes, White Pine Charter School, Hope Lutheran, and District 93 will be speaking.
  - The Breaking Boundaries fundraiser is \$125 per person. Several expressed interest in attending.
  - The holiday party will be at Pat Tucker's house at 210 N. Placer on Sat., December 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Truman Banquet will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> in 2020. Venues were discussed, and it was agreed that the Waterfront would accommodate the higher election year turnout. Ms. Tucker volunteered to book it.
4. Annette Harker provided the following liaison report
- Idaho Falls Progressives:
- Brendan Summers, assistant to U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, spoke before the group. Ms. Stangland Cameron noted that he was open and candid, and suggested that he be invited to speak to the Bonneville County Central Committee.
  - The fall highway cleanup date has not been set yet. Volunteers should contact Ms. Harker.
  - IFP founder Elizabeth Cogliati will be running for the District 91 school board.
  - About a dozen IFP members and others participated in the barnstorming event last week for Elizabeth Warren. A focus was the app REACH for contacting potential voters.
  - Support is being provided to the IF Climate Action Summit, which Lyn Stangland Cameron is leading. Events will take place in tandem with the UN Climate Action Summit from September 19<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. Ms. Marquit provided the Regional Director's report
- David Trotter was fired from his position as the new Idaho Democratic Party Executive Director two days after starting. Ms. Frerichs was on a call with the IDP about the issue during the meeting. Mr. Trotter has filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission and tweeted about his dismissal.
6. Ms. Marquit reported on the weekly conference call:
- Discussion included anticipated continued protection in Idaho for parents refusing medical treatment for their children and acknowledgment of her guest column on child marriage in Idaho.
7. New Business
- The Reclaim Idaho petition, Invest in Idaho, to require additional state funding for education, will be available next month.
  - Kaycee Byron has the petition and additional copies for legalizing medical marijuana for people to sign and carry.
  - Ms. Tucker noted that walks for suicide prevention and beds for children are in the coming days.
  - Mr. Manson reported that he and Karen Lansing will be working on the 2020 Idaho Falls Census Committee and would like to be contacted about issues that may prevent Latinos or others from being included. New Day Lutheran pastor Gina Herman will be installed on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 2 p.m. in a communitywide celebration at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.
  - Ms. Marquit noted that Carrie Crom is looking for volunteers to help deliver backpacks to schools. Ms. Olson volunteered to help.
  - Mr. Manson provided an overview of training to get the support of nonvoters and nontraditional voters to win in 2020. The training focused on the REACH app and free Register2Vote maps. The information compiles publicly available information to identify and target those voters, whereas Minivan compiles information only on registered voters. The REACH app was developed by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The REACH app is \$150 month for the nonprofit rate. Andy Frerichs asked whether the county party has enough volunteers to justify the purchase. Other discussion included the potential gains from having nonregistered voter information. Purchase of a subscription of REACH will be discussed at the October Central Committee meeting.
  - Ms. Tucker asked to be nominated as Precinct 26 vice captain. Ms. Harker nominated Ms. Tucker, Mr. Sutton seconded, and Ms. Tucker was affirmed by voice vote.

Ms. Marquit adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.