



Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, October 15, 2019

MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair  
Pat Tucker, Secretary  
John Conquergood, Treasurer  
Carrie Mullen  
Joe Somerville  
Dave Manson

Annette Harker  
Dennis Sutton  
Todd DeVries  
Cecile Perez  
Andy Frerichs  
Miranda Marquit, Chair

The October 2019 minutes were reviewed. Dennis Sutton moved that the minutes be approved, Todd DeVries seconded, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

1. John Conquergood provided the Report of the Treasurer. The beginning balance on September 16<sup>th</sup> was \$14,137.56, and the ending balance on October 15<sup>th</sup> was \$13,864.17. An expenditure of \$800 for the Eastern Idaho Fair booth was paid. The proposed 2020 budget was presented.
2. Reports of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Frerichs reported on the following:
  - The Idaho Falls Climate Action Summit activities were well attended with David Adler, Kris Millgate, and Mayor Casper speaking at the September 19<sup>th</sup> kick-off event. Ms. Tucker provided a reading at the September 27<sup>th</sup> gathering.
  - Ms. Frerichs, Andy Frerichs, and Cecile Perez participated in the Bed Race Hospice fundraiser.
  - The Idaho Democratic Party State Central Committee meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> included a resolution to support impeachment, which was rejected as not an issue on which the IDP should focus. Arizona U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego was the keynote speaker, and noted practices over 10 years in Arizona resulting in dramatic gains for Democrats that could be emulated in Idaho.
  - The Habitat for Humanity fundraiser was very successful with \$25,000 being raised. The venue was changed from the Shilo to the Grand Teton Boy Scouts building, which cost \$750. This venue will be considered for the Truman Banquet.
  - The October 12<sup>th</sup> Pizza and Politics on back to school challenges was well attended. Hope Lutheran School Manager David Roth noted he would like to collaborate with the public schools if possible for reduced milk prices. Mr. Manson noted the Community Food Basket has milk available. He also noted challenges are great for some students: Hawthorne Elementary is 78% reduced or free lunch, and siblings at the school in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade were left without electricity over a weekend after their mother was taken into custody. He noted the importance of the upcoming school board election. The BCDP will host a forum on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for District 91 school board vacancies. Jim De Angelis and Elizabeth Cogliati are candidates. After projector problems at the event, Ms. Marquit purchased a projector and donated it to the BCDP. Mr. Sutton noted a projector should be in storage.
  - The November 9<sup>th</sup> Pizza and Politics topic will be local charities focusing on hunger and homelessness. It will be at CEI, Building 6, Room 150. Mr. Manson, Karen Lansing from Habitat for Humanity, and speakers from FISH and Club Inc. will present.
  - The Idaho Democratic presidential primary will be March 10<sup>th</sup>, and the BCDP caucus will be Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup>, to elect delegates to the national convention. It was agreed that the Public Library would be the venue from 2 to 5 p.m. The nonpresidential primary election in Idaho will be May 19<sup>th</sup>.

3. Annette Harker provided the following liaison report

Idaho Falls Progressives:

- Fall highway cleanup will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.
- Monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month and third Saturday at 10 a.m. Mr. Manson will be the speaker on Saturday. The meetings are at 550 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Suite 215.

Reclaim Idaho

- Invest in Idaho petitions will be available within a few days.

4. Reports from the IDP

- Region 7 IDP chair: Mr. Sutton volunteered to be a nominee, and is particularly interested in providing support to inactive counties. The position was vacated when Ms. Frerichs resigned to become vice chair.

5. New Business

- Ms. Tucker noted that Parker Hume requested to be able to attend this month's Central Committee meeting online because of being out of town. Todd DeVries volunteered to set up the capability. It was agreed that the capability would be made available, if needed, on a trial basis next month.
- Miranda Marquit discussed path forward options for the BCDP chair position in light of her intent to run for the District 33 state legislature seat in 2020. The options included (1) resigning before the next Central Committee meeting in November and having an election for a new chair at that meeting, (2) continuing in the position until May and not running for re-election, and (3) not resigning with the vice chair assuming most duties. Mr. Sutton and Mr. Manson highly recommended resignation soon to focus on her campaign and allow for leadership succession with a vote for a new chair in November. The majority supported Option 1 in a show of hands. Ms. Marquit will tender her resignation to IDP Chair Van Beechler, and an election for a new chair and other offices resulting from the vacancy will be held at the November Central Committee meeting.

Ms. Frerichs adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.