



# BONNEVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS



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Minutes of the Bonneville County Democratic Party Central Committee, Tuesday, November 19, 2019

MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Introductions followed.

In attendance:

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| MaCay Frerichs, Vice Chair  | Joe Somerville   |
| Pat Tucker, Secretary       | Karen Bauer      |
| John Conquergood, Treasurer | Pamela Bendixson |
| Marie Montalvo              | Zoe Creed        |
| Claudia Pine                | Cecile Perez     |
| Jackie Stephens             | Miranda Marquit  |
| Dave Manson                 | Andy Frerichs    |
| Ken Olson                   | Teresa Konishi   |
| Collett Olson               | Lary Larson      |
| George Morrison             | Mel Fitch        |
| Cheryl Zimmer               | Jim De Angelis   |
| Todd Johnson                | Todd DeVries     |
| Annette Harker              | Carrie Mullen    |
| Parker Hume                 | Karen Schaefer   |
| Andrew Wehausen             |                  |
| Bonnie Wehausen             |                  |

Elections were held for the offices of chair, vice chair, state committeewoman, and secretary. The position of chair was vacated by the resignation of Miranda Marquit. Dave Manson nominated MaCay Frerichs for the position of chair and Joe Somerville seconded. Ms. Frerichs was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation. Ms. Frerichs resigned as vice chair. Annette Harker nominated Pat Tucker as vice chair and Mr. Manson seconded. Ms. Tucker was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation. Ms. Tucker resigned as state committeewoman and secretary. Andy Frerichs nominated Ms. Marquit for state committeewoman and Annette Harker seconded. Ms. Marquit was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation. Ms. Tucker nominated Ms. Harker for secretary and John Conquergood seconded. Ms. Harker was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation.

The October 2019 minutes were reviewed. Collett Olson noted that the seventh bullet under Item 2 should read "state convention." Mr. Frerichs moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved as corrected by voice vote.

1. Mr. Conquergood presented the proposed 2020 budget of \$38,500. Mr. Manson expressed support for line items for canvassing and texting software: REACH and Hustle. Parker Hume asked whether the budget was a wish list. Ms. Marquit said that was not done to ensure staying within the budget. Mr. Frerichs discussed the merits of a visionary budget. Mr. Manson said that priorities need to be field organizing and data. George Morrison moved that the budget be approved as written, Ms. Tucker seconded, and the budget was approved by voice vote.
2. Reports of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Frerichs reported on the following:

- The Next Generation Leadership fundraiser was held October 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Curtis Smith. Ms. Tucker noted that attendance was good with speakers including Mat Erpelding, Richard Stallings, and John Radford. Mr. Erpelding ensured that whatever was raised in Idaho Falls would be used for hiring and training youth to help on local campaigns.
  - The City Council and school board candidate forums were successful with much appreciation expressed by the candidates.
  - Pizza and Politics on November 12<sup>th</sup> on charities, food insecurity, and homelessness was well attended.
  - Breaking Boundaries, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Elks Lodge
  - Holiday Party, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., 210 N. Placer
  - Martin Luther King Banquet, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Waterfront
  - Next Central Committee meeting, Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Museum of Idaho ball, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Truman Banquet, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Grand Teton Boy Scouts building, 3910 S. Yellowstone Highway
  - The Idaho Democratic presidential primary will be March 10<sup>th</sup>. The BCDP caucus will be Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup>, to elect delegates to the state convention at the Public Library, 2 to 5 p.m. The non presidential primary election in Idaho will be May 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Annette Harker provided the Idaho Falls Progressives liaison report:
    - Meetings will be held at the Public Library on the third Sat. of each month at 10 a.m.
    - Ms. Marquit will host the annual meeting/holiday party on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. Elizabeth Cogliati is resigning as chair. Elections for vacant offices will be held at the annual meeting.
    - Highway cleanup was well attended, and the volunteers were greatly appreciated.
  4. Claudia Pine provided the Reclaim Idaho liaison report:
    - Training on REACH will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - Signatures are being obtained in the Invest in Idaho petition drive with data being added to REACH.
  5. Reports from the IDP
    - The Frank Church Gala will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Grove, 195 S. Capital Blvd
    - The mother of Robert Nielsen, District 34 Idaho Senate candidate, won a seat on the Sugar City city council.
  6. New Business
    - Mr. Manson proposed two changes to the bylaws: (1) That all attendees who are registered Democrats and residents of Bonneville County be allowed to vote at Central Committee meetings and (2) that no one holds more than one state position at a time. The draft changes will be forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for review.
    - Ms. Marquit noted that an organizational meeting for the women's march will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Ms. Pine said that the march itself will be Sat., January 25<sup>th</sup> with no attempt to coordinate with the national march.
    - Ken Olson stated that topics for guest columns shouldn't repeat alienation of voters that has occurred in past elections.

Ms. Frerichs adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.