

Minutes August 21, 2021 PCDP Committee Meeting

Bonnie called this meeting to order at 8:03am. Bonnie recited the pledge allegiance.

April Ignacio was not on the Zoom call to lead the prayer.

Jeanne Lunn sent out a test email and text for Election Buddy to establish a quorum.

Bonnie Heidler introduced the team put together to help run the Pima County Democratic Committee Meeting. She also introduced the PCDP Officers and the LD Chairs. Pamela Powers Hanley and Adelita Grijalva were acknowledged at the meeting.

Morgan Graham presented the December 2020 Pima County Democratic Committee minutes and asked for any comments or corrections. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Bonnie recognized Stephanie Stale Hamilton and Eve Carrillo Dong as other elected officials in attendance.

ADP Chair Report:

Raquel Teran presented the ADP Chair Report. Raquel acknowledged all the organizers that have helped get Arizona to the place it is now as a battleground state. The title of Chair comes with a lot of responsibility and opportunity. Raquel wants to put Arizona in a position to be successful at the top of the ticket the whole way down to school boards. Project 15/30 is a project where there will be organizers working in all 15 counties and all 30 legislative districts. All the organizers live in the communities where they work. Raquel wants feedback on how the 15/30 project can help your community.

PCDP Chair Report:

Bonnie Heidler presented the Chair report. Bonnie recapped what has been happening since January. The new Executive Committee met on January 4, 2021. Bonnie discusses the insurrection that happened on January 6th. Miranda Lopez joined PCDP as the Director in April 2021. Alexis Duboux was hired as the Operations Coordinator. In February PCDP submitted an application for a grant from ADP. PCDP received a \$25,000 grant for 6 interns. The PCDP headquarters is not ADA compliant and a building committee has been established. The committee met with a realtor and it was determined the best idea to sell the building. The committee wants to establish a capital building fund to help cover the costs to purchase and maintain a new building. In June there were two City Ward forums. With the grant money that PCDP received they were able to hire two organizers to run the 15/30 project; Lauren Burson and Vivian Morrison. Bonnie stressed the city elections, redistricting and the midterms will all occur before this group meets again and Bonnie stressed the importance of preparing for these events. She encouraged everyone to get out and start canvassing now. PCDP will start canvassing out of headquarters starting next weekend. Go to the PCDP website for more information.

Director Report:

Miranda Lopez presented the Director's report. Miranda's priorities have been fundraising plans, events and the Catalina Dems. Miranda has also re-organized HQs physical space and digital resources. She also leads the communication team that handles PCDP's website and social media content. Miranda has recruited many volunteers with 30+ active volunteers and they have completed 5,600+ calls. She is actively recruiting more volunteers and developing a volunteer launch pad.

First Vice chair:

Zoey Fife is the acting First Vice Chair. In May there was a Cat Dems event with special guests Rex Scott and Matt Hinez. If you are interested in becoming a Cat Dem, reach out to Zoey. In July PCDP held the CAN event and raised about \$20,000 which was successful for a Zoom event. There are future fundraising activities in the works such as a Surrogate Dinner with Mark Kelly as the potential speaker. The goal going into 2022 is to have recurring donations cover operating costs. Zoey hopes to be able to have some in-person events later this fall.

Second Vice Chair Report

Bharathan presented the Second Vice Chair report. His first action was to establish a Data Committee to create evidenced based decision making using data. The Data Committee is still seeking representation from all the different LDs. This committee is going to determine an equitable way to distribute funds to the newly established districts after redistricting. His second action was to help establish a DEI Committee. The Committee wants the Democratic Party to be welcoming to all people. The DEI Committee is fine tuning their tasks and their role with reference to ADP bylaws. Bharathan calls for more members to join the Committee.

Treasurer Report

Brian Bickel is the acting treasurer. Brian stated PCDP has a PO box that will be closing September 1, 2021. PCDP has a locked neighborhood mailbox so the PO Box is no longer necessary. Brian stated if you use the PCDP PO box as a return address this is no longer possible after September 1. We are migrating from NGP7 to NGP8. In the future Brian will present a resolution to create a Capital Fund so there is a separate account to hold money for all items related to the building. This account will be separate from any operating funds. The La Placita Brick project will be the seed money for the Capital Campaign. The La Placita Brick Project raised \$7760.00. Brian presented the bank reconciliation report. As of 7/31/2022 PCDP has a total of \$81,134.05 but \$25,000 is from ADP's grant.

Maria Parsons presented the Corresponding Secretary report. Maria is the acting Corresponding Secretary. The Communications team is working on redesigning PCDP's website. They want to streamline the website and make it more user friendly. The Committee is in close communications on what is happening with ADP at the State level. PCDP has a YouTube channel and they want the new interns to help with the channel. The Comms team is also working with the Interns to create a TikTok account. The team is increasing PCDP's

followers in social media. The Comms team is looking forward to using NGP8 and hopes it will make sending out fundraising emails easier. Pima County has a total of 627 PCs. We are currently at 30% PC capacity.

Committee Reports:

The PC Development Committee report was presented by Diane Nevill and Linda Horowitz. Diane stated the Committee is working on new handbooks for new PCs. The handbooks will be available online. Linda stated the Development Committee has developed a PC training that is being held on **Aug 29, 2021** from 2-3:30pm. The PC training session will be held on Zoom and you need to pre-register for the event. Linda asked for members to join from all the different LDs.

Nathan Bacal presented the Young Democrat Task Force report. The task force was formed in March 2021. The committee held a pride event in June and Senator Kristen Engel and Ravi Grivois-Shah were speakers. The Young Dem Task force is working with PCDP to gather signatures for petitions and city candidates. The first canvass will be held this Saturday.

Susan Bickel presented the Redistricting Committee report. The IRC commissioners finished their statewide listening tour on August 9. Approximately 30 Democrats and 120 Republicans spoke publicly. The mapping consultants are now compiling and organizing the 910 online Community of Interest surveys. Susan thanks everyone that submitted a survey with a map. A report is due from the IRC on August 31, 2021. Susan encourages everyone to take training and draw and submit a map to the commission. irc.az.gov. When drawing your map the following criteria should be considered: fair and competitive maps, upholding the voting rights act and protecting candidates of color.

Old Business:

Michael Dues requested that the Committee recognize Elinor Brecher. Elinor motions to untable and reject the anti-racism plank of the platform that was tabled at the December meeting because the Platform Committee has an entirely new plank to replace it. Michael Dues seconds the motion. Alison Jones provided clarity on the reasons why this motion was tabled at the last meeting. This is not getting rid but rather replacing the plank. Bonnie called for discussion. There was no further discussion. The motion to untable and reject the anti-racism plank was put to a vote on Election Buddy. Jeanne Lunn presented the results. The motion to untable and reject the Anti-racism plank passed with 97.2% of the vote.

New Business:

Bonnie stated that the next item on the agenda is the election of PCDP officers. Bonnie stated around May 2021 Caroline Garcia had to resign as Treasurer and Bonnie appointed Brian Bickel. Shortly after that Priya Sundareshan had to resign as Corresponding Secretary and Bonnie appointed Zoey Fife. Then Nathan Davis resigned as First Vice Chair because he is planning on running for State House. Bonnie asked Zoey to be First Vice Chair and nominated

Maria Parsons as Corresponding Secretary. Bonnie turned the election of the PCDP Officers over to Brian Clymer. Zoey Fife was nominated as First Vice Chair by Gail Kamares. Zoey accepts the nomination. Bharathan seconds the nomination. Brian Clymer called for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Brian Clymer declares Zoey Fife elected as First Vice chair to the PCDP by acclamation.

Brian Clymer opens up nominations for Treasurer. Paul Stapleton Smith nominates Brian Bickel as Treasurer and Michael Dues seconds the nominations. Brian Bickel accepts the nomination. There were no other nominations. Brian Clymer declares Brian Bickel has been elected Treasurer of the PCDP by acclamation.

Brian Clymer opens up nominations for Corresponding Secretary. Zoey Fife nominates Maria Parsons as Corresponding Secretary. Maria accepts the nomination. The nomination is seconded by Susan Bickel. Brian Clymer calls for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Brian Clymer declares that Maria Parsons has been elected as Corresponding Secretary by acclamation. Brian Clymer states this concludes the election portion of the meeting and turns the meeting back over to Bonnie Hiedler.

Voting on the ByLaws

Bonnie stated all the bylaws changes were emailed out to everyone prior to the meeting for review. There are three proposed changes to the bylaws: clean up the language to clarify bylaws, update language to modernize bylaws and substantive addition of the DEI Committee as required by ADP. Bonnie introduced Gail Kamaras. Gail discussed the proposed changes to the bylaws to clean up language to clarify bylaws and the proposed change to update language to modernize bylaws. Gail asks for any questions on the proposed changes.

Bharathan discusses the DEI Committee bylaws changes. The DEI Committee is a collection of experts in DEI that worked to develop these proposed bylaw changes. Bharathan stated the DEI Committee's goal is to have anyone wanting to be involved in the party feel comfortable and welcome. This is going to take a cultural shift within the party. Bharathan read the proposed text. Bharathan stated many minority groups find themselves in an environment in PCDP where they are faced with microaggressions that can make people feel bad and not welcome. Bharathan said we need a cultural shift where everyone feels welcome. The Committee wants a representative from each LD and caucus in PCDP.

Bonnie opened the floor up for questions. Barbara made a suggestion of adding the word volunteers before PC so the change would read ...This program would stress methods to educate officers, leaders, volunteers, precinct committee persons... Gail Kamaras stated as Chair of the bylaw committee she moves to adopt these changes to the bylaws with the inclusion of the term "volunteers" added to the section discussed. Zoey Fife seconded the motion. Bonnie asked for any discussion. Jeanne Lunn conducted voting on the proposed changes to the bylaws through Election Buddy. The motion to accept the proposed bylaws changes passed with 98.5% of the vote.

Michael Dues asked Bonnie if he can step down as parliamentarian and asked her to appoint Brian Bickel. Bonnie appointed Brian Bickel as parliamentarian for the vote on the platform changes. Michael Dues motions to suspend the rules to limit the discussion or debate to whether we adopt the draft PCDP platform as presented. It would prohibit amendments to the motion. Susan Bickel second the motion. The motion is not debatable. Jeanne Lunn conducted the voting on the motion to suspend the rules to limit debate on the proposed platform changes through Election Buddy. The motion passed with 89.6% of the vote.

Bonnie introduced Alison Jones to discuss the revisions to the platform. PCDP adopted a platform in 2019 and this is a proposed revised version of that platform. Alison discusses the proposed changes to PCDP's platform. Alisons stresses this is an iterative process and requires maintenance to stay current. If anyone is interested in helping with this process please reach out to Alison or Bonnie. Alison motions on behalf of the platform committee and according to Robert's Rules by motioning on behalf of the committee she does not need a second. Alison motions to adopt revised platform presented by the platform committee today. Alison opens the floor up for discussion on only the yes or no. Jeanne Lunn conducted the voting on the motion to adopt the revised platform as presented by the Platform Committee through Election Buddy. The motion passes with 92.9% of the vote.

Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.