Minutes
October 21, 2017
Masonic Center, Salina, KS

Chair Sage TeBeest called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Jim Swim gave the credentialing report. Eighteen were needed for quorum, there were 19 in attendance.

Previous meeting minutes were accepted into the record. Jo Schwartz from Dickinson County moved, it was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Von Peterson gave the finance report. Jim Hannon from Lyon County moved to accept. It was seconded and passed.

Next, Rules and Bylaws Committee head Jeff Zamrzla told us the rules and bylaws needed to be expanded and updated to be in compliance with KDP and the DNC. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has met at least 5 times. Jeff asked that the newly adopted rules and bylaws, with changes made today, be taken back to counties. Call Jeff with any questions.

Finance Committee needs a new finance chair. Sage asked for input on that as we’ve lost Kenny Riffel and he needs to be replaced. Bill Ballard has also passed away.

We are a quorum so we are able to adopt new bylaws.

Section 1: The name of the committee for use in the bylaws will be shortened and will be known as the Kansas First Congressional District Democratic Party (The District).

Section 2: After ‘fundraise’ add ‘recruit and elect Democratic candidates’ Ryon Carey from McPherson County moved. These changes were seconded and passed. There was another motion to add ‘as outlined in the Democratic Party platform’ by Paula Roegge from Cloud County. That motion was also seconded and passed. Ryon Carey moved to have the committee have discretion to make grammatical changes throughout the document as needed - seconded and passed. It was moved by Jo Schwartz to add ‘Article 5 Section 2’ in Location. Seconded and passed.

Section 4: Membership. Gina Long moved to add ‘gender shall be solely identified by the individual member.’ Seconded and passed.
Section 4(2) Split Counties ‘membership’ was changed to ‘residence.’ Ryon Carey moved, it was seconded and passed. Vacancies of Delegates and Alternates was made subset (c). Also under Membership subset (3) was titled Allocation of Additional Members. Ryon Carey so moved. Seconded and passed.

Section 5: Officers (3) Statement regarding secretary being designated as the FOIA officer has been removed. Jo Schwartz moved. Seconded and passed. (4) Treasurer: ‘Kansas’ law changed to ‘applicable’ law Ryon Carey moved, it was seconded and passed. (5) Parliamentarian: ‘final arbiter’ changed to ‘interpreter.’ Ryon Carey moved, it was seconded and passed. (7)

Vacancies: ‘Article 1 Section 3c’ changed to ‘KDP Bylaws.’ Jeff Zamrzla moved, seconded and passed.

Article II (1): Finance Committee Add ‘after reorganization’ after ‘general membership meeting. Jo Schwartz moved it was seconded and passed. (3) Credentials Committee Strike out section in parentheses. Jo Schwartz moved. Seconded and passed.

At 2:51 Gina Long moved for a 15 minute break. Seconded and passed. At 3:05 Sage called the meeting back to order.

Article IV 2(a): After ‘Members and Alternates’ add ‘biennial reorganization meeting’. Following statement added: The District Chair prior to the Reorganization Meeting shall organize the District into six roughly equal (by population) regions. Each region shall be entitled to 1/6 of the state committee members allotted to the District and an equal number of delegates. (b) Should read ‘State’ committee members and alternates ‘need not be’ present in order to be elected (delete ‘however’). Changes were moved by Ryon Carey McPherson County, seconded and passed.

Ryon Carey moved to strike Section 6 Open Meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Section 9: Quorum: (2) The District. Should now read: 25% of the full membership of the district present and voting shall constitute a quorum, given adequate notification, for the election of officers and consideration for bylaw amendments. All other meetings, the quorum is met by those attending and credentialled. Ryon Carey moved, it was seconded and passed.

Article 6 Section (1)a: Replace ‘secret’ with ‘signed.’ Section(2): Strike ‘provided that debate on any question may be limited or closed by a majority of those voting.’ Section (3): Strike completely. All three were passed by consensus.

Article 10 (1)b: ‘to be compliant’ added to the end of the sentence. Passed by consensus. Ryon moved, seconded and passed to use Arabic numbers instead of Roman numerals. Final approval of Rules and Bylaws as amended passed by consensus.

Executive Committee: Sage TeBeest, Chair; Dan Knupp, Vice Chair; Paula Roegge, Secretary; Von Peterson, Treasurer
In other business, Sage and Cole informed group about Act Local training on November 18 from 10 to 4 in Hutchison at Hutchison Community College. Dan told us about Vote Builder training in Kansas City on January 27.

Ryon moved to adjourn at 4:18. Seconded and passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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