# North Idaho Way Meeting Minutes

Location: McDonald's Home

Date: 3/24/2021

Time: 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Dan McDonald, Chairman

#### 1. Call to Order

- 2. In attendance: Dan McDonald, Kathy McDonald, Jodi Giddings, Ron Korn, Anna Largen, Bill Largen, Thomas Leo, Glen Mercurio, Marianne Ochs, Steve Wasylko, Veronica Dixon
- 3. Minutes of the 3/3/21 meeting were approved by those in attendance.
- 4. Bylaw Construction
  - A. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Veronica and Dan would create a draft of the bylaws using the Kootenai County bylaws as a template while incorporating language from other various Republican and conservative sources.
  - B. NIW members will review the bylaws and offer suggestions, changes, and additions. We will discuss the bylaws at our next meeting.

#### 5. NIW Direction

- A. Incorporate the organization
- B. Education
  - (1) The organization would like to offer Constitution and Civic Classes.
- C. Campaigns
  - (1) The organization will support Republican candidates.
  - (2) The organization will endorse candidates, even in a split primary race.
  - (3) The organization will train volunteers and have teams ready to assist candidates with their campaigns.
- D. Community Outreach
  - (1) Volunteer in various organizations and events in our area.
- E. Elections
  - (1) Vet candidates for future elections and board positions.
  - (2) Volunteer at the county to be a poll worker during an election.

### 6. Precinct Captains

- A. After a brief discussion, the following members agreed to be precinct captains for their precincts.
  - (1) Steve Wasylko Baldy
  - (2) Jim Boyer Spirit Valley
  - (3) Ron Korn Grouse Creek
  - (4) Jodi Giddings Sagle
  - (5) Kathy McDonald Oden
  - (6) Glen Mercurio Colburn
  - (7) Jessi Webster Selle
  - (8) Anna & Bill Largen Southside
  - (9) Thomas Leo Cocolalla
  - (10) We need to form a search committee to fill open precincts.

#### 7. NIW Committees to Consider

- A. Standing Committees
  - (1) Membership
  - (2) Ways & Means
  - (3) Legislative
  - (4) Local Government
  - (5) Other
- B. Special Committees
  - (1) Events
  - (2) Education
    - (a) Constitution & Government (Civics) Classes
    - (b) Scholarships
  - (3) Publicity
  - (4) Search
  - (5) Campaign
  - (6) Other

#### **New Business:**

- 8. What's Next
  - A. NIW will consider having a fall event at the Skinner's venue.

#### 9. Name of the Organization

- A. The name that we agreed upon at the last meeting is very similar to another group in Idaho that has a poor reputation amongst the general population. It was decided that we would change the name.
- B. After numerous suggestions and discussion, it was decided that we would call the organization *North Idaho Way* and to use the following tag line to describe the group.
  - (1) The Preservation of our Idaho Lifestyle and Heritage through Political Involvement.

## 10. Next Meeting and Possible Meeting Venues

- A. Next meeting will be April 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meeting location TBA.
- B. Thomas, Steve, and Marianne will be scouting out locations for our meetings.

## 11. Adjourn Meeting

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Action Items	Assigned to	Deadline	Status
Find a Meeting Location	Thomas, Steve, Marianne	N/A	In-Process
Create Draft Bylaws	Dan & Veronica	Next Meeting	In-Process
Send Precinct Voter List to Precinct Captains	Veronica	N/A	Complete