

BEXAR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MEETING OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

The final statutory meeting of the 2006/2008 County Executive Committee was held at CWA headquarters and was called to order by the County Chair, Carla Vela, at 7:10 p.m. Carla informed the group that because of some major plumbing problems caused by a pipe bursting, the meeting could not be held inside the building which had been flooded. For this reason the meeting was convened in a covered area behind the building.

After the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen comrades, there was a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and was approved without discussion.

Madeleine Dewar presented the results of the vote canvass in the 2008 Democratic Primary Runoff election. Mark Thompson was the winner for Railroad Commissioner with 53.97% of the vote. For Sheriff, Amadeo Ortiz defeated Andy Lopez with 66.50% of the vote. With 59.58% of the vote, Monica Lisa Caballero defeated Tomas Uresti as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1.

Chair's Report. Carla Vela thanked all who have participated in the party during the past two years. Even though there was mass confusion and all kinds of problems, we all participated in a great election. She announced that the next meeting will be on May 6 at which time the precinct chairs will be sworn in and if there is a quorum we will also elect the Precinct Coordinators who have filed since the official filing deadline on January 2nd. This meeting will be held at the San Antonio Firefighters Union Hall just off Callaghan Road on I-10. Food and drinks will be provided by some local unions including the SA Professional Firefighter's Assn, CWA, SEIU and Bexar County Deputy Sheriffs' Association.

Thomas C. Rockey Moore, Logistics Coordinator, made the Chair's report on the four San Antonio Senatorial District Conventions held on March 29, 2008. These included SD 19, SD 21, SD 25 and SD 26. He reported on parking arrangements, security, meeting rooms, tables, chairs, microphones, sign-in tables, signs, food vendors' booths, etc. Security for the Municipal Auditorium (SD 21 and 25) was provided by the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) off-duty officers. Security for SD 19 was provided by off-duty Constables.

Treasurer's Report. Fernando Contreras reported that on March 31, the total bank balance was \$40,934.75. After reservation of \$2,500.00 for a fund-raiser event, a remainder of \$38,434.75 is available for operations. On **motion** made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Committee Reports

1. Special Events/ Fundraising. No report.
2. Precinct Chair Recruitment. Mark Camann reported that VAN training had been planned for the next meeting, but because of the swearing-in of the new precinct chairs, that training will be moved to the June meeting.
3. Campaign Committee. Ian Straus was too hoarse to report.
4. Communications Committee. No report.
5. Primary Campaign John Courage, speaking for everybody, announced that we are glad it is over. He asked that the people on the Primary Committee report to Madeleine Dewar on the election and the run-off, so we can see if there are some things we could do better next time. He added that the Primary Committee might also work to oversee the convention since they are really tied together.
6. Partner Program. John Courage announced that the group is still working to get at least 1,000 people in Bexar County to become members of the Partner Program. If 1,000 people contribute \$10.00 a month, that will be \$10,000.00 a month.
7. Budget & Finance. Zada True-Courage and Fernando Contreras reported on this Committee.
8. Rules Committee. Zada True-Courage stated we will be meeting with the Rules Committee and the new CEC that is coming in. Instead of organizing on the basis of county commissioners' districts, Zada suggested we should be organized on the basis of senate districts.
9. Community Outreach. No report.

SDEC Report. Zada True-Courage stated that all the SDEC groups will be meeting in Round Rock on the 26th.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Larry Mead made a **motion** to replace the regular CEC meeting on May 6 with the Swearing-in Ceremony at the San Antonio Firefighters Association, so as to allow election of Precinct Chairs in accordance with Article III, Section E(9), on page 14 of the Rules of the Texas Democratic Party. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

Announcements. Carla introduced Mr. Trevino from Laredo, who is going to be on the Special Events Committee. Mr. Trevino made a brief statement and indicated that he will donate 20% of his profit from an event he is planning in the near future to the local party. This would probably be 20% of \$75,000 to \$90,000. Thereafter, on **motion** by Ian Straus, duly seconded, Mr. Trevino was approved as an events coordinator for the Special Events Committee

There was no further business for discussion and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Humble,
Secretary