

**Bexar County Democratic Party
Minutes – County Executive Committee
August 5, 2008**

- I. County Chair Carla Vela announced at opening there was only 62 Precinct Chairs signed in and this is not a quorum. She said we would proceed to see if more would sign in since we only need 9 more.
- II. The Chair set aside the approval of an agenda until we achieve a quorum. She asked to me notified as soon as we have a quorum.
- III. Opening Ceremonies
 - A. D'mitri Kosub led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. The Chair called for a moment of silence.
 - C. Elected Officials recognized were the SDEC members attending.
- IV. Due to the lack of a quorum the July Minutes could not be approved at this time.
- V. Reports
 - A. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She gave a brief explanation of how the County Party is made up and how the different offices and committees work together including the Executive Council and Steering Committee. She stressed that all the registered Democratic Organizations with at least 25 members also have representation on the Steering Committee.

At this time it was announced a quorum was now present (71). Bob Miller moved the Agenda be accepted as presented. There was a second and motion carried with no discussion. Bob Bretz moved the July Minutes be accepted as presented. After a second the motion carried without discussion.

- B. Treasurer Dwayne Adams apologized for not having a written report this month. He is currently getting the files all entered into a new system. He will supply a written report for July for the record at a later time. At the close of July \$34,800.00 was on hand. We had \$4,000.00 in deposits and \$4,700.00 in expenses. After subtracting the \$10,000.00 reserve money and \$2,500.00 for Special Events he recommended using the balance of our funds for the Campaign. The Finance Committee is currently proofing the forms for use by the Party. He now has a computer set aside for Finance and is currently scanning in all documents. This will include all donor records so they may be tracked easier, insuring they will be used where designated by the donor. Frank MacDonald will be reviewing the financial records of the previous Treasurer and will make his report soon. It was moved and seconded the report be accepted. He was asked when the written report will be available. Dr. Adams said the July report would be posted on the website with the July Minutes. The motion carried.
- C. Committee Reports
 1. Budget and Finance – Zada True Courage reported to her delight the committee has doubled in size. The Committee approved the appointment of Thomas Rockey Moore as Assistant Treasurer and recommended the purchase of a more secure safe since we currently just use a small money box. The Committee also recommended using all available funds received by the Party until the November Election be used for the Coordinated Campaign. There were questions concerning the dedicated money and it was explained. A motion and second to accept the report and recommendations carried with no discussion.
 2. Campaign – Ian Straus announced a Campaign Headquarters has been leased. Although the \$3,000 monthly rent was over the budget we have five candidates wanting to rent space for \$250 each, totaling \$1,250, which lowers our cost to below the budgeted amount. Time-Warner has offered us a media buy totaling \$6,900. The amount includes 30-minute programs on their new political channel, 30-second spots, and 10-15 second filler spots, and production time. John Courage moved the report and recommendations be accepted and there was a second. There were several questions concerning the Time-Warner buy and they were answered. The motion carried.
 3. Communications – The Chair said two new co-chairs would be elected at the next meeting. The meeting is August 11th. The scope of the committee would also be discussed at the meeting.
 4. Community Outreach – Ruth Steward ask for donations of cookies, bottled water, pampers, and gift cards for gas. She said all the months are covered through February except for September. It was moved and seconded the CEC cover September. The motion carried with no discussion. She reported the Bexar County Democratic Women have given out over 10,000 information cards this year at the swearing in ceremonies for citizenship.
 5. Election Protection – no report.
 6. Endowment – Dr. Adams stated the committee needs women. So far it's all male and a woman's perspective is needed. Their purpose is to find a permanent home for the Party where all activities and meetings can be held. They have seen 8 sites so far and immediately rejected 4 for reasons such as no parking or not in a safe area. Some owners have called to offer good deals but as yet none are acceptable. The choices should be narrowed down by next month. A motion and second to accept the report were made. After some questions the motion carried.

7. Fundraising – Ralph Galvan announced he was the acting chair. The email the committee sent out at no cost to 4,500 SD delegates has so far resulted in \$2,200 in donations, each one at least \$50 or higher. There is still the \$2,500 set aside for mail outs. This last phase will be mail outs to everyone who voted Democrat in the Bexar County Primary. They usually meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the headquarters but sometimes use email instead. The second email will be sent out soon. There was a motion and second to accept the motion which carried after no discussion.
8. Partners – John Courage reported the committee recommends their functions be rolled over into the Fundraising Committee. After a motion and second to accept the recommendation the motion carried with no discussion.
9. Precinct Chair Recruitment – Mark Camaan reported one resignation and on chair moving out of their precinct leaving us with 282 Chairs and 340 vacancies. The statutory quorum is now 142 and the 25% quorum is 71. The training was held on July 19th. Because of the inability to send notices by mail fewer than 30 attended. The training will be repeated this Saturday and the Northeast Bexar County Office at 7122 San Pedro. Currently there are no other trainings scheduled. A packet was distributed to all Chairs present tonight with helpful information. The city ordinance allows political signs may be displayed on private property for 90 days. Tomorrow is 90 days before the election so it's time to put them out. Following a motion and second to accept the report the motion carried with no discussion.

The Chair temporarily suspended the order of business to introduce Ruth Jones McClendon. Ms. McClendon invited all present to her Western Roundup on August 19th. It will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Buckhorn Museum.

10. Special Events – Lila Aguirre gave the report. They meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. The kick off rally currently has a sponsor but the committee wants to make sure the money is received before committing. The date will be set later. There will be a victory party on November 4th at the Firefighters' Hall. The Braggin' Breakfast is in the planning stage. Our calendar on line will give all the dates once they are set. A motion and second to accept the report was made and the motion carried with no discussion.
11. Rules – Ian Straus and Bob Bretz presented the proposed amendments to the Continuing Rules. There is to be no discussion on the proposed changes until next month when the vote will be taken. The Committee will meet on the 3rd Monday of August to hear any comments from members on the proposed changes. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. The assembly was reminded there could be no discussion on the proposed changes tonight. The motion carried.
12. Veterans – Dee Villarrubea said the committee is contacting all veteran groups and is forming a caravan with the Guadalupe Party. They meet at the new Campaign office at 108 King Williams. Following the motion and second to accept the motion carried with no discussion.
13. Volunteer – There are lots of volunteers coming to help which is great.
14. Senior – This is a new committee the Chair has formed and she has asked Connie Rodriguez to get it started. San Antonio is the 2nd largest senior in the U.S. Their purpose is to reach out to seniors and get them involved.

The Chair announced we raised \$152.00 tonight. She said we had been using the Firefighters' Hall for the past few months at no charge, thanks to their generosity. She entertained a motion to donate \$100 to their Fireman's Fund in appreciation. There was a motion and second for that and the motion carried.

- D. DNC – no report since they have not yet met.
- E. SDEC
 1. SD 19 – no report
 2. SD 20 – no report
 3. SD 25 – Zada True Courage announced she and Madeleine Dewar were appointed to a special committee for the state party along with Tom Walker from SD 21. They will be covering Districts 19, 21, 23, 25 and 26, contacting all County Chairs and Campaigns to see if they have a campaign plan. The goal is to get the campaigns coordinated throughout the state.
 4. SD26 – Joshua Bailey announced he and Celina Pena have set up a website for their SD. The address is SD26.com.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

- A. Celina Pena wanted to ask a question on the proposed rules changes and was instructed to attend that meeting.
- B. Ms. Pena asked a question on party platform. This is usually done at the state and national levels. Mr. Camaan gave an explanation of the procedures for resolutions.
- C. Joshua Bailey said that since we have a new Executive Director and it is voluntary position he moved the CEC reimburse the Exec. Dir. for gas expenses incurred for the party. During discussion Dr. Adams said the reimbursement would be only for those miles incurred while doing party work, not for commuting to work. Mr. Bretz said the motion was too vague. Larry Romo made a motion to amend to motion to reimburse \$200 per month. There was a motion and second to table this. The motion to table was defeated. Mr. Bailey rephrased his motion to reimburse the Director for gas expenses already incurred. There was a second and the motion carried with no discussion. Mr. Courage moved to send this to the Budget and Finance Committee. There was a

second. Dr. Adams said he is working on a procedure for reimbursements. Mr. Romo moved it be a \$200 monthly allowance. This motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Courage clarified his motion that this recommendation go to committee to develop a process. After a second the motion carried with no discussion.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Bryan Gerard invited everyone to their next meeting. State Chair Boyd Richie will speak on Monday, the 19th at the Firefighters' Hall.
- B. Louis Vidaurri asked for donations to help with expenses for his 9 year old son Joshua. He has been offered a chance to showcase his talent to producers and directors in Los Angeles.
- C. Zada True Courage invited everyone to attend the reception for all our National Delegates given by the Chair, SDEC, and DNC members.
- D. Ruth Stewart asked anyone with donations for the Warriors and Families Center to leave them at the headquarters.
- E. Larry Romo announced he was now the regional coordinator for 7 states for the Obama campaign.
- F. Ms. Villarrubea said the veterans meeting will be this Friday at 6pm at the Campaign office at 108 King William.
- G. John Courage invited everyone to the NEBCD Fundraiser on September 27th. There will be several candidates attending.
- H. Todd Hedley asked if anyone still needed SD sign in sheets to contact him.

IX. A motion and second to adjourn was made. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Bexar County Democratic Party