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Bexar County Democratic Party
County Executive Committee Minutes
February 2, 2010

I. Quorum

Chair Roberto Flores announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. There was a motion and second. With no questions or discussion the agenda was approved with no changes.

III. Opening Ceremonies

The Chair requested those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence. He asked the assembly to please remember Rudy Casias and Helen Ayala at this time.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December Corrected Minutes

A motion to approve the December minutes as corrected was made by Ruby Krebs. After a second the motion carried.

B. January Minutes

Bryan Gerard moved the January Minutes be approved followed by a second. The motion carried.

V. Reports

A. Chairman's Report

The Chair brought everyone up-to-date on moving the office, getting the bills paid, and the status of the investigation into the 2008 Primary Account. He thanked all who have helped out during this time and that today's circumstances are not quite as bleak as last month. He added that Treasurer Tom Jepson is bonded, in addition to Cheryl Novack and himself. Attorney Raul Rios not only generously donated office space but is also paying the electric and water bills. The Chair said we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. Rios, his family, and especially to Judges Barbara Neller-moe and David Rodriguez for hearing of our plight and coming to our aid. The investigation on the missing Primary funds is still ongoing. We do not know when an indictment will be issued. He will keep the CEC informed during his tenure. He is in negotiations to hire an attorney to represent the County Party in a civil action against Mr. Adams or other potential parties. But, first we must obtain clarification from the Secretary of State as to jurisdiction.

B. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jepson began by stating there is a shortage of copies of his report. He will be happy to send the complete report to those who request it. He presented his report and also some recommendations for possible future action. Mr. Jepson also named his wife, Mimi Moffat, as Assistant Treasurer. Jose Gallegos moved to accept the report; there was a second. During discussion Mr. Flores stated he had advised Mr. Jepson against appointing Ms. Moffat as his assistant. The assistant should not be his wife and needs to be approved first by the Budget & Finance Committee. Joshua Bailey moved to amend the motion to accept the report except for the Assistant Treasurer appointment. There was a second. There was discussion on the amendment. During the discussion Mr. Jepson stated the last portion of his report is personal opinion, not actual recommendations. He said he has the right to appoint whomever he wishes as his assistant. He added that since his report is not to be accepted as presented (with Ms. Moffat's appointment) he resigns. Mr. Jepson then left the podium and walked out of the meeting. The discussion continued. Mr. Bailey moved to end debate; there was a second. The motion to end debate carried. The vote to accept the amendment carried with 36 in favor, 19 against, with 1 abstaining. Bob Miller moved to table the original motion until after the next meeting of the Budget and Finance committee. After a second the motion to table the original motion carried.

C. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance – none
2. Campaign – Ian Straus. The committee met with Choco Meza and has requested time to meet with Dan Ramos. At the March meeting there will be time allotted for each SD to gather and name their convention committee chairs.
3. Precinct – Mark Camann. Precinct convention training is Saturday, February 20th, at St. Mary's University. Notice will be sent out to prior convention attendees either by email or mail.
4. Rules – Ian Straus. Co-Chair Bob Bretz resigned. A new co-chair will be elected at the next meeting. The committee will review the current rules and how recent events may affect them.
5. Primary – Cheryl Novack. Due to the resignation of one staff member there is an opening for a part time staff person. She discussed the items included in the Precinct Convention packets, instructions on having

resolutions included, their distribution and new reporting procedures. She also presented the financial reports for both December and January.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business

1. Sterling Camp moved to give VAN access for any precincts without a Precinct Chair or with the Precinct Chair's approval to the Democratic clubs. After a second the motion carried with no discussion.
2. Zada True Courage announced some changes to the Precinct Conventions. The State Party now requires each County Party to submit the Precinct Convention information to the state. The sign-in form used in the past no longer has the delegate/alternate column. The "Texas Two-Step" is no more, no multiple votes are allowed, only 1 vote per person. Everyone caucuses together except as requested by a required number. There are 2 new forms for delegates and alternates. The demographic information is still required
3. The committee sign-up is postponed until March.

VIII. Candidates for County Chair

The Chair introduced the candidates for County Chair and gave each time to speak. Mr. Dan Ramos spoke first; followed by Ms. Choco Meza. The Chair thanked each for their time.

IX. Adjourn

With no further business a motion was made and a second to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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