

**Bexar County Democratic Party
County Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Luby's Cafeteria (911 N. Main Ave.)**

- I. Determination of Quorum
 - A. It was announced a Quorum was present with 80 Precinct Chairs currently signed in.
 - B. In the absence of Mr. Ramos, Mr. Straus (Deputy Chair, Pct. 4) called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

- II. Approval of Agenda

Robert Miller (3104) moved the agenda be approved as presented. There was a second. The motion carried with no discussion.

- III. Opening Ceremonies
 - A. Mr. Straus led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. He asked everyone for a moment of silence in recognition of recently deceased Democrats, those who are ill, such as Chair Ramos; and ill family members of Democrats. He also recognized our military serving overseas and asked for special thoughts for those who rid us of Osama Ben Laden.
 - C. Elected officials and special guests present were recognized.

- IV. Approval of April 2011 minutes

Sterling Camp (2077) moved the minutes be approved as presented. Following a second the motion carried with no discussion.

- V. Reports
 - A. Chair – no report
 - B. Treasurer – no report
 - C. Committee
 1. Precinct Recruitment & Training – Mark Camann (2140) reported 2 precinct chair resignations bringing the total to 170. The majority quorum is now 86 and a business quorum is 43. He requested suspending the remainder of his report until it is determined a majority quorum is present. Zada True-Courage (3083) moved to conduct a roll call of precinct chairs to determine the quorum count. Ruby Krebs (4148) made the second. There was no discussion. The motion carried with no nay votes. Mr. Straus and Secretary Nancy Froment (3175) conducted the roll call. It was confirmed that 90 precinct chairs were present which constitutes a majority quorum. Mr. Camann continued with the election of new precinct chairs. He first added the names of 3 applicants to the list distributed earlier. The names of applicants who have withdrawn were read. There was one precinct with multiple applicants. He read their names. Since neither was present the election was tabled until they were in attendance. The election of remaining applicants was conducted in six segments. Mr. Camann read the names of each applicant, but only those present were considered for election. A total of 22 new precinct chairs were elected and sworn into office by Mr. Straus. This brings the total of precinct chairs to 192. In the absence of the Chair the changes will be reported to the Texas Democratic Party by the Secretary.
 2. Rules – Mr. Straus called upon Mr. Miller, Trial Committee Chair, to give the trial report.
 - a. Mr. Miller introduced the members of the Trial Committee. He gave the results of the committee's decisions and the unanimous recommendation that Mr. Ramos be removed as Chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party. Grace Uzomba (3011) asked what the items were. Mr. Miller gave the list of charges and the verdict on each. There were several other questions answered.
 - b. Mr. Miller thanked the Trial Committee and released them from their duties.
 - c. There was a general consensus the vote should be conducted by roll call which was conducted by Mr. Straus, assisted by Ms. Froment and Mr. Camann. The result was 104 in favor of removal, 5 against removal, 0 abstained. Six chairs left before the vote began. Copies of the vote tally sheets are attached. Mr. Straus announced Mr. Ramos is removed as Chair.
 - d. Mr. Straus read the Texas Democratic Party rules pertaining to the replacement of the Chair. The Secretary announced a meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, here at Luby's on Main, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The election of a new County Chair will take place at that time. She said if there are any candidates present they may announce their candidacy during the announcement portion of the agenda. There were questions asked and answered on the conduct of the election and qualifications of candidates. There was discussion on whether the election of new precinct chairs would also be conducted at the meeting. Ms. Froment will get a determination from the State Party.
 3. Budget & Finance – D'mitri Kosub (3044) reported there are still several finance issues to be resolved with Mr. Ramos not brought up at the trial.
 4. Campaign – Mr. Straus said a meeting will be held soon.
 5. Communications – no report

6. Community Outreach – Ruth Stewart and Helen Villarreal (1020) asked if the BCDP would resume their participation supporting the Warriors and Families Center at Ft. Sam Houston. They moved we sponsor September for 2011 and mentioned many items needed. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.
7. Election Integrity and Voter Protection – Choco Meza (DNC/SDEC) announced a national representative would be here this summer to conduct training on voter protection. It is anticipated there will be problems at the November election.
8. Fundraising – no report
- D. Executive Council – Mr. Straus said they would be meeting soon on several items.
- E. 2010 Primary – Cheryl Novack (SDEC) – no report
- F. DNC Members – no report
- G. SDEC Members – no reports

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Motion to censure the Chair. Vote to drop was approved.

VII. New Business

Dante Small (3112) announced the Young Democrats are distributing postcards concerning the actions by the State Legislature on education. He moved for each precinct chair to sign and address a card to their state senators. There was a second and the motion carried.

VIII. Announcements

Choco Meza announced her candidacy for County Chair.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Straus announced there was no further business and adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted:

Nancy T. Froment

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