

**Bexar County Democratic Party**  
**County Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2012, 6:30pm**  
**VFW Post 76, 10 Tenth St**

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.
- II. **Agenda** - The Agenda was approved.
- III. **Opening Ceremonies**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jamie Lewis (3098).
  - B. A Moment of Silence was observed, especially for James Murnin, Michael Hernandez, and our military.
  - C. Many Elected Officials and Candidates were recognized.
- IV. The December 20, 2011 CEC Minutes were approved.

At this time, County Chair Choco Meza asked for a round of applause for the Precinct Chair applicants for the current term who are waiting for the vote of a majority quorum and applicants for the next term. She then introduced Sean Hubbard, candidate for US Senate, who spoke for a few minutes.

**VI. Reports**

- A. County Chair – Choco Meza first thanked contributors Joseph Nazaroff of Ideas Unlimited for printing Party business stationery, and Prestige Printers for printing President Obama's "Promises Kept". Then she discussed the DC Circuit Court's treatment of the redistricting question. The trial is expected to last until January 26 or 27. It is possible that the Supreme Court will rule to put things on hold until the DC Appeals Court makes a ruling. The maps could be redrawn by mid- to late February. Then the DC ruling would come late February or early March. This could place the Primary Election date in May or even June. The second filing period is still tentatively February 1-6.
- B. Treasurer – Grace Uzomba (3011) presented report 2011-06 covering December 1-31 of 2011. A written report was provided to the Secretary, filed with this month's meeting reports. Chair Meza added that copies of the bank statements with the reported expenditures are available for viewing at the front of the room. The CEC voted to accept this report.
- C. Committees
  - 1. Budget & Finance – Co-Chair Robert Miller (3104) stated that there was no report as they did not meet this month. They will meet next on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2. Communications – Co-Chair Todd Hedley (3077) stated that there is no report. The committee did not meet in December.
  - 3. Campaign – Co-Chair Ian Straus (4098) stated that they are still discussing the plans to use seven precincts as test grounds in the Primary for the General Election. Angie Garcia (2046) stated that no one asked her to attend these committee meetings. Chair Meza said that all committees are open and that those who are interested should attend the committee meetings. The meetings are scheduled on the calendar, and if you cannot see the calendar online, then you can call the office for the schedule,
  - 4. Election Integrity & Voter Protection – Co-Chair Eduardo Juarez (3020) reported on the Voter ID law. He stated that the Justice Department must pre-clear with the burden of proof on the State to verify Federal Voting Rights' compliance.
  - 5. Fundraising/Events – Chair Meza reported that the committee is proposing an installation dinner and raise funds necessary for the 2012 general election campaigning. They are meeting in the next 10 days to decide on the date and a budget to present at the February meeting. She asked for volunteers.  
Chair Meza said a few words about opposing candidates being respectful to each other during the Primary campaigns.

6. Precinct Recruitment & Training – Co-Chair Mark Camann (2140) reported that 4 Precinct Chairs resigned to run for public office. The 65 Precinct Chairs in attendance are short the majority quorum needed to elect Chairs in the interim. He announced a Precinct Chair Orientation to be held Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm for all current Precinct Chairs and applicants. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 6pm. Both will be at the office at 315 Ninth St. A written report was provided the Secretary, filed with this month's meeting reports.
  7. Rules – Co-Chair Ian Straus (4098) reported that they considered Bob Miller's (3104) proposed rule change to move the CEC meeting from the first Tuesday of the month to the second. In order to survey all Precinct Chairs and Chairs for the next term, he moved that \$100 be budgeted for such a survey. The survey results will be presented to the Rules, Steering and County Executive Committees. The motion passed. A copy of the committee report was provide to the Secretary, and filed with this month's meeting reports.
  8. Leadership & Training (Ad Hoc) – Co-Chair Pat Galloway (3082) thanked Jackie Christenson as our Volunteer Coordinator. Chair Meza asked candidates to check their contact information for accuracy and to indicate any information that they do not want published.
  9. Veterans (Ad Hoc) – no report.
  10. 2012 Primary – Primary Manager Rose Marie De Hoyos (3116) reported that the Ballot Order Drawing is ready to go pending the Court-decided date. One candidate withdrew, and his filing fee was refunded. She reported the total available Primary funds, which are detailed in the written report provided to the Secretary and filed with this month's meeting reports. Chair Meza said that the Primary bank statements and the Primary Report are available for viewing at the front of the room.
- D. DNC/SDEC Reports – The next SDEC meeting will be February 11, 2012 in Austin.

**VII. Unfinished Business** – none.

**VIII. New Business**

1. The Steering Committee recommended changing the February CEC meeting to Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to accommodate the newly scheduled statutory filing period and deadline for the ballot order drawing. Bob Miller (3104) so moved. Maria Davalos-Salinas (4028) says that Mission Democrats Club will be having a candidates' forum on that night. Gerald Flores (3041) pointed out that the ballot order will be due on Friday, so that Friday is not acceptable. After discussion, Bob Miller amended his motion to change the date to Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rose Marie De Hoyos (3116), who is Primary Manager, stressed that the staff needs time to process the filings after 6pm, after a full day on Wednesday, and that Friday will conflict with the deadline needed to turn in the ballot order. Mr. Miller accepted a friendly amendment to change the meeting date to Wednesday, February 1 – the very day that the filing period will end at 6pm. Due to this, the meeting will have to start no earlier than 7:30pm. Chair Meza said that the Court could change this date. Mr. Miller amended his motion to add that the date is subject to change due to a court order. This motion was approved.

**IX. Announcements**

- X. Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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