

Meeting Date: January 16, 2012

Called to order by Elena Guajardo @ 6:34pm

1. Introductions of Guests, Elected Officials & Candidates

- Larry Ricketts (for Sherriff)
- Rebeca Martinez (for 4th Court of Appeals)
- Choco Meza (Bexar County Democratic Chair)
- Milton Fagin (for District Judge)
- Joaquin Castro (for Congress)
- Ezra Johnson (for Congress)
- Patrick Shearer (for Congress)

2. Reflections on 2011 by Eduardo Juarez

- Former Chair of the Democratic Party, Dan Ramos made bigoted comments regarding the LGBT Community. He created a call to action from Elected Officials all over the state.
- Two Candidates ran for public office: Elena Guajardo & Chris Forbrich
- Domestic Partner Benefits were passed in the City Budget

3. Approval of the Minutes by Cris Ramirez (Secretary)

- The minutes have been posted on the website.
- A motion was made by Dr. Allen Castro and seconded by Ruby Krebs to approve the minutes as posted. Passed without objection.

4. Treasurer's Report

- This year there was a record fundraising year for our group.
- Money was raised early to provide money to candidates campaign.
- Current balance is \$10,139.00

5. Update on the County Party by Choco Meza

- The current party balance is over \$41,000.
- The debt was paid in six months, with cash on hand.
- There are sustaining donors in the fundraising plan
- Discussed Redistricting

6. Committee Reports

- Endorsement Committee by Peg MacPhail
 - Recognized the Endorsement Committee by round of applause.
 - Discussed the redistricting mess

- The forum has been rescheduled to February 26th 2012, 1pm
- They are in the process of mailing endorsement questionnaires to candidates to all 80 candidates.
- In order to participate in the Endorsement Meeting, you must be a paid member in good standing.
- Banquet Committee by Kevin Voelker
 - The date is scheduled for September 22nd 2012.
 - They are welcome to recommend a location or a speaker. If you have a suggestions, please let him know.
- Board Development by Cris Ramirez
 - This will be Cris' last meeting as an officer as she is term limited. She heads the Board's Development.
 - She was recognized along with her partner, Bonnie, for their efforts.

New Business

- Board Elections
 - Election of the Treasurer's Position
 - Kevin Voelker was nominated. There were no other nominations.
 - Mark Spencer moved to close nominations and Dan Graney seconded. Nominations closed.
 - Peg MacPhail moved to Elect Kevin Volker by Acclamation. Travis Peterson seconded. Voelker was elected Treasurer for another term.
 - Election of the Secretary's Position
 - Chris Forbrich was nominated. There were no other nominations.
 - Ruby Krebs moved to close nominations and Dee Villarrubia seconded. Nominations closed.
 - Dee Villarrubia moved to elect Chris Forbrich by Acclamation. Dr. Allen Castro seconded. Forbrich was elected Secretary for a new term.

Announcements

- David Plylar announced that Dinning with Democrats will be held on January 21st. He has four tickets for sale at \$50/ticket.

- Elena Guajardo announced that many events are available on the Bexar County Democratic Party Website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Dr. Allen Castro. Peg MacPhail seconded the motion for adjournment.

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