

Meeting Date: February 20, 2012

Called to order by Elena Guajardo @ 6:38pm

1. Introduction of Police Chief William McManus who discussed core values to help guide the officers.
2. Assistant Police Chief Jose Banales updated us on the Leadership Development Initiative.
3. Introductions of Guests, Elected Officials & Candidates
 - Patrick Shearer (for Congress)
 - Byron Barnett (for Justice of the Peace)
 - Gerald Flores representing Karen Crouch (for Judge)
 - Choco Meza (Bexar County Democratic Chair)
 - Rebeca Martinez (for 4th Court of Appeals)
3. Professor Amy Stone of Trinity University
 - Discussed her Oral History of the LGBT Community and her new book coming out.
3. Approval of the Minutes by Chris Forbrich (Secretary)
 - A motion was made by Chris Forbrich and seconded by Peg MacPhail to table the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. The motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance is \$10,865.52
6. Committee Reports
 - Endorsement Committee by Peg MacPhail
 - Endorsement Forum is on Sunday at Luby's
 - All Endorsements are provisional
 - Endorsement Committee was recognized by a round of applause.
 - Political Relations by Elena Guajardo
 - Discussed a voter registration guide in the inner city area.
 - There is vacancy in the Board.
 - Membership by Minerva Mendoza
 - 109 Members are paid and 65 are delinquent
 - Banquet Committee by Kevin Voelker
 - The date is scheduled for September 22nd 2012.

- He has looked at Granados Ballroom, but is open to other venues

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business

Announcements

- There is a collection for the Wounded Warriors
- Ruth made an announcement regarding a seminar on Monday March 5th.
- Byron Barnet announced a fundraiser
- Elena Guajardo took a point of personal privilege to thank Professor Stone for her work with our community
- Debie with the Barack Obama Campaign asked for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm by Dee Villarubia. Dr. Richard Fletcher seconded the motion for adjournment.

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. The 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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