

**North East Bexar County Democrats,
Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 5, 2016
NEBCD Campaign Office, 7122 San Pedro Ave, Ste 114 SA, TX 78216**

Executive Board present: Bob Miller, David Coffman, Bryan Gerard, Jackie Christenson, Madeleine Dewar, Jim Lucas, William B. Johnson, Ian Straus, Tony Blasi, Zack Lyke, Mary Angie Garcia, Daliene Hendon.

I. Chairman Bob Miller called meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. Agenda was approved with one addition

III. Welcomed new member Rudy Perez.

IV. Speaker: Justice Rebeca Martinez, 4th Court of Appeals, spoke about the new voter identification requirements for the November 8 election. She explained that voter ID laws address impersonation. MALDEF is hoping to change the law by proving that there was a discriminatory intent in its language and approval. She also explained that some areas of Bexar County are underperforming because of few contested races in them. We should concentrate GOTV efforts in these areas. In detailing the two ways that voters can show their identification at the polls, she provided and spoke about 2 handouts from MALDEF.

V. Minutes were approved as presented.

VI. Treasurer Bryan Gerard reported \$10,666 in the bank, after \$4,500 were paid to block walkers. \$2,400 will be returned from the office deposit.

VII. No chair's report.

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. Campaign and Candidate Recruitment Chair Ian Straus reported that block walkers had targeted low blue precincts. Zack introduced Colt who is the organizer of the walks funded by NEBCD emphasizing Bell-Metereau, and Salazar -- over 3,000 doors so far. Bob suggested that another \$1,200 (80 hours @ \$15/hour) be approved for block walkers. It was moved, seconded and passed.

B. No Communications report

C. Events and Fundraising Chair Tony Blasi reported that he will have a signup sheet for the Dining With Democrats event at the next meeting.

D. Government Action and Monitoring Chair William B. Johnson reported that 1) we need to monitor the city-endorsed warrantee on water and sewer construction. Some things were left out of the warrantee and rate payers will be paying approximately \$200/year; 2) We need to monitor school district construction contracts- it was reported that someone bribed several school districts in order to get contracts; 3) It has been reported that Former TX Supreme Ct Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson is on the list of possible U.S. Supreme Court nominations. He is opposed to partisan judge elections.

E. Membership Co-Chair Mary Angie Garcia reported that the membership has increased by several over the month and that Angie Chaos-Peters has kept the roster updated.

F. Precinct Organization Chair Zack Lyke reported that the districts of Lyle Larson, Joe Straus, and Barbara Hawkins are underperforming. He will identify more underperforming precincts for walking.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Bob will ask David Van Os to present an analysis of the results of the Nov 8 election at the December NEBCD meeting.

B. Bob reported that the Central Labor Council was not able to negotiate a satisfactory leasing arrangement for this office space. It was moved, seconded, and voted to proceed with

discussion regarding the possibility of co-locating with the AFL-CIO CLC another site, in order that the club have a year-round presence to work the Northeast area.

X. New Business

- A. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and voted to have a garage sale in the parking lot on Saturday Nov 19 from 9:00 to 4:00 and to move to storage on Sunday, Nov 20 at 12:30. Volunteers indicated they would help.
- B. It was decided to have the Dec. 3 meeting at Grady's Barbecue on Nakoma as in past several years at 10 a.m.

XI. Announcements:

- A. Tuesday, Nov 8, 6pm, NEBCD Election Watch Party, NEBCD Campaign Office
- B. Tuesday, Nov 15 **TBD** 6:30 BCDP CEC at Luby's on Main
- C. Monday, Nov 21, 6:30, NEBCD Executive Board Meeting at Fred & Betty Vance's home.

XII. Adjourn 12 noon.

Submitted by Jackie Christenson, NEBCD Secretary