

North East Bexar County Democrats - Minutes

CR Semmes YMCA at TriPoint, 3233 North St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 10:00 am

Exec Comm Present: David Coffman, Bryan Gerard, Jackie Christenson, Madeleine Dewar, William B. Johnson, Ian Straus, Jim Lucas. Absent: Bob Miller, Mary Angie Garcia, Bill Johnson

I. Madeleine called the meeting to order at 10:00am, explaining that Bob has a family emergency and David is making copies of the minutes and on his way. She introduced speaker Rebecca Bell Metereau, candidate for State Board of Education, District 5. Candidate Metereau's half-hour presentation included a comprehensive overview of the reasons that a Democrat could win the District 5 SBOE race, and other state races in the November election. She explained the role of the SBOE and talked of its current make-up and deliberations followed by Q&A. Bob Comeaux commented that he is working with Metereau, Wakely and others to find additional precinct chairs in SD25 and that with more chairs there is the opportunity to attract more funding for the candidates. David commented that the Washington Post reports that Hillary's campaign team is thinking of targeting Texas.

II. Candidates present were Tom Wakely (along with campaign manager Zake Like) for Congress, Angelica Jimenez for District Judge 408th Judicial District and Javier Salazar for Sheriff.

III. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer Bryan Gerard reported an increase of approximately \$300 since the last meeting for a total balance of \$27,971.11.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Campaign and Candidate Recruitment - no report

B. Communications - no report

C. Event and Fundraising - Chair of LDP, Tony Blasi, will set a LDP meeting soon. His email is j6anthonyblasi@yahoo.com.

D. Government Action and Monitoring - Chair William B. Johnson reported 1) that his committee may publish a newsletter, 2) State Convention caucuses will meet on 17th and both presidential candidates have been invited to the convention, 3) Laura Thompson and Lou Miller runoff is coming up for completion of Ruth Jones McClendon's HD120 term. Also Laura is gathering signatures to run as an independent in Nov. for the HD 120 full term. 4) Are police organizations changing their minds about gun legislation?

E. Membership - Co-chair Angie Peters reported one new member for a total of 193 members.

VI. No old business

VII. New Business -

A. Madeleine announced that the Bexar County Democratic Women Club is sponsoring a Womens Room at the Convention. She explained that BCDW is soliciting co-sponsors that will be listed in the program. Moved, seconded and passed that NEBCD contribute \$250 for operation of the Womens Room.

B. Moved, seconded and passed to change the July meeting date from the first to the second Saturday of the month, July 9, to avoid the 4th of July weekend.

VIII. Announcements

A. Madeleine announced that she is running for SDEC representing SD26 and presented her qualifications and experience.

B. Ezra Johnson is running for deputy chair of District 4.

C. For the convention, VIA will operate Primo 100 blue route - catch on Fredericksburg or Market St. to the dome.

D. Bob Comeaux invited precinct chairs to his home on 13th 4:30 to 5:30 for snacks and car pool to 6:30 CEC meeting and swearing in of precinct chairs.

meeting at the Convention Center.

E. On Labor Day the Union Council will have a 10:00 mass at the cathedral followed by a March to Milam Park to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the watermelon strike and beginning of the Chicano movement.

F. On Sunday, Oct. 23 (day before early voting begins for the general election) a GOTV rally "My Vote Matters" at San Pedro Springs Park will feature all of the statewide candidates.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Minutes submitted by Jackie Christenson