

**North East Bexar County Democrats, Draft Minutes, General Membership Meeting
Semmes YMCA at Tripoint, Saturday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Exec Committee Present: Bob Miller, Jackie Christenson, Bryan Gerard, Jim Lucas, Ian Straus, Madeleine Dewar, William B. Johnson, Kathy Scheidel, Kathy Lindley. **Absent:** David Coffman, Amy Putney, Gloria Dew, Bill Johnson
30 present, not including candidates.

I. Chairman Miller called the **meeting to order** at 10:00.

II. **Agenda** approved

III. **Democratic Primary Judicial Candidates with Opponents Forum** - each candidate spoke and answered questions from the audience that were submitted to Chairman Miller acting as the moderator.

A. 131st District Judge: Devin Gabriel, Elena Villaseñor, Norma Gonzalez

B. 175th District Judge: Tony Jimenez, Catherine Torres Stahl

C. 386th District Judge: Carlos Quesada

D. 399th District Judge:

E. 408th District Judge: Milton Fagin, Angelica Jimenez, Gabriel Quintanilla, Virgil Yanta, Cristal Cordova Thompson

F. 438th District Judge: Rosie Alvarado

G. 57th District Judge: Antonia Arteaga, Edward L. Piña

H. County Court at Law #5 Judge: Caitlin Howell

I. Precinct 2, Place 2 Justice of the Peace: Monica Caballero, Pamela Gabriel Craig, Steve Walker

J. Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace: Roberto Vazquez

IV. **Also spoke:** Judge Ron Rangel (no opponent); Judge Michael Mery (no opponent); Dorrie Contreras Garza - candidate for TX Supreme Court (introduced by Judge Rebeca Martinez) ; Judge Irene Rios, Candidate for Justice of 4th Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6.

V. **NEBCD minutes** of Dec 5 membership meeting approved

VI. **Treasurer** Bryan Gerard reported a balance of \$15,268.24 as of the end of December

VII. **Chair's report**-none

VIII. **Committee Reports:**

A. Campaign and Candidate Recruitment - Ian Straus (no report)

B. Communications - absent (no report)

C. Events and Fund Raising - Kathy Schiedel and Kathy Lindley - Update on Dining With Democrats: Solicited for auction items, event expenses met with income, meeting scheduled for 11th Jan postponed due to weather and inability to make centerpieces until weather supports the clay drying properly.

D. Government Action and Monitoring - William B. Johnson & Kathy Scheidel (no report)

E. Membership - absent (no report)

F. Precinct Organization - (vacant)

IX. **Unfinished Business**

A. Nominations Committee - Chairman Miller explained the process and asked for committee volunteers. Dee Villarrubia and Virgil Yanta volunteered.

B. Miller announced that a Democratic Primary Non-Judicial Candidates forum will be held at the February 6 membership meeting

X. **New Business** (none)

XI. **Announcements**

A. Tuesday, Jan 12, 10am and 6pm, Volunteer Voter Registrar required training to register voters in 2015 & 2016, Bexar County Elections Dept. Call to register 210-335-6625

B. Wednesday, January 13, 6:30pm BCDP CEC Meeting, Luby's 911 North Main Ave

C. Sunday, January 17, 3pm NEBCD Executive Board Meeting, Vance Residence

D. Thursday, Jan 28, 6-8pm, TX State Representative District 120 Debate, Second Baptist Church Community Center, 3310. East Commerce

E. Saturday, Feb 6, 10 am NEBCD Meeting, DR Semmes YMCA at Tripoint, 281 and N. St. Mary's

XII. **Adjourned** at 11:45