

NEBCD
Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 3, 2017
D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint
3233 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX 78212

47 people present

Exec Board Present: David Coffman, Bryan Gerard, Jackie Christenson, Mary Angie Garcia, Melissa Stroud, Zack Lyke, Ian Straus, Jim Lucas

Absent: Bob Miller, Madeleine Dewar, Daliene Hendon, Angie Peters, William B. Johnson, Dee Villarrubia

I. Vice Chair David Coffman called the meeting to order at 10 am

II. Three speakers:

- A. Tommy Calvert, BX Cty Commissioner Precinct 4, spoke about 1) Global Embassy of Activists for Peace - he participates in the international organization promoting global peace, and 2) Accomplishments and Current Projects since his election (including detailed handout): 2nd Chance Job Fair, Bexar County IT initiative, Urban Farm, BiblioTech at Wheatley, Direct Foreign Investment, Community Law Enforcement Relations Grant, Public Safety, Increase in Wages for Deputy Sheriffs, Veterans Transition and Conference Center, University Health System, Bexar County and City of Kirby Animal Shelter, Menger Creek, Outside Agency Funding.
- B. Kristian Thompson, Regional Coordinator of BattleGround Texas, reported that the organization doubled the number of registered Texas voters since 2014. She described the process used to register high schoolers (including a mock election re: class -decided student issue). Texas is 48th in percent of voter turnout.
- C. Trish Florence presented an Indivisible TX-21 update. The organization started in Austin with 10 people and now has 4,500 in Austin, San Antonio and the hill country. It works with other progressive groups to protest and raise issues. There are also four other indivisible groups in San Antonio. Current activities include regular Tuesday demonstrations at US Congressman Lamar Smith's office, writing letters to smaller newspapers, monthly events targeting State Senator Donna Campbell and US Senator Ted Cruz.

III. Agenda was approved with one correction in Kristian Thompson's email address under announcements.

IV. Minutes of the May 13 meeting were approved as presented

V. Treasurer Bryan Gerard presented a report showing a balance of \$16,321.95 at the end of May.

VI. David spoke of NEBCD organization transitioning from small to medium and therefore needing a lot of action and involvement at the committee level. he invited all members to join at one committee. He also distributed a copy of Article I "Name and Purpose" as written in the NEBCD bylaws and asked for input re: updating.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Campaign and Candidate Recruitment - none

B. Communications - none

C. Events and Fundraising - Co chairs Melissa Stroud and Mary Angie Garcia reported on planning for the PWD (Party With Democrats) event to be held in February (date TBD) and planning for the Labor Day Picnic.

D. Government Action and Monitoring - none

E. Membership - Mary Angie reported for Chair Angie Peters that the membership is now 119 plus 3 new members today.

F. Precinct Organization Chair Zack Lyke reported on the progress of on-line training training course for precinct chairs.

G. Fiesta Medals (ad hoc) - Betty submitted design ideas and Zack is working on them for presentation and voting at the July member meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business - none

IX. New Business - none

X. Announcements: As listed on agenda with one correction and one addition:

A. kthompson@battlegroundtexas.com is the corrected email address

- B. Former County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson invited all to the Bowen Center for Neighborhood Advocacy Meeting on Sat., June 24, 9:00am - 2:00 pm, at the Laurel Heights United Methodist Church on Woodlawn and Belknap.
- C. Sat., June 10, Municipal Run-off elections
- D. Tues, June 13, 10am and 6pm, Volunteer Registrar Training, pre-registration required 210.335.6625
- E. Wed., June 14, Bexar County Dem Party Exec Cmte (CEC) meeting, Luby's, North Main.
- F. Thurs, June 22, 6:30pm, NEBCD Executive Board meeting, Vance home 224 Sunway
- G. Sat., June 24, Leadership Training sponsored by Battleground TX, contact Kristian Thompson
kthompson@battlegroundtexas.com
- H. Sat., July 8, 10am, NEBCD general monthly meeting, D. R. Semmes YMCA at Tripoint, 3233 N. St. Mary's St. 78212
- XI. As decided at the May meeting, several people participated in phone banking, organized by Zack, for John Courage and Ezra Johnson. Some people also took information to call from home
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.