

Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee
Monday, November 29, 2021 7:00 PM
Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center

Minutes

By the call of the Chairman, the Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee met at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 29, 2021, at the Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center located at 6000 West FM 150, Kyle, Texas.

Welcome: Chairman Bob Parks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Re-Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms: In the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Jones was appointed temporary Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Anna White.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag: The pledges were led by Debi Christensen.

Recognition of special guests, elected officials, and candidates:

Russell Hayter, Former Hays County Republican Party Chairman
Steve Meyer, HCRP Webmaster
Nathan McDaniel, Manager, Proscalar

Secretary's Report and Approval of the Minutes: Secretary Vicki Alvord presented the minutes of the October 25th meeting for consideration and approval. Nancy Britner made a motion to accept the minutes and Ty Carlson seconded. Motion Passed. The secretary reported 20 precinct chairmen present, plus the chairman, secretary, parliamentarian and webmaster, which constitutes a quorum present.

Adoption of the Agenda: Non-member Laura Nunn asked for an amendment to the agenda to allow three minutes for political speech. Anna White made a motion to allow three minutes for political speech. The motion was seconded by Mike Guerra. Ty Carlson asked for a friendly amendment to allow rebuttal of three minutes, which was seconded by Loren Wilber. Anna White accepted the friendly amendment. The amendment was approved unanimously. A vote by raised hands to accept the amendment received nine votes for and ten voted opposed. Motion did not pass.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Pat Paul delivered the treasurer's report (copy attached). The bank balance on 11/29/21 is \$164,815.91.

There were contributions of \$11,000 for the Christmas Party, expenses of \$8,145, \$64 over budget. For the Name Recognition program, \$3,941.04 has been spent, with an outstanding invoice from Majority Strategies approximately \$9,000.

Nancye Britner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mike Jones. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Bob Parks reminded that once candidates have filed, HCRP must remain neutral until after the primary. There is a lot of activity, meetings, providing voter information, distributing signs, and training. The Welcome Center is open at no charge for candidates to have meet and greets.

Ken Roberts made a motion to rename the Name Recognition campaign to Keep it Red, seconded by Ben Broughton. The motion passed unanimously.

HCRP Christmas Party will be on December 4, 2021, at Creekside Event Center. Volunteers are still needed. Chairman Parks hopes every precinct chair is supporting the event and has bought a ticket or a table. Hays City Store is donating the pot roast. Tables for eight are being sold. The Tablescape table winner will receive a prize of \$250. The guest speaker will be Adrienne Pena-Garza, who is a driving force behind turning the Rio Grande valley red. Hays County is now 50% Hispanic. We need to reach out and embrace and encourage the Hispanic voters. HCRP will have tools to help reach out to Hispanic voters. Mary Clarkson reported that the Bake Sale has about 25 entries at this time. Mary suggested that proceeds be donated to border patrol effort.

Consideration of Appointment of Temporary SD Convention Chairmen for SD 21 and SD 25:

Per the Legal Dept of RPT Section 174.065 and 174.027 of election code: Precinct Chairmen within each SD get together as an SD EC to select a temporary chairman of the convention. At the end of primary day, each precinct holds a precinct convention. With county-wide voting stations, it is not clear how this will happen. Where does a precinct convention take place? We do not have a definition of the voting districts because of redistricting. We may have maps in 3 weeks to determine precinct boundaries. The Secretary of State is closing filing of precinct chairs on December 1st. If new boundaries are established, precincts may drastically change. There will be a new filing period from January 15-February 12th. The SD Chairman does not have to be a precinct chairman.

SD Convention Delegates will be selected at precinct conventions, two each from SD 21 and 25. The Senate District conventions will be on Saturday, March 26th, where a slate of delegates will be selected to go to the state convention.

State Convention will be in Houston, June 16-18. If you are on a state committee, set aside a full week and plan to spend \$1,000-1,500.

Ballot draw: On or before December 23rd, names will be drawn in every contested race in Hays County for the placement on the primary ballot. Precinct contested races will be on the runoff election ballot.

Finance Committee Report:

Intent of "Budget" for events with possible action: Mary Pat Paul presented the report for the Finance Committee. Loren Wilber made a motion to define "**Event Budget**" as the maximum amount that the CEC (County Executive Committee) is willing to spend from the bank account to cover shortages that may occur if Event Revenue falls short of covering all the expenses."

The motion was seconded by Trudy Hayter. A hand count showed fourteen in favor, four opposed. Motion passed.

Presentation to the CEC by Nancye Britner, Precinct 338 Chairman: Nancye Britner thanked Steve Meyer and Ken Roberts. Steve put together a program for precinct chairs which proved to supply invaluable information. Ken delivered numbers every day to workers. Nancye and others found errors in the information provided, allowing Steve to correct errors before the primary in March. She is on a mission to help straighten out voter fraud. There were incidences where Wimberley voters were voting in Woodcreek races, where they are not eligible to vote.

Nathan McDaniel (Proscalar) was given the opportunity to speak about some of the best ways to campaign. There are so many new residents and so many good candidates who the new residents don't know. He is working with Sara Ridley (Majority Strategies) and Steve Meyer. Blockwalking is most important factor in getting voters educated on down ballot candidates. Text messaging, social media and blockwalking are the most effective. Be sure to engage with young families and Hispanics. The key to keeping Texas red is the 1-35 corridor, which is the area of the largest growth in Hays County. Two professional companies (Proscalar and Majority Strategies) are working together with Steve Meyer to put together comprehensive data by street address.

SREC Report: There was no SREC report.

Chairman's Closing Remarks: Software training will begin in mid-January. Be sure to get your precinct chair applications in.

Adjourn: Nancye Britner made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Debi Christensen. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.