

## **Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee Minutes**

**February 13, 2023 7:00 PM**

### **Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center**

By the call of the Chairman, the Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee met at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023, 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.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Brian McAuliffe.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag:** The pledges were led by Sandi Ellen.

**Recognition of Special Guests:** Hays County Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Hipolito, Steve Meyer and other public visitors.

**Secretary's Report and Approval of the Minutes:** Temporary Secretary David Hawkins presented the minutes of the September 26, 2022, meeting for consideration and approval. Mary Clarkson made a motion to accept the minutes and Nancye Britner seconded. Motion passed. There were 24 precinct chairmen present, which constituted a quorum.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Nancye Britner made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Terry Parker. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Pat Paul delivered the Treasurer's Report (copy attached). Nancye Britner made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Julie Taylor. Motion passed.

The bank balance as of February 13, 2023, was \$116,183.46.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Treasurer's Report included discussion about payments to consultants. Mary Pat Paul provided an explanation of bank account logistics.

Bob Parks explained why it should be more cost effective to have a joint primary with the democrat party. Joint primaries mean same location and a split of the costs. The cost comes to an estimated \$36,000 per party.

Bob Parks noted that there are no propositions on the November ballot. He is working to move the last day of voter registration to early September.

Bob Parks further addressed the Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and the selling of tables and donation of silent auction items. Mike Huckabee will be the guest speaker for 2023.

### **Further discussion:**

- The use of Constant Contact and the potential of building a database to have at our disposal.
- Push to create an alumni base of conservatives at Texas State University. Building membership/growing the base – Michelle Lopez has agreed to assist.

### **Precent Chair Discussion:**

- Currently 79 Precincts with 44 filled.
- Pct. 347, Chair Erika Murtland (formerly Olsen) congrats on her marriage in November.
- Pct. 253, Chair Ebele Compean has resigned in order to be closer to family in South Carolina.
- Pct. 333 Chair Anna White will be resigning after over 20 years of service. She has recruited a potential replacement and nominated Gary Barchfeld.
- Pct. 134 – applying for Pct. Chair – Carter Kupper.
- Pct. 141 – applying for Pct. Chair – Tennyson Moreno.

Selection Committee for Pct. Chairs includes Mike Guerra, Derek Marshall, Travis Brown, Ken Roberts, Jane Phillips and Bob Parks.

### **Steve Meyer provided a presentation on the results and statistical view of the November 2022 election, and the focus on 2018, 2020 and 2022:**

- Appears we overlooked the 25-44 year old demographic, lost 3 to 2 in that age bracket.
- Lost the 18–24 year old vote by an average margin of 4-1.
- The 50+ age demographic did not turn out, possibly expecting a large GOP win.

### **Ideas to promote greater outreach were discussed:**

- Republican Women – ice cream socials and the use of social media.
- Additional activities at Texas State to increase engagement.
- Public events such as soccer games, county events, floats in festivals, more trainings for knocking on doors.
- David Hawkins noted a potential group to focus on actionable activities and events we can drive.

**Adjourn:** Mary Clarkson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anna White. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.