

Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee Minutes
January 29, 2024 - 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, January 29, 2024, 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 7:11 PM.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Cordy Garza-Góngora

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag: The pledges were led by Anthony Hipolito

Recognition of Special Guests:

Constable John Ellen (Pct 5), Judge Tanner Neidhardt (483rd Judicial District), Candidate Anthony Hipolito (Hays County Sheriff), Mike Wheeler (Kendall County Chair), Sheriff Gary Cutler, Steve Meyer (Chair, Crimestoppers), Russell Hayter (former Hays GOP Chair), Linda Kinney (former Hays GOP Chair and Deputy Director TFRW), Wally Kinney (former VP Hays GOP, Chair of State Securities Board), Sara Ridley (Majority Strategies), Aaron Maldonado (Precinct Chair-Elect #336), Candidate Tennyson Moreno (HD45), and Candidate Michael Rodriguez (CD-35).

Swearing in of Precinct Chair due to Precinct number change: Mary Clarkson (Pct 444 to Pct 452)

Due to the redistricting, Precinct 444 has changed to Precinct 452. Mary Clarkson was sworn in as the Precinct Chair in 452 by Judge Tanner Neidhardt.

Secretary's Report and Approval of the Minutes: Michelle M. López presented the minutes of the September 26, 2022, meeting for consideration and approval. Mary Clarkson made a motion to accept the minutes and Derek Marshall seconded. Motion passed. There were 25 precinct chairs present, which constituted a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda: Brian McAuliffe made a motion to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

Cheryl Severn moved to swear in all precinct chair candidates from all uncontested races of the 2024 Primary. Point of Information: Donna Davidson (Attorney) stated that swearing in candidates from uncontested races of the 2024 Primary Election is a violation of Rule 8e of the Republican Party of Texas; as these individuals do not take office until June 2024, thus they cannot be appointed to a role that does not exist at present. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Jane Phillips moved to amend the Agenda by adding the item of Chairman's issue. Ed Carstens seconded the motion. The motion did not pass: 12 votes yay, 13 votes nay.

Amendment to the HCRP Bylaws: Discussion and possible action

- Article V – MEETINGS, Section 2 In each even-numbered year, one of the regular meetings shall be an organizational meeting to be held with sixty-five days of the date the County Executive Committee takes office. At Regular and Special meetings, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the County Executive Committee, excluding vacancies.

Nancye Britner moved to amend Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws to be in compliance with the correct number of days an organizational meeting shall be held by striking sixty-five and inserting forty-five. Mary Pat Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed. The amended section now reads:

Article V – MEETINGS, Section 2 In each even-numbered year, one of the regular meetings shall be an organizational meeting to be held within forty-five days of the date the County Executive Committee takes office. At Regular and Special meetings, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the County Executive Committee, excluding vacancies.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Pat Paul delivered the Treasurer's Report (copy attached). Brian McAuliffe made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Tracy Terrell. The motion passed.

Report from 10/30/2023 to 1/29/2024.
Beginning Balance as of 10/30/2023 \$131,872.36
Deposits \$5,046.67
Expenditures \$6,060.37
No outstanding checks
Balance as of 1/29/2024 \$124,609.01

Finance Committee Report: Discussion and possible action.

Finance Committee met on 1/22/2024 to review request from the Dripping Springs Republicans for Founders' Day Booth and to review annual renewal fee for Constant Contact.

Mary Pat Paul moved to approve funds for the following expenditures:

1. Founder's Day Festival Booth for DSR in the amount of \$125
2. Annual subscription renewal at early bird rate to maintain our discount with Constant Contact by or before February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$634.30.

Debi Christensen seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Discussion on topics below:

- Precinct Convention Updates (Locations/Times on March 9th)
 - Precinct 1 – Olympic Outdoor Center (Ben Kvanli)
 - Precinct 1 – Calvary Baptist Church
 - Precinct 1 – Studio Estates (2001 and Goforth)
 - Precinct 1 – John Carter's Home
 - Precinct 1 – San Marcos Public Library (pending)
 - Precinct 2 – Plum Creek Community Center
 - Precinct 2 – Dean Construction
 - Precinct 3 – AmVets Building
 - Precinct 3 – La Cima Clubhouse
 - Precinct 3 – Hays County Precinct 3 Annex
 - Precinct 4 – HCRP Welcome Center
 - Precinct 4 – Church of the Springs

- SD Convention Updates (Locations/Times on March 23rd)
 - Debi Christensen (SD 25) Update
 - March 23, 2024 at 9am (Hays Hills Baptist Church in Buda – Bldgs A & B (can seat 125), but may have another location approved soon)
 - All Committee Chairs for SD 25 have been appointed and now looking for committee members
 - There is an added expense for A/V to rent TV monitors and stand for convention for delegates to view resolutions, etc.
 - Committees will meet at Welcome Center on March 19th to do their work
 - Mary Pat Paul made motion to pursue A/V equipment for SD 25, second by Nancye Britner.
 - Gary Barchfield moved to amend the motion that we insert getting two bids and taking best bid. Second Nancye Britner. Motion passed.
The amended motion to pursue A/V equipment for SD 25, to request two bids and take the best bid for equipment. Motion passed.

 - Steve Whigham (SD 21) Update
 - March 23, 2024 at 9am (Calvary Baptist Church in San Marcos)
 - Looking for Committee Chairs/Members

- Precinct Convention Training – Sunday, February 18, 2024, HCRP Welcome Center @ 2pm
 - Important for all Precinct Chairs to Attend

- Lincoln-Reagan Update (April 29, 2024)
 - Cruz Campaign has not committed at this time.
 - Jessica Colon, Trump Campaign State Director (working on identifying a Trump family member as a speaker)

- Speakers' Bureau is an option, but speakers who would bring in ability to sell tables begin at \$35,000 to \$40,000 and up.

Chairman's Comments:

- Notification of Election Training Program for upcoming election from 9am to 3pm at 120 Stagecoach Trail, San Marcos, TX.
 - Tuesday, January 30, 2024
 - Thursday, February 1, 2024
 - Monday, February 5, 2024
 - Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Special Guest Comment: Steve Munisteri (former RPT Chair)

- Hays County is important this election.
- Chair is a thankless job, let's thank Bob for his job.

SREC Report (Naomi Narvaiz)

- SREC Meeting Feb 9th in Austin
- Dade Phelan censure will be addressed at this meeting
- State Convention will be held May 23-25, 2024

Steve Meyer is working on a date to do the training for database access.

Adjourn: Nancy Britner made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mike Guerra and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.