

# **Parker County Republican Party**

## **Minutes from September 5th CEC Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Gray. Matt Ticzkus offered the invocation, followed by Mike West leading the US Pledge of Allegiance and Joe Wilkinson the Texas Pledge.

Chairman Gray recognized the Candidates and Elected Officials in attendance and then proceeded to introduce Abraham George, Chairman of the Republican Part of Texas. Chairman George gave a brief personal biography and a narrative of how he came to be involved with the Party. He then provided a quick overview of the challenges we face in Texas this election cycle and a look at our party priorities. The RPT always needs more financing to elect as many Republicans as possible, all the way down the ballot. Volunteers are also needed critical races all across the state. He has provided County Chairs lists of new movers in their counties so that they can be contacted and registered. The Party also has legal counsel working against NGO operations to register illegals and there are six employees at state headquarters working exclusively on election integrity issues. He ended by encouraging Parker County Republicans to get trained as a Voter Registrar and to obtain and carry push cards to hand out to people who have questions about the coming election. His presentation was enthusiastically received and Chairman Gray thanked him for making the trip from Plano to talk to us.

The Roll was called by the Secretary. Attending were Mindy White, Earlene Clouse, Jeanine Kuhnell, Lynn Monaco, Jim Forgey, Kevin Cleveland, Kelton Gunter, Michael West, Joe Wilkinson, Donna Couch, MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, Matt Ticzkus, Todd Kuenster, Betty Reinert, Mike Phillips, Tom Baez, Larry Bartoli, Lori Traeger, Rob Looper, Gene Martin, Rachel Horton, Laura Heffelfinger, Amanda Garner and Ed Huddleston. Chairman Gray noted that Barbara Chapman had experienced a seizure and was recovering, and Marsha Hardin had broken her foot.

Proceeding to the business meeting, Mr. Heizer reported that the November 5th Election Judges had been approved and should have received their appointments and be in the process of appointing clerks. He has a list of available clerks. He also noted that they have had lots of calls at the Headquarters for Trump signs and that they have collected \$1,740 in donations for signs. Headquarters is open 10:00 am to 4:00 PM and is manned by Mr. Heizer and Riley Jo Spurgeon.

Ray Young reported on the financials and a copy of the current balance sheet will be attached to these minutes. Our number 1 goal is fund GOTV (Get Out the Vote) operations in October and November.

Betty Reinert reported for the Nominations Committee that they have a candidate for Chair of Precinct 305 to replace Natasha Randolph, who resigned because of other obligations. She nominated Heather Chapple who stood and introduced herself and was enthusiastically received. Gene Martin seconded the nomination and it carried.

Donna Couch had no report from Budget & Finance.

Mr. Heizer gave the report for Volunteers and Headquarters.

Gene Martin presented a resolution In Support of Real Election Integrity. Jim Forgey proposed an amendment to the resolution that it be noted it would be sent to the Parker County Commissioners as they would have to act on any changes. Seconded by Kelton Gunter, passed. Gene Martin moved the approval of the amended resolution, seconded by Laura Heffelfinger, and the resolution carried.

No report from Rules and Bylaws.

Chairman Gray showed the proposed new logo for the Parker County Republican Party. There were no objections or questions and a motion was made by Rachel Horton to approve it, seconded by Kelton Gunter and it carried.

The Announcements followed as Chairman Gray listed the GOTV efforts including mailers, push cards, texts to Republican voters, low propensity R voters and one text to all registered voters in the county. Also digital ads. There will be a call meeting announced soon to go into detail on these efforts.

Someone asked about sample ballots, which are available on the Election Office website, and will also be available on the Party website.

Larry Bartoli and Laura Heffelfinger registered 18 year old and 17 year olds who will be 18 on or before November 5th at Aledo and Weatherford High Schools and reported that they were well received and had many students request information. They plan to try to extend this to Brock and Springtown.

Chairman Gray encouraged everyone to get trained as a voter registrar and keep your supplies with you. We will have a list of the new movers to Parker County broken down by precinct.

Joe Wilkinson is planning to go to Pittsburgh PA in late October with the Mighty Texas Strike Force and invited anyone who is interested to contact him and join the fun.

Matt Ticzkus made a pitch for donations to the Candidate Resource Committee which provides support to down ballot local races - these are the people who really impact day to day life and are also the farm team for higher office.

Rachel Horton reminded everyone about the National Night Out at Heritage Park on October 1st. An opportunity to make contacts and register new voters

Finally, Chairman Greg announced there will be Precinct Chair Training on September 28th, location to be announced. Also that the Parker County Conservatives will meet to screen the movie Red Power about China and our Texas power grid.

At 8:33 Joe Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gene Martin, approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bozzell, Secretary