

Chairman Brady Gray called the meeting to order at 7:03, and gave the Invocation, followed by Chris Bitler leading the US Pledge. Jim Forgey led the Texas Pledge. No elected officials or guests being present he moved on to the program.

Chairman Gray noted that in our size category, Parker County was second only to Comal County in turnout. Comal had a turnout of 71.9 of registered voters while we had 71.5%, followed closely by our neighbors in Hood County with 71.1%. Our GOTV efforts included 70K texts, 50K mailers (underwritten by a donation from Mr. Hobson), increased social media posts, and fliers. We distributed 1,400 Trump signs and 800 Cruz signs. The approved budget for the GOTV efforts was \$32,000 and the actual spend was approximately \$20,000. Will have final details at the next meeting.

The GOP Legislative caucus will elect the new Speaker by secret ballot and David Cook, the challenger the open support of 50 Republican representatives. Rep. Bob Hall has filed a bill to require paper ballots in the next statewide election (applause from CEC).

The Chairman gave a quick tutorial on using the TLO or Texas Legislature Online to keep track of issues before the Legislature, track bills. The upcoming session will be the 89th Regular Session (89R). Recommends that all CEC members set up an account to keep track of what is happening in Austin.

The Secretary called the roll. Present were: Mindy White, Marsha Hardin, Lynn Monaco, Jim Forgey, Kevin Cleveland, Kelton Gunter, Michael West, Laura Hester, MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, Todd Kuenster, Betty Reinert, Heather Chappell, Mike Phillips, Bruce Melberg, Larry Bartoli, Lori Träeger, Kristin Fegley, Rob Looper, Gene Martin, Laura Heffelfinger, John Korpala and John Schoolfield. A quorum was present.

Gene Martin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 3rd CEC meeting, seconded by John Korpala. Approved by acclamation.

Vice Chairman Richard Heizer reported that between August and the General Election of November 5th the Party logged over 400 volunteer hours. Approximately 81% of the votes were from Early Voting, about 17% on Election Day and almost 3% by mail. The Headquarters collected about \$8,300 for signs to offset expenses.

Chairman Gray gave pertinent financial details as the Treasurer was not present. Total accounts were \$58,870.55, with \$44,675.22 in the General Account and \$15,306.63 in the Campaign account.

Committee Reports -

Nominations - Lori Traeger reported there are two vacancies: 111 and 225, but they have a prospect for 225.

Volunteers and Outreach - Jim Forgey reported that they are making a list of upcoming party events that will require volunteers and that Barbara Chapman is making an inventory of Party assets. He proposed that we set a monthly budget for Committees in the annual budget, and requests confidential information from anyone who has experience with volunteers to avoid.

Resolutions - Kelton Gunter reported there are none at this time.

Rules and Bylaws - Mike Phillips reported that the Bylaws link on the Parker County GOP website is dead, and recommended that we should also have a link to the Republican Party of Texas Bylaws.

The Chair recognized MerryLynn Gerstenschlager who announced that she will be in Austin for the next 5 months during the Regular Session, advocating for our platform, especially with emphasis on Islam encroaching on our education and legal systems and Law Enforcement.

Chairman Gray reminded all present that MerryLynn is an elector and will be casting her vote for Donald J. Trump in Austin. Applause.

All CEC members were urged to attend the Opening Session of the Legislature on January 14th to support Mike Olcott's swearing in from the gallery. Recommended the website BanDemocratChairsInfo.org and advised that there is an effort to organize a bus, either for our county or with neighboring counties.

Kelton Gunter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelton Gunter and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.