

3/16/2021 ZOOM MEETING CEC

PRESENT/CALL to ORDER Janice Thacker, Mary Brown, Jerry Halpain, Bill Crowley, the Rosses, Marlene Jowell, Tara Thacker, also Richard Hackney, our speaker. Janice Thacker called the meeting to order.

MINUTES The Minutes of CEC 1/15/21 were duly approved with the required corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Brown presented the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for June 30, 2020 and calendar year of 2020. The latter has an Excess/ Deficit of \$87.28 Since then donations and members' dues brought our funds to \$2570. This includes a deposit of \$168. Members were reminded to pay their dues asap. Mike Ousley has paid his dues in kind by organizing our internet system.

It was agreed to add our County Chair, Janice Thacker, as a signatory to our Bank Account.

OUTREACH There are no new members. We will use 100 Voter Registration cards in New Summerfield. It was agreed to provide business cards to all Precinct Chairs and Club officers. Marlene Jowell explained that this would make it easier for us to contact prospective voters. The cards will be identical except for individual names. Precinct Chairs should try to contact at least 10 voters in their Precinct. We will set up a local Voter Outreach program.

COVID TASK FORCE Dr. Richard Hackney presented a fascinating talk on his work in the North East Texas COVID Task Force. This aims to encourage co-operation among groups and to present reliable and factual information on the pandemic and vaccine arrangements. The area covers 37 counties from Texarkana to Beaumont. Dr. Hackney noted that many parts of this area are in "pharmacy deserts." He added that internet technology was not available in many areas and that this affected sign-up sites for vaccinations. 20 Churches are trying to set up vaccination sites. This could prevent mutations developing in COVID infections. Clinical trials should prevent toxicity and undesirable side effects. Houston has cases of all five COVID mutations. The age of vaccination participants has been dropped to 50 and it is hoped to expand eligibility limits. The Task Force hopes to encourage as many folk as possible to be vaccinated as this will produce herd immunity, eventually. Mobile Units will be deployed to reach Shut-ins. Call Dr. Hackney at (903) 978 0494 for more information.

NEXT MEETING This will be convened by Terra Thacker on JUNE 10 2021.

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