

CHEROKEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE HONG KONG BUFFET 8/25/22

PRESENT Tom Colkin, 12; John Ross, 14; Bill Crowley, 23; Terra Thacker, 27;; Joe Steagall, 35; Marlene Jowell, 36; Jerry Halpain, 45. Also Janice Thacker, Chair, Madeleine Ross, Secretary. Also Liz Halpain, Mary Brown, Jennifer Murphy-Vick, Jann McGaughey, Mike Ousley, Ella Whitaker, Lyn Ousley, Mike McEwen.

CALL to ORDER Janice Thacker called the meeting to order.

MINUTES of 7/28/22. These were duly approved. There will not, however be a Beto visit.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Brown presented the report as of July 31 and the seven months year to date report. The fund balance is \$3,101.40. The latest balance is \$2865.53.

OUTREACH We welcomed new member, Heather Beck. Marlene Jowell has produced information packets for Precinct Chairs. We do need more of them. Marlene also reported on upcoming events and other activities designed to increase and get out the vote. There will be a candidates' meeting on Saturday August 27 at 1.00 pm at the Cherokee Ballroom. We should make this a priority for members. The Club agreed to pay \$100 on an advert for this meeting. Further financial contributions will be welcome. The Club thanked Marlene Jowell for arranging for a Democratic billboard on US Hwy 69 just south of Bullard. This should be up on September 6. Members should try to attend the next Taco Tuesday on the second Tuesday of next month. All financial contributions will be welcome.

CHAIR'S REPORT Janice Thacker encouraged us to support our Precinct Chairs. They are vital to getting out our vote. All candidates should be supported right to the foot of the ballot. We hope to do an outreach event at Lincoln Park soon. There will be a series of events at Super Gallo, Brookshire Bros, Family Dollar, Walmart, and Neighbors Coffee Shop. These will feature members who are trained Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDRs). These members are non-partisan and officially register voters in Texas. It was agreed that Jennifer Murphy-Vick will organize T Shirts (flat charge \$195.19) for all such members.

NEW BUSINESS Michael Ousley was voted the new chair for PCT 15. He will also kindly continue to take on Treasurer's responsibilities. It was agreed to reimburse Marlene Jowell \$175 and \$100 for expenses incurred for signs etc. Cherokee County

Democrats will erect more large road side signs in the eight weeks running up to the midterm election..... . There will be a state-wide campaign to identify and register Democrat-leaning women who are not currently registered or active. It was agreed to consider participating in this campaign.

We felt that members needed more training in operating the VAN and using Roberts' Rules and Orders. We debated asking Nancy Nichols of Smith County to lead this, but ultimately we decided to do this within Cherokee County.

The Executive Meeting ran late and we decided to merge with the regular Club meeting.

NEXT MEETING This will be on September 22 at the Hong Kong Buffet at 6.00pm.