



## BLANCO COUNTY DEMOCRATS CEC MEETING

February 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Terry Casparis, Blanco County Democrats (BCD) Chair.

Chris Langfeld, BCD Secretary, read the January 2022 minutes. A motion was made to accept by Suzanne Perkins and seconded by Beckie Morris. There being no dissension, the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given. We had income of \$3700 and expenses so far of \$2700, giving us a total of over \$21000 cash in bank, about \$6000 ahead of this time in 2021. It was mentioned that our Act Blue donations fluctuate from month-to-month due to Act Blue's sending us the check and when it's actually deposited.

**Sweet Deal Results** – We had orders of 41 sets plus donations. The cost of each set was \$22.

### Chairman's Report

- ◆ Report on Countywide Voting Public Hearing. Terry attended this hearing and we have applied for Countywide voting. We are waiting to hear back from the Secretary of State.
- ◆ Developing VBM/BBM situation – An unfortunate error by the vendor hired to mail out the ballots requested by Vote by Mail channels resulted in 88 voters receiving envelopes marked with the requested party information, however the ballots inside were for the OPPOSITE party. Concern was raised that, if someone waits too long to send their ballot in only to discover the error at that time, they wouldn't have an opportunity to actually vote without physically voting in person. As a result, we will be making an effort to call the 644 Democratic voters age 65 and older to notify them of this error and have them take steps now to return any incorrect ballots to the County Clerks' office to get corrected ballots.
- ◆ BCD Social Media expansion. Charles and Rachelle Willgren presented their efforts to improve our presence on Facebook and Instagram. Approving comments were made on the standardized graphics they used and the positive visibility they were providing.
- ◆ We will have two upcoming Meet the Candidates opportunities:
  - Land Commissioner Candidate Forum, February 10 @ 6 pm, Zoom
  - Joy Diaz for Governor, February 17 @ 6 pm (tentative), Zoom
- ◆ A reminder that Early Voting starts February 14 and ends February 25.
- ◆ Party Affiliation comments. Terry stressed that the only way to declare your Democratic party affiliation is by voting a Democratic ballot in the Primary or signing an Oath of Affiliation form when they attend the convention as a walk-in.
- ◆ Democratic County Convention, March 19 @ 9:00am. A vote was taken and approved to hold the convention at the Gem of the Hills facility in Blanco.
- ◆ The next BCD meeting will be held February 9, 2022 at 6pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.