

Grimes County Democratic Party February 12, 2019 MINUTES

6:30PM **CALL TO ORDER** by **JAMES HARRIS**, GCDP Chair
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PRAYER

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION by **PATRICK HEEP** to accept new Secretary: Crystal N. Davis

SECOND by **JOHN HOCK**

ALL FAVORED by **JAMES HARRIS**
 RICKE WEINKAUF
 CATHERINE WELSH
 GENIE ALFANO

MOTION by **GENIE ALFANO** to allow the new Secretary control the GCDP website

SECOND by **JOHN HOCK**

ALL FAVORED by **JAMES HARRIS**
 RICKE WEINKAUF
 CATHERINE WALSH
 PATRICK HEEP

MOTION by **JOHN HOCK** to accept new Precinct Chair (5): Crystal N. Davis

SECOND by **CATHERINE WALSH**

ALL FAVORED by **JAMES HARRIS**
 RICKE WEINKAUF
 GENIE ALFANO
 PATRICK HEEP

MOTION by **PATRICK HEEP** to purchase a Party laptop for the following uses: update website and social media pages; record all GCDP official communications; and transition all Party documents to electronic form.

SECOND by **RICKE WEINKAUF**

ALL FAVORED by **CATHERINE WALSH**
 JOHN HOCK
 JAMES HARRIS
 GENIE ALFANO

Executive Members in attendance:

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| James Harris | County Chair |
| John Hock | Precinct 1 Chair |
| Genie Alfano | Precinct 6 Chair |
| Patrick Heep | Precinct 12 Chair |
| Catherine Walsh | Precinct 14 Chair |
| Ricke Weinkauff | Precinct 15 Chair |

DISCUSSION: **PATRICK HEEP** discussed Greg Abbott's letters to counties regarding the purging of voter rolls of individuals the State of Texas identified as potential non-citizens.

Becky Duff, the Grimes County Elections Administrator will retire at the end of July 2019. The County is currently accepting applications for the position, which will pay approximately \$50,000 annually.

GCDP name badges have arrived. Note: Between the February and March 2019 meetings, RICKE WEINKAUF found badges for DOROTHY SARGENT and GENIE ALFANO, which she will bring to the March meeting. CRYSTAL DAVIS will order herself a name badge from Creative Signs.

Poll worker eligibility will be determined by JAMES HARRIS. Suggested as an item helpful in recruitment of poll volunteers, informational brochures detailing how to become a poll volunteer. JAMES HARRIS discussed plans to prepare the County for the 2020 elections.

PATRICK HEEP reported having been unable to obtain quotes on a banner. In order to grow precinct voter participation, RICKE WEINKAUF discussed ideas for reaching out to her precinct, including utilizing a VAN account to identify individuals to target with letters and hosting events and requested budgets for marketing and advertisement.

GENIE ALFANO addressed the benefits for participating in the Chamber of Commerce's Expo on March 28th to collect contact information and distribute flyers.

JAMES HARRIS reviewed the need to enhance GCDP's financial standings by hosting a fundraiser. Fundraising letters will be submitted to potential Democratic donors. PATRICK HEEP suggested selling t-shirts for donations. RICKE WEINKAUF suggested fundraising by starting a women's club.

JAMES HARRIS asked that all requests by Precinct Chairs be put in writing.

Next meeting of the GCDP set for March 6th, 6:30pm at the Progressive Center.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:09pm.