

CHEROKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 28, 2019 6.00 pm Los Regios

Present: Bill Crowley, Michael Ousley, Lyn Ousley, Mary Brown, Joe Steagall, Janis Thacker, John Ross, Madeleine Ross, Tom Colkin, Jerry Halpain, Liz Halpain, Ellann Johnson, Marlene Jowell.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Crowley. The Minutes of January 24, 2019, were approved, as amended.

Mary Brown (Treasurer) reported that we have had donations from Moody Glass and also In Kind (See Report). The items include furniture, office supplies and equipment, donated meeting spaces, storage areas, office space, food, and volunteer hours.

Financial Statement. Bill Crowley reported that we have no new members this month. It was agreed that officers would serve for the calendar year. Basic Club dues are \$12 per year and will generally be renewed in September. Those who donate to the Party will be considered members of the Club. It was agreed that we will develop a new set of By-Laws.

Outreach Committee Report. Marlene Jowell and Lyn Ousley reported that good ideas had come from other Democratic parties, including those in Tyler, Smith County and Dallas. Ideas include "Take back the Flag" with US flag decals.

The Scholarship Fund Raiser will welcome Kim Olsen as speaker at Los Regios on March 28 at 6.30. Tickets will be \$25 each with a dinner buffet costing \$10 per person.

Budget Request Budget Director Mike Ousley reported that we currently had \$6000 in Pledge contributions and that more were expected once we go on-line. We will be able to rent office space at Mike McEwen's office. The Report was approved. Moved John Ross, seconded Joe Steagall.

Presidential Primary. There have been requests for support from among others, Joe Biden and Beto O'Rourke. Our policy is not to endorse; candidates will be recorded in alphabetical order until later in the election year. Moved Marlene Jowell, seconded Janis Thacker. The Primary will pick up speed from March 2020.

Local Festivals. We will have a booth at the Jacksonville Tomato Fest on June 8, and also at the Rusk Fair on the Square.

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