

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING – IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM
JULY 17, 2021**

Meeting held at White Rock United Methodist Church convened by President Brian Hasenbauer at 10:06 a.m.

A moment of silence in memory of long-time Democratic Party activist James White was observed. Brian announced that a celebration of James's life will be held on July 26, 2021 at House of Blues.

CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Liz Ginsberg – Candidate for House District 114 which will be vacated by two term representative Hon. John Turner.

Charlie Gearing – Candidate for 5th Congressional District.

Hon. Carter Thompson – Presiding Judge Criminal District Court No. 5 running for re-election in 2022.

Petitions for multiple 2022 candidates were circulated for signatures.

PROGRAM:

Chris Tackett of ChrisTackettNow.com, a campaign finance website, presented today's very informative program. Chris became interested in investigating Texas campaign finance and campaign expenditures as he sought to learn why elected officials vote as they do.

Information provided in the program included:

Analyzing what comes in – what goes out.

No limits on contributions.

Need for people-powered candidates supported by small donors.

Texas campaign finance contributions the first six months of 2022 totaled \$89 million.

Shut down of Empower Texans PAC.

Solutions to controlling donations include electing different people, questioning of large donations, and getting corporations out of politics.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer):

Brian announced that the club will continue to hold hybrid meetings at White Rock United Methodist Church. LH/WR Dems donated \$500.00 in support of the Dallas County Democratic Party Picnic held July 1.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kendall Scudder):

Kendall is open to suggestions for program for August meeting. Possible topic for program is voter rights. Information regarding the October 17th Chili Supper is now on the website. Tickets are \$25.00 and varying sponsorship levels are available. Profits from the Chili Supper, the club's largest fundraising event, enable the club to donate to the Coordinated Campaign of the Dallas County Democratic Party.

Kendall stated that donations to aid in funding Texas legislators currently in Washington, DC can be made via several groups including Powered by People and Act Blue. He also stated that donations can be made to support Chris Tackett's campaign finance reporting on Chris's website, ChrisTackeetNow.com

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tim Sexton):

As of 06/30/2021 the bank balance is \$3581.00. June income was \$421.94. June expenses were \$1855.00. In the absence of PAC Treasurer Dale McEowen, Tim reported that the TEC report had been timely filed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Judy Garrett):

Judy announced a club Happy Hour was scheduled on Tuesday, July 20, 5 p.m. at District 9 Draft House. Current membership is approximately 175. Judy will continue to schedule Happy Hours and will also try to initiate monthly club coffees.

SECRETARY (Rhonda Green):

Minutes of the 06/19/21 were posted on the website and copies made available at today's meeting. Upon motion made and seconded minutes approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising efforts for financial support of Texas legislators in Washington DC were discussed. Motion was made by Laurie McClurg and seconded by Hon. Doug Skemp to donate \$500.00 via the Dallas County Democratic Party for support of the legislators. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Green, Secretary