

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

Present: Brian Hasenbauer, President (via zoom); Kendall Scudder, Vice-President; Tim Sexton, Treasurer; Dale McEowen, PAC Treasurer; Judy Garrett, Membership Secretary; Rhonda Green, Secretary and Phone Committee Chair; and Debbie Overby, 2022 Secretary-elect. Meeting convened at 5:40 by Brian.

All were thanked for the successful December General Meeting which included 23 members, 3 guests, 18 candidates, and 6 electeds. 2022 club officers elected at the meeting are Dale McEowen, President; Brian Hasenbauer, Vice-President; Debbie Overby, Secretary; Tim Sexton, Treasurer; Tim Sexton, PAC Treasurer; and Judy Garrett, Membership Secretary. Brian was updated on the \$450.00 the club received from the auction of the flags flown over the capital which were donated to the club by the Hon. Terri Hodge, staff member of State Representative Sefronia Thompson. These proceeds will be added to Chili Supper revenue total.

Tim reported that he presented the \$4000.00 contribution from the club to DCDP at the December Jingle Mingle.

VICE-PRESIDENT (Kendall Scudder):

The JANUARY meeting will include the swearing in of 2022 officers. Judge Doug Skemp will be asked to administer the oath. The program will be a contested-races candidate forum and members' endorsement votes. Kendall is recusing himself from the planning/execution of the forum as he is a candidate. The list of races was reviewed and Brian will confirm and issue invitations to candidates. Candidates will speak, in ballot order, for two to three minutes. Candidates and their staff members will leave the room for voting. Two members will be appointed as vote counters. A Sergeant at Arms will be appointed. Dale will research prior endorsement procedures. Endorsement post cards will be mailed to designated precincts prior to early voting which begins 02/14/2022. It was agreed that postcards 6" X 11" or smaller reduces postage cost. The club's endorsements will be posted on the website and in the RoundUp. The preferred venue for the January meeting will be the sanctuary at White Rock United Methodist Church. The preferred venue for other future meetings will be the parlor at the church.

The FEBRUARY program will be presented by the Texas Equal Access Fund or Planned Parenthood.

The proposed MARCH program topic is the future of public education leadership. The date of the meeting will be changed to 03/26/2022 as the Senate District Conventions are scheduled for the third Saturday of March (03/19/2022). The club has historically financially supported the conventions of the 2nd and 16 Districts.

Proposed program topic for the APRIL meeting will be environmental – possibly climate action plan.

The MAY meeting will be the annual Picnic at Flag Pole Hill.

The JULY meeting date will be changed to 07/23/2022 to avoid conflict with the State Democratic Convention on 07/16/2022.

SECRETARY (Rhonda Green):

Minutes of the November 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting were emailed to the committee and printed copies provided at the meeting. Upon motion made by Kendall and seconded by Tim the minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tim Sexton):

Club income as of 11/30/2021 was \$282.00; expenses totaled \$138.67, and the bank balance was \$9545.26 (prior to the \$4000.00 donation to DCDP). December income to date is \$547.00. The cost of the rental of the church parlor is \$50.00 and the cost of the rental of the sanctuary is \$100.00.

Tim proposed a by-law change which would include combining the duties of the PAC Treasurer and the duties of the Treasurer and the appointment of an Executive Committee member at large. Also proposed was the appointment of a seventh Committee member to serve as Communications Director or Special Events Director. Tim will propose a more detailed by-law change at future meeting.

PAC TREASURER (Dale McEowen):

The December PAC report has been filed. Tim will file the January report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Judy Garrett):

Current membership is 222. She will investigate the cost of permanent name tags. Rhonda reported a conversation with a club member who inquired if there were any arrangements for disabled members with special financial needs. The possibility of raising individual dues, raising or eliminating household membership dues, and the initiation of discounts was discussed and tabled. Brian reported that there is no recurring membership option available on our current app.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian announced that Tim and Judy are the club's liasons for planning and execution of the Big East Candidate Forum to be held at The Mix at White Rock United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday 02/05/2022. Volunteers will be needed for set up on 02/04/2022 from 6 – 10 p.m. Other club participants in the forum are the Garland Democrats, the Garland Democratic Women, the Rowlett Democrats, the East Dallas Democrats, and the FEDD's. The LH/WR Democrats assigned responsibility, including cost, is decorations. The next planning meeting for the forum is 01/04/2022. Brian volunteered to moderate our club's question period.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS:

Al Ortiz has resigned as the coordinator of the club's participation in Love of the Lake. Joan Covici would like to continue as Sunshine Committee Chair. Rhonda Green would like to continue as Phone Committee Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion made by Kendall and seconded by Judy, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Green, Secretary