

**LAKE HIGHLANDS/WHITE ROCK DEMOCRATS
GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 16, 2021**

Meeting convened at 10:04 a.m. by President Brian Hasenbauer with 25 participants.

Pledge of allegiance led by Treasurer Tim Sexton.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer):

In observance of Martin Luther King Day on January 18, a moment of silence in Reverend King's memory was observed.

Brian announced the death of long-time club member Vernie Crabtree. Ms. Crabtree was the mother of club member and DCDP Chair Carol Donovan. Club members wishing to contribute to a memorial donation from the club may do so via PayPal or a check to LH/WR Democrats. Treasurer Tim Sexton will total the contributions and make the donation once a beneficiary has been named by the family.

INSTALLATION OF 2021 OFFICERS:

The Honorable Nancy Kennedy administered the oath of office to 2021 club officers:

President:	Brian Hasenbauer
Vice President:	Terri Hodge
Treasurer:	Tim Sexton
PAC Treasurer:	Dale McEowen
Secretary:	Rhonda Green
Membership Secretary:	Judy Garrett

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian Hasenbauer):

Brian thanked officers of prior years. Goals for 2020 were met: Increased club membership to 200 members, budgeted contributions to DCDP and the Coordinated Campaign were made, and more in-person events were scheduled (prior to restrictions imposed by Covid). His goals for 2021 include more in-person events when restrictions allow, increasing the diversity of the club – particularly ethnicity and age, and increasing the activity and participation of club members. Brian invited members to volunteer in multiple areas including Chili Supper planning, May Picnic planning, merchandising, and administration of the club's website and email.

PROGRAM:

Brian presented the results of the survey requesting members' goals and suggestions for the 2021 club year. As of 01/15/2021, 16 members had responded to the survey. He then led an open discussion of meeting participants regarding the survey questions and results.

Included in goal ideas were increasing GOTV activities and interactions with voters, coordinating with other organizations, legislative lobbying, recruiting candidates, voter registration, financial support of DCDP, fundraising events, and increasing individual candidate exposure and fundraising.

The survey results revealed that the preferred communication method of members was email.

The majority of members prefer to receive the newsletter via email. The Executive Committee had voted at the committee's December meeting to publish the newsletter quarterly. Printed copies will be provided at in-person meetings. On-line meeting availability will continue after in-person meetings are resumed.

VICE-PRESIDENT (Terri Hodge):

Terri requested input from members of their program interests. She stated a goal of increased visibility of the club outside of meetings.

The February program will be a state legislative preview and explanations of how the system works – Legislature 101.

Terri proposed interaction with City Council candidates for the May election at the March or April general meeting.

Maricela Martinez and Dale McEowen volunteered to assist Terri with any programming.

TREASURER (Tim Sexton):

Tim stated his main goal as Treasurer in 2021 is to accurately report income and expenses to members. The club's bank balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$2994.03.

The 2021 budget was presented by Tim. Upon motion made by Tim Sexton and seconded by Dale McEowen the budget was unanimously approved.

PAC TREASURER (Dale McEowen):

The monthly reports will be filed on the fifth of each month.

SECRETARY (Rhonda Green):

Rhonda reported that the December meeting minutes have been posted on the website. Brian posted the minutes on chat. Upon motion made by Tim Sexton and seconded by Scott Hadden the minutes were approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Judy Garrett):

In Judy's absence Brian stated that Judy was reminding members of 2021 dues payments.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A zoom meeting will be held to watch the inauguration on 01/20/2021.

The January Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, 01/25/21 and is open to all members.

The February General meeting will be held on Saturday, 02/20/21. The program topic will be the Texas Legislature and its upcoming session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Green, Secretary