



Victory Gram



Meeting Monday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Pauls 11 North Park Street

Reports from the Texas Democratic Convention

I sure learned a lot from my first convention. I picked several presentations to attend which included one on energy where petroleum engineers filled in the gaps on the BP disaster. BP is more unscrupulous than I imagined.

There was also a Democrats for Life session which caught my attention. It turns out that they are amenable to being proactive, meaning that they understand that

if you have zero unwanted pregnancies, you will have zero abortions. Thus, we should support known entities such as Right Choices for Youth, Success By 6, and adoption entities like the Bair Foundation.

I attended two sessions on education in general and the recent SBOE fiasco in particular. No room to fully discuss but see one of your delegates. We all went to one or both.

I also attended the West Texas Coalition ses-

sion which is SD 28, 29 and 31. I put us on the email list and suggested that they contact all County Chairs to expand attendance beyond Lubbock and Amarillo.

The General Sessions were well attended and we heard lots of good speakers/candidates there and in the other sessions. We are working on getting some of the state-wide candidates here.

-Floyd Crider

Attending the convention was the educational experience of a lifetime for this first-time attendee. I got a chance to see democracy in action up close and personal. Fellow Democrats with opposing views voiced their differences in a civil manner; the Convention Chair called for discussion, then the vote, and the majority ruled. Lastly, I learned the importance of staying until the end of the convention. It was long, but well worth the sacrifice.

Some of the most important resolutions were voted on in the last hour of the convention.

-Erma Brooks

New faces have appeared in the race to replace some of the right wing members of the State Board of Education. Three are Michael Soto for District 3; Rebecca Bell-Metereau for District 5; and Judy Jennings for District 10. Jennings is even an educator! What an innovative possibility! They could use your help if you have contacts in those areas. They also need money. Web addresses are accessible at www.txdemocrats.org.

In a proposal to change party rules to eliminate precinct conventions, an attempt was made to streamline the often-confusing "two-step" (vote in the primary and then sign in at the precinct/county conventions) process to attain delegate status in the presidential nominating system. The measure was soundly rejected (five-to-one) by the delegates.

-Ivey Mossell

This Month

Our next meeting will have "Dual Positions" as an agenda item. Floyd will make a ruling that no one can occupy more than one elected position at a time, including County Chair. This may be debated, and if presented as a motion, overturned.

If Floyd's ruling is overturned, the meeting will proceed as a forum between the two candidates for Vice-President. Please have questions ready if you are interested in participating.

Announcements

Remember, we have a great slate of high-quality Democrats running in state-wide elections this fall. For a complete list of Democrats running for positions, please visit:

www.txdemocrats.org/people/candidates

Monthly Trivia

What 19th century journalist is credited with the popularization of the Democratic Donkey?

(Please bring your newsletter to the next meeting with your answers to enter a prize drawing.)

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