

Black Austin Democrats
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 26, 2008
Offices of Travis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
1811 Springdale Rd., #110
Austin, TX 78721
Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

BAD members:

Present: Joi Harden, Lora Livingston, Fred McGhee, Darwin McKee, Gerard Washington

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Fred McGhee, President
- (Last month's) minutes for the endorsement meeting were discussed. No official minutes were done although audio of the meeting is online for anyone to listen.

Solicitation for officers and committees

- Darwin McKee accepted the vacant position of treasurer on an interim basis. [Lora Livingston, Gerard Washington 2nd] It was unanimously agreed upon by the body.

Preliminary briefing

a. Finances

- Fred McGhee stated that he is terminating the Compass Bank account. It is almost empty, but he must get the signature of the previous treasurer to completely close the account. The new account is with Wells Fargo and Fred (President) and Natomi (Vice President) have authority to access the account. Additionally, they both have debit cards.
- Fred stated the balances of the BAD account:
September 29, 2006 the balance was \$3,5650.06
January 2008 the balance was \$1,060.00
Currently the balance is \$1,180.00
- Darwin mentioned that one way to increase the BAD balance would be to implement the Century Club which is where we members contribute and raise \$100.00 for a period of time and that we get politicians to match the money that we raise. Senator Kirk Watson was a matching contributor previously.

Organization

b. Organization/ c. Bylaws

- Fred McGhee mentioned that he had questions about the nature of the relationship between BAD and the TCBD. Darwin mentioned the importance of the relationship and the body agreed that there be a committee that addresses these concerns. The committee will consist of Gerard Washington and Fred McGhee (although it is open to anyone else who wants to participate) and this committee will:

- 1.) Examine the bylaws overall and clarify the BAD relationship with the TCBD and the TDP.
- 2.) Clarify who BAD is and what we are about.
- 3.) Add to the bylaws an endorsement procedure.

March 4 primary and caucus discussion

- Fred had a presentation to discuss the primary and caucus process. Time ran short so presentation was not given, but the members agreed that they understand how the primary operates.

Announcements

- No announcements.

Comments/Discussion

- Darwin stated that we need to have a goal of identifying and training potential candidates. We want to ensure that we can elect people that represent our interest.
- Lora Livingston made a contribution of \$250.00 to go toward the Texas Democratic Party Dinner that was held December 2007. There is still an outstanding balance that BAD owes the Party, and it was agreed that we pay the Party as soon as possible.
- Members stated that we are 100% behind the officers that were elected for the year of 2008 and hope to accomplish great things for the year.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Joi Harden, Secretary