**NORTHEAST TARRANT DEMOCRATS**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 20, 2020

President Kathy Braatz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Lupe’s Mexican Restaurant in Bedford, Texas.

Kathy welcomed newcomers to the meeting and asked for a show of hands if this was the first meeting.

Secretary Suzanne Carter requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting as posted on the website. Motion was made by Bob Horton; seconded by Sally Pearson. Motion passed.

Treasurer Tari Bauer submitted a written report (attached). The report was accepted.

Kathy announced the formation of a committee to oversee the awarding of funds to candidates after the primary. She recused herself since she is a candidate. Bob Horton reminded the group that candidates and/or persons working on campaigns were not eligible to serve. Board Members Angie Hetisimer and Tari Bauer are on the committee. Kathy asked for others to volunteer to serve. Bob Horton, Pixie Schrimpf, and Davis Tubre volunteered.

Kathy called for committee reports.

Mark Bauer, Membership Chair, stated there were currently 153 paid members. Funds are used to support candidates.

Karen Thompson, Volunteer Chair, stated that many volunteer jobs were available. See her if anyone is interested.

Sally Pearson, Fundraising Chair, stated she had merchandise for sale.

Kathy Candelaria, Precinct Chair Coordinator, requested members see her if they were interested in serving as a Precinct Chair.

Michael Peyton stated there were a number of upcoming activities sponsored by IGA. See him for more information.

Kathy invited candidates in attendance to introduce themselves. Ollie Anderson is running for Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector. Kathy Braatz is running for Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 3. Jeromey Sims is running for Texas HD 91. Debra Edmonson is running for Texas HD 98. Lydia Bean is running for Texas HD 93.

Vice President Angie Hetisimer reported on upcoming events which are listed on the meeting agenda.

The program was a Candidate Forum between Steve Riddell and Jeff Whitfield, both running for Texas HD 92. Kathy introduced representatives from the League of Women Voters who conducted the Forum.

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2020**