Attending: Diane Wood, Travis Crystal, Alfred Molison, Janis Richards, Brody-Andrew Mulligan, Wesson Gaige, Don Palmer, Laura Palmer, Matt Bauman, 832-531-4946 (until 7:20), Rolde, Dave den Boer, Chad Wilson, Nancy Saibara-Naritomi, David Prout, Kevin McCormick, Alán Alán Apurim, Cory Bowers

7:04 Meeting Called to Order

7:05 Alfred - Presidential Candidates on Ballot
Did we miss a deadline for submitting candidate info to Sec. of State?
(Janis will look into it and confirm tomorrow)

7:20 Call or additions to agenda

7:23 Diane - Do we know who all has registered as presidential candidate?
We will come back to this

7:26 November’s minutes
We will come back to this to allow review

7:30 Treasurer's Report - Don
We currently have $1,015
Website is $2,000, so at $100/mo., we are not on track to cover that in August
Trais - we could save if we dumped Nationbuilder if we used the CiviCRM developed by Howie's campaign. He will have more information about that next month.
Compas $114.03 PayPal $907.91 Total $1,019.16

7:38 Update on Candidate Status
Janis has been in communication with 4 paid candidates & will call two others.
She will stay in touch to support them.

7:40 Don found the list of candidates & read it.
President:
   Chad A. Wilson
   Dennis George Lambert
   David Rolde
   Susan Buchser Lochocki
   Dario Hunter
   Sedinam Curry
   Howie Hawkins
   Kent P. Mesplay, PhD.
US Senate
  David Collins
US House of Representatives
  Hal J. Ridley Jr. District 36
  (mentioned above paid fee)
  Tommy Wakely District 21
  Alfred Molison District 8

State Positions
  Katija "Kat" gruene for Texas Railroad Commissioner
  Debbie Russell State Board of Education District 5

Texas State Senate
  Corey Bowers District 9

Texas State House of Representatives
  Katija "Kat" gruene District 51
  (Kat is running for two positions.)
  Kashif Riaz District 67
  Dan Lyon District 45
  Forest Hampton District 66
  Antonio Padron District 119
  Jamar Osborne District 103
  Brody Mulligan District 92
  (mentioned above paid fee.)

7:42 Janis says Oliver is doubtful there will be a fee waiver.
  Wes suggests that we should still include them on our convention ballots.
  Travis confirms, as the fees are unconstitutional.
  Brody will write affidavit that can be used as template for other candidates.

7:52 Chad Wilson asks for clarification - 4 candidates will be on ballot? Including pres.?
  Alfred says that 4 have registered & paid, not including presidential candidates.

7:55 Laura reminded co-chairs that party registration must be done at first of year.

7:56 Presidential Candidates 2024
  David Rolde asks about convention process, Wes explains
  Precinct conventions are March 10 at 7PM
  David Rolde suggests postponing discussion, Travis, Wes, & Chad agree
  Travis & Chad passionately discuss “serious candidates” and gatekeeping.

8:05 Alán Alán Apurim says we have to push ranked-choice or instant runoff voting.
8:07 Alán Alán Apurim endorses lunar solar power.

8:08 Janis suggests we progress along the agenda.  
   Travis & Laura concur.

8:14 **Operations Manual**
Wes has updated the POM, changes need approval by SEC.  
Other changes (regarding elections) need to be approved by Feb. 8th.

Laura says these need to be approved so everyone can be prepared for conventions.  
Secretary needs to compile profiles of candidates.

Kevin expresses some concerns.  
Laura suggests we accept adjustments, but continue to improve the document.  
Janis objects, proposes delaying it to January.  
8:24 Kevin approves of the changes, but suggests further edits for clarity.  
Wes says some counties need to be organized (committees formed) as soon as possible so 
they can hold elections.  Diane, Laura, & AAA agree, we need clear directions soon.  
8:33 The rules guide needs to be in place 30 days before precinct conventions (Feb. 9)  
Janis suggests call on Jan 12 to finalize document, she & others will work on it until then.  

Kevin clarifies: no rules are changing, just the document explaining them.  
Travis suggests doing a mock precinct convention, then goes on to counter-recruitment.  
Diane Wood was a main source for the book *Counter-Recruitment and the Campaign to 
Demilitarize Public Schools* by Harding & Kershner.  “We are in the midst of a legend,” Travis says.  

8:43 Diane humbly thanks him & redirects the conversation to the convention guide in POM.  
8:46 Alfred make an effort to come back to the issue later; Kevin, Travis, & Wes object.  
Janis & Kevin will work on it this week & send email.  
Laura approves of clarification, but suggests approval of document as is.  
With no objections, we will approve their changes to Wes’ guide on Jan. 19  
**(no call on Jan 12)**

8:54 Alán Alán Apurim suggests Wes send an email with this call’s attendees and contact info 
for further discussion.  Also, who handles media relations / press releases / propaganda?  
Travis suggests everybody use Slack, but Diane says we need a better solution because many 
people just won’t use Slack.

09:01 Brody would also like to know who the media point person is for Texas Greens.  
It is the co-chairs.
9:08 Chad Wilson suggests creating templates for weekly communications, mentions Gary Vanderchuck & will send his information to Alfred & Diane. 
https://www.garyvaynerchuk.com/ 

Diane would like to create draft off a media policy to be discussed in next meeting, invites others to help her. Brody offered to help.

9:12 Alfred sent out candidate information to 3 news agencies, League of Women Voters, & state bar.

9:14 Travis suggests using phrase “the unconstitutional requirement by the state,” when referring to the ballot filing requirement.

9:25 **Prepare Ballots**
Laura - we will have all candidates on the ballot, whether they met the filing requirements or not.

9:27 **Event Planning**
State Convention April 18 - Laura suggests somewhere in East Texas
David Prout will see if Pearl St. Co-op would lend us their space.

9:37 Janis Calls to Adjourn - next meeting 1-19-20

Some discussion about when the local party must be notified about the state convention...

9:56 Kevin McCormick suggests that, if someone asks about us being granted ballot access, we answer “the Republicans are know darn good & well that we are facing an existential climate crisis and they also know that the are completely incapable of handling it, so they assisted in getting us on the ballot, that we might save their ass.”

9:58 Meeting Ended