

Message from Gary

To My Readers

I'd like to compliment Republican Party Chair Sharon Roberts on a wonderful Lincoln-Reagan [Dinner Saturday night](#). Star Parker was entertaining and thought-provoking. The setting was beautiful and the food excellent as we have come to expect at Safari Texas. The auction items sold for impressive prices too.

As successful and enjoyable as the event was, it could have been so much more successful if the entire Republican Executive Committee had supported the event. I have some experience in this regard. Let me explain. The local Party is made up of the County Chairman who is elected by the voters of the entire County and Precinct Chairs who are elected by the people in their neighborhood. This body is called the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee adopts By-Laws every two years after their election during the Republican Primary. Fort Bend County has the most restrictive By-Laws of any County in Texas according to a former State Party Chair.

It is amazing to me that the local Party is able to accomplish anything at all under these onerous By-Laws forced upon the local party by a small group of Precinct Chairs hungry for power. In their zeal to deny the Party Chair any authority they have done great damage to the activities of the Party. A Party that was at one time inclusive is now exclusive. The Executive Committee should be seeking and welcoming new volunteers onto the subcommittees of the Party not restricting them to a few seats.

We have some outstanding Precinct Chairs in Fort Bend County who work very hard for all of our candidates. We have a few well-meaning but poorly informed Precinct Chairs who have unknowingly been co-opted by these hateful Precinct Chairs who would rather see an event like the Lincoln-Reagan Dinner fail than the Party Chair get credit for her actions. As a local pundit often says these are people who do not open their Bibles or their wallets but claim to be Christians. They are far from Christian.

These mean-spirited individuals actively encouraged people to boycott the Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and will probably try to criticize the Party Chair claiming the event was not successful. Well, it was a success in spite of their efforts. They should be ashamed but I fear they have no shame. If you don't know who your precinct chair is you can find out by looking at your voter registration card for your precinct and going to this link: http://fortbendgop.com/current_candidates.htm . If you want to know if your precinct chair is part of the problem e-mail me your name, precinct number and phone number and I'll call you.

The most important thing we Republicans can do for our country is make certain that we elect a Republican President who respects the Constitution, the rights of the states, and our rights as citizens.

It is time for the petty infighting in the Fort Bend Republican Party to stop. Electing Precinct Chairs who will work FOR the Party instead of playing power games is the first step.