

MEYERLAND AREA DEMOCRATS CLUB
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Meyerland Area Democrats Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

This organization shall have as its objectives and purposes:

- A. To support and promote the Democratic Party at all levels of government.
- B. The exertion of influence on the Democratic Party to continue its historic role as a party which promotes social justice, the local, state and national interest, and the needs of all the people.
- C. To keep the Meyerland area community informed of the Democratic Party and its principles. For example, through political rallies, qualified speakers on current events or happenings, letters to the editor, telephone banks, block walking, and a newsletter to interested citizens and voters.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. All persons who are Democrats and / or interested in the Democratic Party and its principles, are eligible for membership in the organization. The membership is for those who reside in the Meyerland area but all are welcome to join.
- B. Dues are effective January 1 through December 31:
 - a. \$20 per person OR
 - b. \$35 per household OR
 - c. \$5 per student for fulltime students in either high school or college

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The Meyerland Area Democrats shall have the following officers:

- A. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms / Parliamentarian.
- B. To be eligible to serve as an officer, a person must have become a dues-paying member at least three months before the organization election, with the exception of the first elections meeting on April 22, 2002. At the first election meeting, it shall be sufficient to have paid dues at the meeting prior to the elections.
- C. The term of the office shall be one year.
- D. Elections shall be held at the regular meeting in April of each year.
- E. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by election, by members present and voting at a regular meeting.
- F. The foregoing officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Meyerland Area Democrats. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be the maintenance of a continuous program of political activity and education, development of awareness and organization, in every precinct of the Meyerland area. Also, they are

responsible for the development of fund-raising activities to maintain the programs of the organization, and any other functions as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of Officers shall be:

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings and be the official spokesperson for the Executive Committee. The President shall create committees and appoint their members and chairpersons with the consent of the Executive Committee. The President shall have the power to call special meetings. The President shall be the official spokesperson at all official meetings or gatherings with other Democratic party organizations, Democratic officeholders, and / or candidates seeking office.
- B. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.
- C. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and be prepared to report those minutes at the next scheduled meeting if requested by the President. The Secretary shall make such records available to the officers or membership if requested.
- D. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all moneys of the organization and shall record all financial transactions and report them to the Executive Committee and the general membership, and fulfill all legal requirements under state and federal law..
- E. The Sergeant of Arms / Parliamentarian shall keep order at the meetings and maintain proper procedures under the rules specified herein.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

The Meyerland Area Democrats shall meet monthly. Special meetings may be called by the President with consent of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- A. These Bylaws shall take effect and may be modified by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at a meeting of the membership.
- B. Bylaws may be changed at any regular April membership meeting, or any meeting specified by majority vote of the entire Executive Committee, or by petition of 1/3 or more of the membership. Such meetings require at least thirty (30) days notice to the membership, but such notice is not required to include the specific proposed Bylaws changes.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF GOVERNANCE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all situations not otherwise provided for herein.