

Wichita Falls Tea Party Patriots By-Laws

ARTICLE ONE

The WFTPP shall be established as a loose organization with by-laws.

The Tea Party shall have a Coordinating committee of six persons elected by the majority of the membership. This committee will have no leader, all are one and equal. Any ties in voting shall be broken by the Secretary who will not be part of the Coordinating Committee.

The committee will meet as needed, any suggestions, change of by-laws, plans of action, or proposals that will affect the general membership and the mission statement of the Tea Party will be drafted and put to a vote with the general membership.

A vote by simple majority will carry the proposal. Members who vote must have been in regular attendance or a long standing member of the Wichita Falls Tea Party. New unknown members and visitors must be exempted from a vote until the Tea Party Coordinators can establish a positive motive for being in attendance or that a new or continuing member must have been present for at least 12 meetings within one calendar year beginning with the first attendance. Sign in logs will be the source of proof.

The Coordinating Committee shall be elected or reelected for a period of one year with elections held on the first Thursday nearest to the 1st of May by the general membership.

Any member of the committee of six who shall resign, leave, or for any other reason be absent, a new committee member shall be appointed by the committee until the next election. The same applies to the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

A time keeper and Sergeant of Arms shall be appointed by the Coordinating Committee member chairing a specific meeting for the general membership. These two positions may be held by one person simultaneously.

One Tea Party Coordinator shall be responsible for establishing the agenda for the weekly meeting not to exceed more than once each six weeks unless an emergency arises and then the whole body of the committee will vote on what to do. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered first for the responsibility before anyone in the general membership.

Items not covered by the by-laws shall be considered by the Coordination Committee and approved by majority vote unless an emergency arises and then a majority vote shall be required in the Coordination committee.

Committees for various functions and purposes shall be formed from within the Tea Party to facilitate any special needs that support the mission statement and the general good as patriotic American citizens.

The purpose of the Tea Party meetings is to educate, enlighten and promote positive action as a group by doing tasks that fulfill our goal of gaining a foothold on our Republic as it was originally formed and prevent it from being overtaken by ideology foreign to the United States of America and it's values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

ARTICLE TWO

All monies collected shall be strictly accounted for and weekly financial reports shall be addressed to the membership.

Monetary assets will be spent strictly in support of the Tea Party Mission Statement.

A checking account shall be established and a minimum of two persons shall be required to sign checks for all expenditures.

At least one member of the Coordinating Committee shall be a co-signer along with the Treasurer on any checks used for expenditure and that any expenditure exceeding one hundred dollars must be approved by the committee by majority vote.

Any retail items sold for profit at any Tea Party event must follow the rules of the State of Texas and said seller must produce and display copies of their Texas Use and Sales Tax Permit. Additionally, some of the proceeds as directed and agreed to by the Committee of Six shall be given to the Tea Party General Fund for use in Tea Party related events. The manner and margin of those proceeds will be decided upon in private with the Coordinating group and the seller in joint agreement. This does not apply to fund raising events where goods are supplied by the membership in the form of donations to raise funds. Bake Sales, Auctions and the like are examples of this activity.

Any compensation, given to any special guest, speaker or other dignitary will be approved by the Coordinating Committee and then limited to assistance with transportation costs, meals or similar convince. No monies from Tea Party funds shall be paid directly for a speaking service. In addition, all expenditures concerning this issue must be approved by majority vote of the Coordination Committee.