

FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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PRECINCT MEETINGS - JULY 24, 1964

1. A temporary Chairman will call the meeting to order and present his credentials to the group. If he is recognized after examination by several persons from the floor, he will open nominations for Permanent Chairman and Secretary.
2. In order to nominate or make a motion, one must be recognized by the chairman and given the floor. This means that by raising your hand to get the Chairman's attention you will be permitted to speak at the proper time. Only the person recognized is supposed to speak. The Chairman has the right to dismiss anyone who doesn't follow these rules.
3. Nominations should come from the floor by persons who are registered with the Freedom Democratic Party. After several nominations are received, the chairman will entertain a motion for nominations to be closed - each motion must be seconded.
4. Each person will vote by secret ballot. The candidate with the most votes is the Permanent Chairman. Should two persons have equal number of votes, there should be a run-off between the two.
5. The newly elected chairman will conduct the rest of the meeting.
6. The Chairman will open nominations for Permanent Secretary - procedures are the same as those for electing the Chairman.
7. After a Permanent Chairman and Secretary have been elected, the Chairman will instruct the people to look very carefully for persons who might make good delegates to the County Convention.
8. The Chairman should next appoint a Resolutions Committee of three persons. Resolutions must come from the floor from people who live in the precinct. (E.g. - "Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer as a motion the following statement to be offered at the State Convention in hopes of strengthening our party: 'I move that we fully endorse the Democratic Party Platform.'") The Resolutions Committee is responsible for compiling the resolutions and presenting them to the Chairman in order that they may be read and adopted before the meeting ends.
9. The Chairman will state the alternatives in electing representatives to the County Convention. Each precinct has ten (10) votes, each of which may be split in half. (Ten persons may be elected with one vote each, or twenty (20) persons each with one-half vote may be elected). For each voting member there is an alternate who is to replace him should he be absent at the County Meeting. After the number of delegates has been decided upon, the Chairman will open nominations for delegates to the County Convention. If ten delegates are to be elected, each person at the precinct meeting will vote for ten persons, not just one. Persons may be elected in teams of five or ten or some other number designated by the people attending the precinct meeting.
10. While the votes are being counted for delegates, the Chairman will call for a report by the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions should be read to the meeting and a motion made to accept, reject, or improve the resolutions.
11. When the votes have been counted for delegates to the County Convention, the names of those elected should be read. Alternates will then be chosen in the same manner. After the alternates have been selected, the Chairman will ask that all delegates and alternates to the County Convention remain after the precinct meeting for further instructions.
12. The Chairman will call for any other business; if there is none, a motion should be made to adjourn the meeting.