



## Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

### Regular Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, September 21, 2021

#### Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in a hybrid format via Zoom. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM CST. Secretary Omar Jimenez present.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting were distributed via e-mail to the membership, corrected, and **adopted** by general consent.

#### Report of Officers

1. President's Report rendered by President Todd Hill-Jones:
  - Stonewall Democrats of Dallas had tables at events during the month of September 2021 for recruitment. 15 new members joined.
  - Worked with other Democratic Organizations at the National Hispanic Heritage Month Event at the Dallas County Democratic Headquarters. Recruited four new members.
  - Attended the First Dallas County Democrats Club Council Meeting August 2021.
  - Stonewall Democrats of Dallas is planning for 2022.
2. Vice President's Report rendered by Vice President Susie Hess:
  - Executive Board is making an effort to reach out to new members to connect with them.
  - Attended the Dallas County Democrats Club Council Meeting
  - Involved in the November 2021 Mesquite Municipal Elections

#### The Financial Report

President Todd Hill-Jones produced and rendered the financial report.

Beginning balance on August 17, 2021:	<b>\$22,096.61</b>
Revenue	\$1,964.79
Expenses	<u>(\$871.70)</u>
Ending Balance on September 21, 2021:	<b>\$23,189.70</b>

The following invoices/bills were **approved** by the Executive Board for the treasurer to pay:

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|---------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1. Dallas County Democrat Party | 3. Authorize.net | 5. Zoom |
| 2. Wild Apricot                 | 4. USPS          |         |

#### Stonewall Dallas 2022 Meet the Candidate Speaker Series

Lee Merritt, candidate for Texas Attorney General spoke.

Secretary's Report was given by Omar Jimenez:

- Attended Dallas County Democrats Events: Labor Day Picnic, National Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Dallas County Democratic Party's County Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting.
- Reached out to new members by e-mail.

#### Standing Committees Reports

The Fundraising Committee Report rendered by Chair Vonda Bailey-Shaw. Chair Bailey-Shaw set a goal to raise \$25,000.00 for The Spirit of Stonewall 25th Anniversary celebration on December 6, 2021. Chair Bailey-Shaw worked on a huge contribution, encouraged members to participate, donate as much as possible, and was working on a guest speaker for the event.

The Voter Registration Committee report was rendered by Co Chairs Martin Saenz and Millie Domenech. Chair Saenz asked for Voter Deputy Resiagers for the Texas Latino Pride Event. The committee planned on meeting to discuss a calendar for voter registration tabling's.

The Volunteer Committee report was rendered by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker held a committee meeting and gave ideas for member recruitment.

The Communications Committee report was rendered by Chair David Heflin. Chair Heflin designed a flyer for new member recruitment. Chair Heflin worked with Committee Member Natalya Efros on a statement against the Texas Abortion Bill passed in the legislature.

### **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

- President Todd Hill-Jones announced Chair David Helfin as the Board Member of the Month and announced the Texas Latino Pride Event.
- Member Soraya Santos announced the Texas Reproductive March on Saturday, October 2, 2021.
- Elizabeth Ginsberg spoke on her candidacy for Texas House District 114.
- Freda Heald spoke on her candidacy for Texas House District 108.
- Maria Aceves spoke on her candidacy for the 192<sup>nd</sup> Civil District Court.
- Chris Leal spoke on his candidacy for Texas House District 108.
- Alexandra Guio spoke on her candidacy for Texas House 108.
- Elissa Wev spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.
- Monique Bracey Huff spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.
- LaDouglas Johnson spoke on his candidacy for Dallas County Court of Law #1.
- Member and Constable Michael Orozco is running for re-election for Dallas County Constable Precinct 5. Constable Orozco gave an overview on what his office is doing when it came to standards on policy and professionalism towards the LGBTQ+ Community.
- Bree West spoke on her candidacy for the 204<sup>th</sup> District Court.
- Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats and Crossroads Unit Regular Meetings.
- Member Hasani Burton thanked the organization for a being a "shining light blue star." Hasani learned lessons about organization and is connecting with members.
- Member and House of Representatives Terry Meza spoke on the topics ongoing in the Texas House.
- Member Brandon Vance made a call-to-action to members of the Texas State Senate regarding redistricting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was **adopted**. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM CST.



Omar Jimenez, Secretary