



Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Regular Meeting Minutes_ADOPTED January 19, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 through ZOOM video conferencing. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Omar Jimenez was present.

Swearing in of New Executive Board

President Hill-Jones played a recording of the swearing in of the 2021 Executive Board that took place at the Dallas County Democratic Party Headquarters on Saturday, January 16, 2021. President Hill-Jones gave remarks, thanked Judge Dominique Collins who swore in the board members, and past presidents.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Meeting was distributed via e-mail to the membership. The minutes were approved by general consent.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Officers Reports

A. President's Report

President's Report was given by Todd Hill-Jones

- Worked with the officer and chair template reports as a means to be organized and transparent to members that were made by Secretary Omar Jimenez
- Met one-on-one with each outgoing, incoming elected board member, committee chairs and discussed 2021 personal and organizational goals
- Hosted successful virtual Officer Retreat on Sunday, December 13, 2020.
- President Todd-Hill Jones, Vice President Susie Hess, and Texas Stonewall leadership met with Dana Huffman to discuss establishing a Collin County Chapter of Stonewall Democrats.
- President Hill-Jones is in search of a webmaster to assist with website overhaul/redesign

B. Vice President's Report

Vice President's Report was given by Susie Hess

- Thanked elected officials, precinct chairs, and other guests on the call.
- Vice President Hess reached out to other counties who did not have a Stonewall Democrats Chapter. Her focal point is to establish a Collin County Chapter.
- Met with committee chairs of Voter Registration and Membership
- Thanked the sponsors of the Holiday Party.
- The Virtual Store is operational and available for goods to be purchased online.
- As the chair of the Bylaws Committee, Vice President Hess asked members if they wanted to submit amendments to e-mail her for consideration.

C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jessica Oeffner reported as follows:

Ending Balance on January 19, 2021 **\$16,187.14**

D. Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report was given by Omar Jimenez

- Met with Todd to discuss roles, issues, and suggestions on moving forward with the organization.
- Created minutes from the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020
- Asked by chairs to be part of the Endorsement and Bylaws Committee and attended meetings of each committee.

Reports of Standing Committees

The Communications Committee report was presented by Chair David Heflin. Stated that he was monitoring the Facebook Group to ensure that members were posting factual news articles. Worked with President Hill-Jones on a Press Release that was sent out with a statement on the Capital attack.

The Voter Registration Committee report was presented by Joey Casiano. On Election Day, he poll greeted for candidates. Conveyed he needed to renew his Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) credentials and asked others to do the same and join the committee. Stated he will be working with President Hill-Jones on quarterly Voter Registration Drives. Furthermore, Chair Casiano is working with the Membership Committee on combining events to register and recruit members.

Joanna Cattnach, Development Director with the Dallas County Democratic Party talked about events that the party was having such as "Love to Vote" which would focus on voter registration during the month of February 2021.

The Fundraising Committee report was presented by Chair Vonda Bailey Shaw. Chair Bailey Shaw reached out to car dealerships to see if they would donate a car to raffle off. Chair Bailey Shaw is currently working with Tenay Baker to recruit young members, especially from the Southern Sector of Dallas.

The Membership Committee report was presented by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker created a membership survey to get a snapshot of the membership and gather feedback and ideas. Chair Barker is also working with Chair Vonda Bailey Shaw, Fundraising Committee, to recruit young members to the organization and making it attractive for new people to join.

The Endorsements/Political Affairs report was presented by Chair Josh Cogan. Chair Cogan went over the duties of each committee, bills to watch in the Texas Legislature, and the process of how they are passed. Chair Cogan announced that the Endorsement Screenings for the May 2021 Municipal Elections will be a hybrid model that was explained. The screenings will be held Sunday, March 7, 2021. Sunday, March 14, 2021 will be a second date for screenings as needed.

Reports of Special Committees

The Bylaws Committee report was presented by Vice President Susie Hess.

Executive Board Strategic Plan for 2021

President Todd-Hill Jones presented the strategic plan that he and the Executive Board worked on to lead us moving forward and provide the board guidance. At the end of the presentation, President Hill-Jones emphasized taking a membership survey, asking for members to join a committee, participate, and provide feedback on the plan.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

1. President Todd-Hill Jones asked that he needed a webmaster and three members to serve on the Audit Committee plus asked members to join the Meetings Committee. The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th, 2021
2. Chair Josh Cogan of Political Affairs asked members to reach out to him on how the Dallas County Democratic Party can do better outreach to clubs.
3. Member Susan Bradley announced that the State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC) passed two resolutions on Senator Ted Cruz and Members of Congress to resign for inciting the Capital riots.
4. Member David Perez Hurley invited members to the Crossroads Unit and 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats Meetings.
5. Member Tony Farrer talked about how people can implement meetings to their calendars, the Texas GOP Chair Allen West's letter, and reminded everyone to get vaccinated.

6. Member Martin Saenz invited members to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) LGBTQ+ Leadership Forum.
7. Former President and Member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Brandon Vance is working on a training program for candidates through the Dallas County Democratic Party.
8. Member Rey de los Santos mentioned past president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Jesse Garcia on how the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) LGBTQ+ Leadership Forum would be a great way to reconnect with the past president.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm following the announcements.



Omar Jimenez, Secretary