



Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in an electronic format via Zoom. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM CST. Vice President Susie Hess presided. Secretary Omar Jimenez present.

Stonewall Dallas 2022 Meet the Candidate Speaker Series

Joe Jaworski, candidate for Texas Attorney General spoke.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Tuesday, June 15, 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:
 - Over the Rainbow Fundraising Event was a success. The event raised almost 12,000 for 2022 endorsed candidates. President Hill-Jones worked on getting donors and is planning for the 25th Anniversary Event.
 - Worked on member engagement and support. Gathered survey results and talked action items.
 - Board approved a \$500.00 Donation to the Texas Democratic House Members from the Texas House Quorum Break.
 - Worked on the DART Board Nomination Opposition letter that was sent to Dallas City Council Members.
2. Vice President's Report rendered by Vice President Susie Hess:
 - Organized an effort in Irving in opposition of citizens who attacked the library board on a pride display.
 - Organized in Rowlett, worked to get people in attendance at the meeting of the City's Pride Proclamation.
 - Still working on bylaws.

The Financial Report

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

Beginning balance on June 15, 2021:		\$11,985.64
Revenue	\$12,150.97	
Expenses	(\$2,015.00)	
Ending Balance on August 17, 2021:		\$22,096.61

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

1. Power x People
2. Wild Apricot
3. Authorize.net
4. USPS
5. Zoom

Secretary's Report was given by Omar Jimenez:

- Attended the DCDP Listening Tour at Alexander's on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.
- Attended the Young Democrats of America Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio August 11-14, 2021 and gave an overview.
- Announced the Texas Tribune Festival September 20-25, 2021 which will feature many local and national elected officials.

Standing Committees Reports

The Voter Registration Committee report was rendered by Co Chairs Martin Saenz and Millie Domenech. Both announced that the committee will continue to hold registration events at the Cedar Springs Wine Walk. The committee plans to have tables at events and will provide members enough notice to volunteers to help them.

The Membership Committee report was rendered by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker sent out the membership survey with a few dozen response. The survey asked about how we can improve and know where we are. Another one will be sent out at the end of the year. The committee will create action items on how to improve from the date of the survey.

The Communications Committee report was rendered by Chair David Heflin. Chair Heflin continues to monitor the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Facebook Group. Chair Heflin worked on the DART Board nomination letter that was sent to Dallas City Council Members.

The Meetings Committee report was rendered by Chair Joe Cannon. Chair Cannon mentioned that due to the rising COVID Cases, meetings will be online for the foreseeable future. Chair Cannon is playing it month-by-month and have venues ready for in person meetings.

Announcements

The following announcements below were made:

Vice President Susie Hess announced Chair Joe Cannon as the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Board Member of the Month. The Dallas Central Labor Council Labor Day Breakfast and the Dallas County Democratic Party Labor Day Picnic will be held Monday, September 6, 2021. The next General Meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas will be on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 PM CST.

Allison Ginter Allen spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County District Court #6.

Charlie Gearing spoke on his candidacy for the 5th Congressional District.

Chris Leal spoke on his candidacy for Texas House District 108.

Monique Bracey Huff spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.

Member Gordon Peterson invited members to join the Mewee Dallas Democrats, Texas Democrats, and Progressive Democrats Group at mewee.com/join.

Judge Pamela Luther announced her re-election for Dallas County Criminal Court of Appeals No. 2.

Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats and Crossroads Unit Regular Meetings.

Chair David Heflin congratulated Member Soraya Santos on her appointment to the Dallas Citizen Homelessness Commission.

Member Tony Farrer relayed a message from Rep. Terry Meza that she was on a call regarding an update on forward movement on Voting Rights Act from US Congress.

Chair Martin Saenz invited members to the Young Latino Democrats Meet and Greet with Texas Democratic Candidate for Attorney General, Joe Jaworski.

Member Brandon Vance updated the membership on the happenings at the Dallas County Democratic Party regarding vacant percent chairs, website, and Voter Activation Network (VAN) training.

Member Randall Bryant announced that the 2020 Census data was released and to beware on redistricting and its local effects. www.ntmrp.com

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was **adopted**. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM CST.



Omar Jimenez, Secretary