



Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in a hybrid format via Zoom at The Round-Up Saloon located at 3912 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas, TX 75219. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM CST. Secretary Omar Jimenez present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting were distributed via e-mail to the membership, corrected, and **adopted** by general consent.

Stonewall "Over the Rainbow" Event

President Todd Hill-Jones went over the details of the Stonewall Fundraising Event.

Report of Officers

1. President's Report rendered by President Todd Hill-Jones:
 - Five Stonewall Endorsed Candidates won in the May 1, 2021 Joint Election, and in the June 5, 2021 Joint Runoff Election. Endorsed candidates won five out of five races which was a total of 10 out of 12 races that Stonewall endorsed. The focus was on block walking and donating to their campaigns.
 - Worked with Vice President Susie Hess and Fundraising Chair Vonda Bailey-Shaw to pull together the host committee and final details on the Stonewall "Over the Rainbow" Event.
 - Worked with Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats on the Arlington LGBTQ+ Housing Discrimination Ordinance and called Arlington City Council Members to pass the ordinance.
 - Attended Pride Month Activities such as accepting the Dallas County Commissioners Court Pride Resolution and the Dallas Pride Flag Raising at City Hall.
2. Vice President's Report rendered by Vice President Susie Hess:
 - Received overflow request to meet in person.
 - Worked with Meetings Committee Chair Joe Cannon on venues to accept more people for in person meetings.
 - Involved in the June 5, 2021 joint runoff election.
 - Invited members to the South Dallas AIDS Walk and Mesquite's NAACP Juneteenth Event.
 - Encouraged members to watch the Texas Legislative Session Special Session.

The Financial Report

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

Beginning balance on May 18, 2021:	\$11,522.90
Revenue	\$2,039.42
Expenses	(\$1,576.68)
Ending Balance on June 15, 2021:	\$11,985.64

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

1. Dallas Voice
2. Texas Stonewall Caucus
3. Wild Apricot
4. Authorize.net
5. USPS
6. Zoom

Secretary's Report was given by Omar Jimenez:

- Was an Election Judge for the June 5, 2021 Joint Runoff Election in Seagoville, Texas.
- Announced that the Texas Democratic Convention will be held next summer in Dallas.

Standing Committees Reports

The Political Affairs report was rendered by Chair Josh Cogan. There was a “clean-sweep” in the June 5, 2021 Joint Election Runoffs. Endorsed candidates won all five races in The Dallas City Council Districts 2, 4, 7, 13, and 14. Stonewall endorsed candidates Councilman Chad West and was elected to Dallas Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Jaime Resendez was elected to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

The Legislative Affairs report was rendered by Chair Josh Cogan. Chair Cogan invited members to a Facebook Event Wrap-Up Town Hall with Texas State Senator Royce West on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

The Membership Committee report was rendered by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker is putting together a biannual survey along with President Todd Hill-Jones and Vice President Susie Hess that will go out to the members July 2021.

The Volunteer Committee report was rendered by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker thanked members that block walked for Stonewall Endorsed Candidates. Tenay is finding ways to utilize members post-election.

The Communications Committee report was rendered by Chair David Heflin. Chair Heflin continues to monitor the Facebook Group. Chair Heflin worked on the Dallas Voice ad for the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Endorsees and the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas “Over the Rainbow” event. Chair Heflin also worked on a handful social media graphics and e-mails. Chair Heflin also thanked Member Venton Hill-Jones and Chair Josh Cogan for the hybrid set up of the June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting.

The Meetings Committee report was rendered by Chair Joe Cannon. Chair Cannon thanked Member Venton Hill-Jones and Chair Josh Cogan for the hybrid set up of the June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting. For the August Regular Meeting Chair Cannon is looking for places to host membership meetings. Further, Chair Cannon will follow up with the membership on the translation of an all in-person meeting in the next month.

The Bylaws Committee report was rendered by Chair Susie Hess. Chair Hess will be working on bylaws and will present changes at the earliest opportunity.

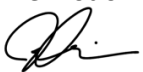
Announcements

The following announcements were made:

1. President Todd Hill-Jones announced Chair Josh Cogan as the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Board Member of the Month. The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Board voted to skip the July 2021 Regular Meeting and announced the next Regular Meeting for Tuesday, August 17, 2021. President Hill-Jones invited members to the Dallas Southern Pride honoring Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano on June 17, 2021
2. Member Pamela Curry emphasized the need for a LGBTQ+ election judge at the George Allen Courthouse. She informed the membership that she was appointed by the national non-profit Reconciling Ministries Network as their board member.
3. Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats and Crossroads Unit Regular Meetings.
4. Justice Erin Nowell and Justice Amanda Reichel spoke about their candidacy for Texas Supreme Court.
5. Elissa Wev spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.
6. Chair Teany Barker announced the 2021 Black Tie Dinner.
7. Derek Mergele-Rust, President of the Dallas LGBT Bar Association invited members to the “How to be an Ally” speaker event.
8. President Todd Hill-Jones reminded members about the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas “Over the Rainbow” fundraising event, thanked Member Jay Narey for his donation to surpass the fundraising goal, the tech group that helped administer the hybrid meeting, and the Round-Up Saloon for hosting the regular meeting.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was **adopted**. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM CST.



Omar Jimenez, Secretary