



## Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

#### Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in an electronic format via Zoom. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM CST. Secretary Omar Jimenez present.

#### State of the Organization Presentation

President Todd-Hill Jones rendered the State of the Organization.

#### Open nominations for 2022 Board Officers

President Todd-Hill Jones opened the floor for nominations of the election of officers.

#### **Nominations were open for the office of President.**

- Martin Saenz nominated Todd-Hill Jones

#### **Nominations were open for the office of Vice President.**

- Natalya Efros nominated Susie Hess

#### **Nominations were open for the office of Treasurer.**

- Tenay Barker nominated Jessica Öeffner

#### **Nominations were open for the office of Secretary.**

- Jesse Tafalla nominated Omar Jimenez

MAIN MOTION: Member Susan Bradley moved to confirm the new board by unanimous consent. The motion was **adopted**.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting were distributed via e-mail to the membership and **adopted** by general consent.

#### Report of Officers

1. Vice President's Report rendered by Vice President Susie Hess:
  - Participated in Dallas Reproductive Liberation March on October 2, 2021.
  - Encouraged members to get involved with the November 2021 Mesquite Municipal Election Campaigns.
  - Worked on issues in Irving ISD regarding LGBTQ+ Students.

#### The Financial Report

Treasurer Jessica Öeffner produced and rendered the financial report.

Beginning balance on September 21, 2021: **\$23,189.70**

Revenue \$725.00

Expenses **(\$1,071.31)**

Ending Balance on October 19, 2021: **\$22,844.54**

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

1. Dallas Reproductive Liberation March
2. Wild Apricot
3. Authorize.net
4. USPS
5. Zoom
6. Texas Latino Pride

### **Standing Committees Reports**

The Political and Legislative Affairs Committee Report was rendered by Josh Cogan. Chair Cogan provided assessments and recommendations for each proposition for the Texas Constitutional Amendment Election on November 2, 2021. Chair Cogan recommended members to vote **FOR** Props 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and vote **AGAINST** Props 3 and 4.

The Fundraising Committee Report rendered by Chair Vonda Bailey-Shaw. Chair Bailey-Shaw will be reaching out to members to join the host committee for The Spirit of Stonewall 25th Anniversary celebration on December 6, 2021.

The Voter Registration Committee report was rendered by Co Chair Millie Domenech. Chair Domenech has been reaching out to members of the sub-committee on upcoming events and on the Facebook Group. The committee will be having voter registration drives in front of Hunky's Hamburgers and at the Halloween Block Party on Cedar Springs. Chair Domenech asked for members to volunteer at the events. Chair Domenech is working on a group Voter Deputy Registrar Training provided by the Dallas County Elections Department.

The Membership Committee report was rendered by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker is working on a final membership survey to be e-mailed to our membership. Chair Barker thanked committee chairs for their recruitment efforts and announced that she will be stepping down as chair at the end of her term for a new job in Seattle, Washington.

### **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

- President Todd Hill-Jones announced the Board Member of the Month was Chair Martin Sanez, the next Membership Meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and The Spirit of Stonewall 25th Anniversary celebration is on December 6, 2021.
- Charlie Gearing announced his candidacy for Texas House District 114
- Alexandra Guio announced her candidacy for Texas House District 114
- Justice Erin Nowell spoke about her candidacy for Texas Supreme Court Place 3
- Elizabeth Ginsberg announced her candidacy for Texas House District 108
- Monique Bracey Huff spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10
- Member and Constable Michael Orozco invited members to his re-election fundraiser and announced that his office will be unveiling a collaboration with Dallas Police and Dallas County Sheriff Departments regarding reducing domestic violence.
- Member and Judge Nancy Mulder announced her re-election for Dallas County Criminal Court #4
- Member Freda Heald announced her candidacy for Texas House District 108
- Chris Leal announced his candidacy for Texas House District 114
- Member and District Clerk Felicia Pitre announced the Expunction Expo on December 4, 2021. The office also held a Transgender Training for staff to be familiar on proper ways to handle cases regarding name changes.
- Member Amye Thompson Hollins spoke about her candidacy for Dallas County District Clerk
- Maria Aceves spoke on her candidacy for the 192<sup>nd</sup> Civil District Court


- Member Brandon Vance invited members to Chair's Vonda Bailey-Shaw Fundraising Event for the 255th Family District Court.
- Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the General Meetings of the Crossroads Unit and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District Tejano Democrats.
- Vice President Susie Hess invited members to the Canvass Kick Off and Party at the Polls Event in Mesquite for the Municipal Elections there.
- Judith Ortega, Field Organizer for Judge Paula Rosales is collecting signatures for her re-election.
- Taylor Bounds introduced herself to members as the new Dallas County Democratic Party Executive Director.

**Adjournment**

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



Omar Jimenez, Secretary

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ November 16, 2021