



Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 (6:30pm - 8:00 pm)
The View - 525 S. Riverfront, Dallas TX

Minutes Adopted

Meeting called to order at The View, 6:36 pm by President Susie Hess (she/her)

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Welcome - Elected Officials, Candidates, Precinct Chairs, Guests

III. Program: Let's Talk about Unions, Y'all! Rosie Curts, Co-Chair of Young Active Labor Leaders of AFL-CIO spoke. Encouraged involvement in unions, support demonstrations even if not a union member. Invite learning more by listening to Gene Lentz radio show on KNON FM 89.3 Saturday mornings. Members get involved by going to events, don't cross picket lines.

IV. Approved minutes from June 20, 2023 Meeting

V. SDD Executive board reports

A. President's Report - Susie Hess: Bylaws Committee has met, announced several upcoming events, Legislative special session upcoming. Shannon who is Legislative Chair is moving to Staten Island NY. Encourage volunteers to get involved in Pride events.

B. Vice President Report - Corey Carrasco - no report, on a plane.

C. Treasurer's Report – Jay Havran: Thanks to generous donations by sponsors and membership renewals, we have incoming funds. Let's send money to the right causes.

D. Secretary's Report - Javier Olivares - Minutes presented above; working on various campaigns, get involved, so that the best candidates get elected.

E. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Chair, David Fisher - become a member and join our committees. Sending emails to new members with information on how to get involved.
2. Events/Fundraising- Chair, Brady James splitting donations from
3. Communications- Chair, Natalya Efros - follow us on Threads StonewallDallasDems - record videos of your coming out story or why you support the LGBTQ+ community.



4. Voter Registration- Chair Martin Saenz - upcoming events: National Voter Registration Day September 19, lots of opportunities in upcoming Pride events. Volunteers needed.
5. Endorsements- Chair Brandon Vance: reaching out to members to see who wants to join, email at brandonvance@stonewalldemocratsofdallas.org, adding a button to have candidates notify us that they are seeking our endorsement, Endorsing every election on the primary.
6. Bylaws – Chair Elissa Wev - Susie Hess gave report that bylaws have been meeting and will be presenting to the membership in coming months.
7. Volunteers – Chair Jermaca Brown – have two events in September, Latino TxPride on 16th and Dallas Pride on the 17th. Come volunteer at booth or march in parade.
8. Meetings – chair, Ray Jordan on vacation

VI. New Business Contributions

- Board approved \$1500 to have SDD be community sponsor for TxLatino Latinx Fest.
- Martin Saenz motions SDD become involved in Dallas Pride, table is \$500
Callie moves, Adam Gram seconds motion carries
- Request Members vote on dividing \$5000 (\$1,333 each) from Pride fundraiser equally among the following organizations:
 - Rainbow LULAC Jesse Tafalla Jr. Scholarship fund
 - Dallas County Democratic Party
 - Abounding Prosperity Inc. in memory of Kirk Myers-Hill

Ray Santos moves to make donation, Natalya seconds; Motion carries

Announcements:

- Omar Jimenez invited all to a parliamentary meeting and 23rd Tejano Democrats

Candidates spoke limited to 1 minute each:

- Mark Mosely for CD 5 (votemark2024.com)
- Scarlett Cornwallis for HD 115 (Scarletfortexas.com)
- Cassandra Hernandez for HD 115 (Cassandrafortexas.com)
- Kate Rumsey for HD 115 (Katefortexas.com)
- Yasmin Simon for HD 108 (YasminForTexas.com)
- Liz Ginsberg for HD 108 (LizForTexas.com)
- Dr. Brian Williams for CD 32 (DrBrianwilliamsforcongress.com)
- Callie Butcher for CD 32 (Calliefortexas.com)



- Kim Cooks (judge4justice.com)
- Tracy Shelby for 162nd Civil District Court (Tracieshelbyforjudge.com)
- Kim Bailey Philips for 162nd Civil District Court (Kimphippsforjudge.com)

Next Meeting - location to be announced: watch Events on website.

Brandon Vance moved to adjourn. We stand adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by Javier R. Olivares.