



**Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2021**

*Approved at the March 16, 2021 General Meeting*

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, on ZOOM.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Meeting were distributed via e-mail to the membership, corrected, and adopted by general consent.

**Report of Officers**

1. President's Report was given by Todd Hill-Jones:
  - Attended committee meetings.
  - Put out newsletters, press releases, and action items.
  - Putting together a March 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Town Hall to get feedback from members and a guest speaker for a program at the end of March.
  - Uptick in new and lapsed members that rejoined the organization.
  - Made an ask for a webmaster.
  - Announced to members that are interested in joining a committee to contact him.
  
2. Vice President's Report was given by Susie Hess:
  - Reached out to Democratic Organizations across Dallas County and Texas.

**The Financial Report**

Treasurer Jessica Oeffner reported as follows:

Beginning balance on January 19, 2021	<b><u>\$16,187.14</u></b>
Revenue	<u>\$2,346.90</u>
Expenses	<u>\$554.06</u>
 Ending Balance on February 23, 2021	 <b><u>\$17,979.98</u></b>

The following invoices/bills were approved for payment:

1. Wild Apricot
2. USPS

**Reports of Committees**

The Communications Committee Report was presented by Chairman David Heflin. Chair Heflin continues to monitor the Stonewall Facebook Group. He is working with the Membership Committee to design a welcome packet to be given to new members. He posted on the group asking for quotes to be added to the packet and later on shirts that the organization will design. Chair Heflin made an ask for a webmaster for the website.

The Fundraising Committee report was presented by Chair Vonda Bailey Shaw. She is working with Chair Tenay Barker of the Membership Committee to recruit students from the University of North Texas Law School to become members of Stonewall and to volunteer in many different capacities.

The Meetings Committee report was presented by Chair Joe Cannon. He gave an overview of the duties of the committee. Chair Cannon asked for interested members to join the committee and a webmaster.

The Endorsements/Political/Legislative Affairs report was presented by Chair Josh Cogan. The Endorsement Committee met to finalize the questionnaires to be sent to candidates running in the May 2021 Municipal Elections for endorsements. Chair Cogan announced the hybrid process of screenings, and following up on candidates for their responses. He also mentioned that he helped shadowed drafted bills that we're being filed in the Texas Legislature and watching LGBTQ+ Related Bills.

The Bylaws Committee report was presented by Susie Hess. The report contained a number of meetings held and work on proposed amendments. The recommendations will be presented at the next membership meeting. Chair Hess made an ask for any member to submit amendments for consideration.

The Membership Committee report was presented by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker presented the results of the membership survey that was sent to members.

### **Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

1. President Todd-Hill Jones announced that the SDD Executive Board Virtual Town Hall will be on March 25 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. and the next meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. He also said that countywide events and activities can be tracked though the Dallas County Democratic Party Webpage.
2. Candidate Jesse Moreno for Dallas City Council District 2 thanked volunteers who helped distribute water.
3. Candidate Terry Perkins for Dallas City Council District 5 is helping folks affected by the snowstorm and shared his candidacy.
4. Councilman Omar Narvaez is running for re-election for Dallas City Council District 6. He mentioned his efforts on helping his constituents affected by the snowstorm.
5. Councilman Adam Bazaldua is running for re-election for Dallas City Council District 7. He spoke about his candidacy.
6. Candidate Paul Ridley for Dallas City Council District 14 spoke about his candidacy.
7. Vice President Susie Hess mentioned that the Texas Democratic Party Convention will be held in 2022 in Dallas. She encouraged members to keep up with the Texas Legislative Sessions and to testify on bills.
8. Member Jeff Strater talked about his experience testifying in front of Texas Legislative Committees.
9. President Todd-Hill Jones announced that the Equality Act will be taken up by the U.S. House of Representatives.
10. Member Mike Lo Vuolo announced that there was an emergency hearing of the Texas House State Affairs and Energy Resources on the recent power outages due to snowstorm and said they we're seeking comments from the public.

### **Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted following the announcements.



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Omar Jimenez, Secretary

The minutes were prepared by Secretary Omar Jimenez