



# Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### March 16, 2021

#### **Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 on Zoom. President Todd Hill-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Secretary Omar Jimenez was present. The Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting were adopted as e-mailed to the membership, corrected, and adopted by general consent.

#### **Ratification of Slate of Endorsed Candidates**

Without objection, President Todd Hill-Jones asked to pull the City of Dallas District 4 proposed endorsement. The objection was not sustained.

MOTION: Member Randall Bryant moved to suspend the rules for the District 4 Race. The motion was lost.

MOTION: Member Tony Farrer moved to pull the District 13 endorsement from the slate. The motion was adopted.

MOTION: Member Brandon Vance moved to reconsider and pull the District 4 endorsement from the slate. The motion was adopted.

MOTION: President Todd Hill-Jones moved to ratify the slate of endorsed candidates not including District 4 and District 13. The motion was adopted.

MOTION: Member Brandon Vance moved to reopen both District 4 and District 13 for consideration of endorsement. The motion was adopted.

MOTION: Member Erin Moore moved for a special called meeting for the endorsement of the District 4 Race. The motion was adopted.

MOTION: Member David Heflin moved to reopen consideration of District 13. The motion was adopted.

#### **Dallas City Council District 13**

Number of votes cast: 37

Gay Wills 28

No Endorsement 9

Chair Josh Cogan declared the endorsement of Gay Wills.

The following slate as amended of endorsed candidates:

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dallas City Council District 1  | Chad West         |
| Dallas City Council District 2  | Jesse Moreno      |
| Dallas City Council District 5  | Jaime Resendez    |
| Dallas City Council District 6  | Omar Narvaez      |
| Dallas City Council District 7  | Adam Bazaldua     |
| Dallas City Council District 8  | Tennell Atkins    |
| Dallas City Council District 9  | Paula Blackmon    |
| Dallas City Council District 11 | Hosanna Yemiru    |
| Dallas City Council District 12 | Elva Curl         |
| Dallas City Council District 13 | Gay Donnell Wills |
| Dallas City Council District 14 | Paul Ridley       |

#### **SDD Executive Board Reports**

President's Report:

- Worked on the endorsement process.
- President Todd Hill-Jones thanked member Samuel Wenning for calling members that were interested in serving on a committee from the membership survey.

- President Todd Hill-Jones worked on raising money for the organization.
- The town hall scheduled on March 25, 2021 was postponed until April 2021. Further, President Todd Hill-Jones announced a town hall with the Dallas Chief of Police, Eddie Garcia, on March 30, 2021.

Vice President's Report:

- As chair of the By-laws Committee, Vice President Susie Hess stated she will send out the amendments to the membership after the next committee meeting convenes.
- Susie Hess encouraged members to participate in the Chief Garcia Town Hall and noted that it is open to the public to join.

Voter Registration Committee Report:

The Voter Registration Committee report was rendered by Chair Joey Casiano. Chair Casiano held a voter registration drive at the Round-Up Saloon. Chair Casiano thanked members Diana Carranza and Tom Forsyth for stepping up as members of the committee. Chair Casiano plans on having multiple events to get people registered and pass out Stonewall Democrats of Dallas endorsed slate push cards.

Fundraising Committee Report:

Chair Vonda Bailey-Shaw welcomed a new member to the committee, Benedict Parks. Chair Bailey-Shaw said she will connect with the President of the Outlaw Program at the University of North Texas at Dallas School of Law to the next membership meeting to discuss details on the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Ambassador Program.

**The Financial Report**

Treasurer Jessica Oeffner produced the report. President Todd Hill-Jones rendered the financial report.

Beginning balance on January 31, 2021 **\$16,187.14**

Ending Balance on March 16, 2021 **\$19,444.91**

Special Committee-Meetings Report:

Chair Joe Cannon announced the Phase Two plan includes a hybrid format. Chair Cannon asked members to reach out to him on suggested venues for meetings and to join the committee.

Legislative Affairs Committee Report:

Chair Josh Cogan shared the LGBT Tracker created by Equality Texas. Chair Cogan is having weekly calls with Rachel Hill and another colleague from Austin to inform him on bills.

Membership Committee Report:

The Membership Committee report was presented by Chair Tenay Barker. Chair Barker presented the new membership packet the committee was working on alongside with the Fundraising and Communications Committees.

**Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

1. Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the Crossroads Unit and 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District Tejano Democrats Meetings.
2. Member Tony Farrer invited members to the Rockwall County Democratic Party Meeting, featuring candidate for Texas Attorney General Joe Jaworski.
3. Member Randall Bryant invited members to the Downtown Dallas Democrats Meeting
4. Member Soraya Santos invited members to the Reform Dallas Candidate Forum for Dallas City Council Districts 1 and 2.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM following the announcements.



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Omar Jimenez, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials and Today's Date)