



Stonewall Democrats of Dallas

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in an electronic format via Zoom. President Todd Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Omar Jimenez was present.

Guest Speakers - The Outlook for LGBTQ+ Issues and Candidates in the 2022 Cycle

Brad Pritchett with Equality Texas and Preston Knight, Texas Field Organizer for the Human Rights Campaign spoke. Mike Collier, Democratic Candidate for Lt. Governor of Texas also spoke.

Adopt Slate of 2022 Board of Directors

President Todd Hill reopened the floor for nominations of the election of officers.

Nominations were open for the office of President.

- Hasani Burton nominated Todd Hill

Nominations were open for the office of Vice President.

- Natalya Efros nominated Susie Hess

Nominations were open for the office of Secretary.

- Jay Narey nominated Omar Jimenez

Nominations were open for the office of Treasurer.

- David Heflin nominated Jessica Öeffner

MAIN MOTION: Chair David Heflin moved to confirm the new board by unanimous consent. The motion was **adopted**.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Tuesday October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting, were distributed via e-mail to the membership and **adopted** by general consent.

Spirit of Stonewall 25th Anniversary Holiday Event

President Todd-Hill Jones went over the details of the event.

Vice President’s Report rendered by Susie Hess:

- Announced that gubernatorial candidate, Beto O'Rourke will be hosting a rally.
- Asked for volunteers to get involved in the run-off city council elections in Mesquite.

The Financial Report

Treasurer Jessica Öeffner reported as follows:

Beginning balance on October 19, 2021:	<u>\$22,844.54</u>
Revenue	<u>\$3,651.05</u>
Expenses	<u>\$1,227.94</u>
Ending Balance on November 16, 2021	<u>\$25,435.26</u>

The following invoices/bills were approved for payment:

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| 1. Dallas County Democratic Party | 3. Authorize.net | 5. Zoom |
| 2. Wild Apricot | 4. USPS | |

The Financial Report was filed for audit.

Secretary's Report was rendered by Omar Jimenez:

- Thanked members for his re-election of Secretary.
- Announced that he will become the new Political Affairs Chair.
- Attended the Dallas County Democratic Party's Election Kick-Off Event.
- Announced the Stonewall Democrats General Meeting and 25th Anniversary Event at the October General Meeting of the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats.
- Announced the City of Dallas Redistricting Process and was submitting a map for the redistricting commission to consider.

Standing Committees Reports

The Voter Registration Committee report was rendered by Chair Millie Domenech. Chair Domenech announced that Chair Martin Saenz was working with the Beto O'Rourke to see if there we're needs for voter registration. The committee was working on having events leading to the January 31, 2022 Voter Registration Deadline including Voter Deputy Registers Training for the membership.

The Communications Committee report was rendered by Chair David Heflin. Chair Heflin met with the committee to go over transitional items including Facebook Rules. He worked with the committee to develop a statement on Anti-Trans Bills that the Texas Legislator has passed and flyers for the Spirit of Stonewall 25th Anniversary Holiday Event.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

1. President Todd Hill announced the Board Member of the Month was Treasurer Jessica Öeffner and that week was Transgender Awareness Week.
2. Member and Constable Michael Orozco is running for re-election for Dallas County Constable Precinct 5. Constable Orozco gave an overview on his new precinct.
3. Member and Judge Mike Jones gave an overview on what his office is doing, regarding evictions.
4. Adam Swartz announced his candidacy for Justice of the Precinct 3, Place 1, invited members to his launch party, and sign his petition for placement on the ballot.
5. Elizabeth Ginsberg spoke on her candidacy for Texas House District 108.
6. Member Amye Thompson-Hollins spoke about her candidacy for Dallas County District Clerk.
7. Member Freda Heald announced her candidacy for Texas House District 108.
8. Kendall Scudder spoke on his candidacy for Texas House District 114.
9. Tracie Shelby spoke on her candidacy for the 192nd Civil District Court.
10. Monique Bracey-Huff spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.
11. Chris Leal spoke on his candidacy for Texas House District 114.
12. Member Philip Kingston announced his candidacy for Dallas County Commissioners Court Precinct 2.
13. Tom Ervin announced his candidacy for Dallas County Commissioners Court Precinct 2.
14. Member Hasani Burton announced his candidacy for Congressional District 37 in Austin, Texas.
15. Secretary Omar Jimenez invited members to the General Meeting of the 23rd Senatorial District Tejano Democrats.
16. Member Brandon Vance spoke on the behalf of Chair Vonda Bailey-Shaw candidacy for the 255th Family District Court.
17. Elissa Wev spoke on her candidacy for Dallas County Criminal Court #10.


Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was **adopted**. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. following the announcements.



Omar Jimenez, Secretary

The minutes were prepared by Secretary Omar Jimenez.

Approved:  February 15, 2022