

Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio

Board of Directors Meeting

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Meeting Date: February 13, 2012

Called to order by Elena Guajardo @ 6:35pm

1. Attendees: Rosie Gonzalez, Allen Castro, Eduardo Juarez, Kevin Voelker, Jeanie Minor, Chris Forbrich, Elena Guajardo, Minerva Mendoza
2. Rose moved to approve the minutes from the previous Board Meeting. Kevin seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. Membership Report by Minerva Mendoza
 - a. 98 Current, 67 lapsed, 6 sustaining members.
 - b. Madeline Dewar suggesting raising money and have a senior citizen discount.
 - c. Elena & Eduardo want to have a membership drive and give out a gift certificate. They are going to work out some details and return to the board.
4. There was general discussion regarding which Board Members were assigned to which committees.
5. Allen Castro discussed changing the Board Rules to allow for Removal of Board Members automatically. No action was taken.
6. The Board reviewed the results of the most recent Election:
 - a. Chris Forbrich Secretary
 - b. Kevin Volker, Treasurer
 - c. Allen Castro, Members at Large.
7. Treasurer's Report, Kevin Voelker
 - a. \$10,410.65 plus additional checks which were received prior to the meeting.
 - b. Graze Unzumba is going to be reviewing the 2010 Financial Records and reporting to the Board.
 - c. It was noted that Kevin was the only one who had a debit card for our account.
 - d. Chris Forbrich mentioned that there is a form for updating Stake Holders that is required for the Texas Ethics Commission. Eduardo asked that the form be forwarded to the group when finished.
8. Banquet Report, Kevin Voelker
 - a. Going to check on Granados Ballroom
 - b. Suggested Speakers:

- i. Irvasi Vaid
 - ii. Ray Valencia
- 9. Socials & Mixers, Rosie Gonzalez
 - a. Rosie discussed with Jacob Valenzuela at Deco Pizzeria regarding an event.
- 10. Political Event
 - a. Endorsement Meeting is on Schedule
 - b. Discussed removing the Friendly Incumbent Endorsement
- 11. Voter Registration, Elena Guajardo
 - a. Work with Precinct Chairs in the area to help with Voter Registration
 - b. Maybe Stonewall can work the downtown area, starting in March 2012
 - c. Rosie Gonzales wants to have a consistent day when we are doing registration at GLBT businesses.
- 12. Old Business
 - a. There was no old business
- 13. New Business
 - a. Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus has made arrangements for us to use the online VAN.
 - i. The Voter Files are confidential
 - ii. None of the users can give this information to candidates or other clubs
 - iii. We have to provide a list of all of our members to the Democratic Party so that they can mark them as LGBT.
 - iv. They want us to provide them with a geographical area for access purposes.
 - v. If we decide to do this, we would have to take it to the Membership.
 - vi. There was concern regarding the verbiage on the Membership form being against the project.
- 14. Adjourn, 7:47pm

Meeting Date: January 16, 2012

Called to order by Elena Guajardo @ 6:34pm

1. Introductions of Guests, Elected Officials & Candidates

Larry Ricketts (for Sherriff)

Rebeca Martinez (for 4th Court of Appeals)

Choco Meza (Bexar County Democratic Chair)

Milton Fagin (for District Judge)

Joaquin Castro (for Congress)

Ezra Johnson (for Congress)

Patrick Shearer (for Congress)

2. Reflections on 2011 by Eduardo Juarez

Former Chair of the Democratic Party, Dan Ramos made bigoted comments regarding the LGBT Community. He created a call to action from Elected Officials all over the state.

Two Candidates ran for public office: Elena Guajardo & Chris Forbrich

Domestic Partner Benefits were passed in the City Budget

3. Approval of the Minutes by Cris Ramirez (Secretary)

The minutes have been posted on the website.

A motion was made by Dr. Allen Castro and seconded by Ruby Krebs to approve the minutes as posted. Passed without objection.

4. Treasurer's Report

This year there was a record fundraising year for our group.

Money was raised early to provide money to candidates campaign.

Current balance is \$10,139.00

5. Update on the County Party by Choco Meza

The current party balance is over \$41,000.

The debt was paid in six months, with cash on hand.

There are sustaining donors in the fundraising plan

Discussed Redistricting

6. Committee Reports

Endorsement Committee by Peg MacPhail

Recognized the Endorsement Committee by round of applause.

Discussed the redistricting mess

The forum has been rescheduled to February 26th 2012, 1pm

They are in the process of mailing endorsement questionnaires to candidates to all 80 candidates.

In order to participate in the Endorsement Meeting, you must be a paid member in good standing.

Banquet Committee by Kevin Voelker

The date is scheduled for September 22nd 2012.

They are welcome to recommend a location or a speaker. If you have a suggestions, please let him know.

Board Development by Cris Ramirez

This will be Cris' last meeting as an officer as she is term limited. She heads the Board's Development.

She was recognized along with her partner, Bonnie, for their efforts.

New Business

Board Elections

Election of the Treasurer's Position

Kevin Voelker was nominated. There were no other nominations.

Mark Spencer moved to close nominations and Dan Graney seconded.

Nominations closed.

Peg MacPhail moved to Elect Kevin Volker by Acclamation. Travis Peterson seconded. Voelker was elected Treasurer for another term.

Election of the Secretary's Position

Chris Forbrich was nominated. There were no other nominations.

Ruby Krebs moved to close nominations and Dee Villarrubia seconded.

Nominations closed.

Dee Villarrubia moved to elect Chris Forbrich by Acclamation. Dr. Allen Castro seconded. Forbrich was elected Secretary for a new term.

Announcements

David Plylar announced that Dinning with Democrats will be held on January 21st. He has four tickets for sale at \$50/ticket.

Elena Guajardo announced that many events are available on the Bexar County Democratic Party Website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Dr. Allen Castro. Peg MacPhail seconded the motion for adjournment.

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