

October 2013 Board of Director Meeting

Notebook: Stonewall Democrats
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Directors Present: Elena Guajardo (Co-Chair), Eduardo Juarez (Co-Chair), Kevin Voelker (Treasurer), Chris Forbrich (Secretary), Allen Castro, Linda Libby, Minerva Mendoza, Eric Gloria
Directors Absent: Orlando Gutierrez, Sharon Seesholtz, Jeanie Minor
Guests: Dan Graney, Daisy Cavallaro

- Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Eduardo Juarez
- The minutes were presented by the Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were adopted.
- Membership Committee, Minerva Mendoza
 - There are 148 current members
 - The memberships collected at PrideSA had not been put in the database at previous meetings. This has been corrected and explains the increase in membership.
 - There are 96 members who have lapsed.
- Treasurer's Report, Kevin Voelker
 - Operating Balance: \$14,459.20
 - Stonewall National Holding Account: \$1,060.04
 - The Banquet income was \$5,546.76
 - The Directors thanked Mr. Voelker for his help in organizing the Banquet this year.
- Political Relations, Linda Libby
 - Two dates were presented for the Candidate Forum: January 26, 2014 & February 2, 2014. The Board had discussion around the Super Bowl being on February 2nd.
 - A motion was made and seconded to hold the Candidate Endorsement Forum on January 26, 2014. The motion passed with one abstention by Chris Forbrich.
- **Dr. Castro, Mr. Juarez & Mr. Forbrich recused themselves from the meeting due to a conflict of interest in the remaining Political Relations business.**
 - A motion was made by Linda Libby and seconded by Eric Gloria to include all races on the ballot open for endorsement at the Candidate Forum. There was general discussion by the remaining Directors. 1 Director in favor, 3 Directors against, 1 Director abstained. The motion failed.
 - A motion was made by Kevin Voelker & seconded by Minerva Mendoza to include all races on the ballot open for the endorsement at the Candidate Forum, except the Bexar County Clerk. There was general discussion by the remaining Directors. 3 Directors in favor, 2 Directors abstained. The motion passed.
- **Dr. Castro, Mr. Juarez & Mr. Forbrich returned to the room to resume the orders of the day.**
 - A motion was made and seconded to change Item D:4 in the Endorsement Meeting Guidelines to read "Discussion shall follow for a maximum time of 10 minutes. Any member may request to speak for or against any of the nominated candidate in a particular race. Comments by each member shall be limited to 1 minute." & D:5 "Presiding officer may entertain a motion to extend discussion for an additional 5

- minutes, if necessary." There was general discussion by the Directors. The motion failed.
- A motion was made and seconded to change Item D:4 in the Endorsement Meeting Guidelines to read "Discussion shall follow with a maximum of 4 speakers, 2 for and/or 2 against, for each candidate with a two minute limit for each speaker." There was general discussion by the Directors. The motion passed.
 - There was discussion regarding extraneous matters presented during the Candidate Forum. This issue was referred by to the Political Relations Committee to discuss further.
 - The Board reviewed the questionnaire for Federal Candidates. It was moved and seconded to adopt the document as presented. All in favor with one abstention- the motion passed.
 - The Board reviewed the questionnaire for State Candidates. There was discussion on the content and sentence structure. The questionnaire was amended to resolve these concerns. The motion passed with all in favor, and 1 abstention.
 - The Board reviewed the questionnaire for Judicial Candidates. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the document. There was no objection & the document was adopted.
 - The Board reviewed the questionnaire for Local Candidates. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the document. There was no objection & the document was adopted.
 - The Board reviewed the questionnaire for the Bexar County Democratic Party Chair. There was discussion on the matter. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the questionnaire as discussed. The motion passed with 1 abstention.
 - The Committee presented a list of names for Friendly Incumbent Endorsements. There was discussion regarding merit and process.
 - The Board decided to award Friendly Incumbent Endorsements upon:
 - Congressman Lloyd Doggett
 - Congressman Joaquin Castro
 - State Board of Education Member Marisa Perez
 - State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer
 - State Representative Joe Farias
 - State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon
 - State Representative Michael Villarreal
- Old Business
 - There was no Old Business before the Directors.
 - New Business
 - Ms. Guajardo & Mr. Juarez discussed the Texas Stonewall Conference.
 - There was no update on National Stonewall available.
 - Thank you to Kevin Voelker for driving.
 - Dr. Castro moved to reimburse board members for mileage to trips. There was no second.
 - There was discussion regarding a recent Ethics Complaint filed against the Treasurer.
 - The Directors Adjourned at 8:40pm.

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