

Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio Monthly Membership Meeting

May 16, 2011 @ Luby's Cafeteria

Called to order at 6:35pm

A motion was made and seconded to open nominations for endorsement in the San Antonio City Council runoff elections. (Dr. Allen Castro, Choco Meza). The motion passed without objection.

A motion was made to endorse Diego Bernal for the City Council District 1 seat. (Chris Forbrich, Dr. Kevin Voelker). The motion passed by acclamation.

A motion was made to open endorsements for Bexar County Democratic Party Chairperson and that each candidate speak for 3 minutes on their plans for the party. (Dee Villarrubia, Dr. Allen Castro). Motion passed with three opposed.

Choco Meza spoke to the membership, asking for their endorsements. She highlighted that she was a member of Stonewall San Antonio, a member of the Democratic National Committee and an experienced organizer.

Shane Mitchell discussed his love for grassroots politics and made mention that until recently he hadn't been that involved with the party.

A motion was made and seconded that we endorse Choco Meza. (Pamela De La Bar, Dee Villarrubia). The motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Co-Chair Report

- It was announced that SDSA Co-Chair Elena Guajardo made it to the District 7 Run-Off for the City Council. There was a round of applause.
- Chris Forbrich was recognized for his recent campaign for the City Council District 1 Seat.
- Linda Chavez Thompson, who was the speaker, was unable to make it to the meeting.
- Guests
 - TJ Mays
 - Jeff Daton
 - Samantha Taylor

Committee Reports

- Treasurer's Report, Kevin Voelker
 - Current Balance is \$3,141.09
 - Elena Guajardo spoke about the need for sustaining donors
- Board Development
 - Cris Ramirez is on vacation and was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Chris Forbrich is filling in for her tonight.
- Endorsement
 - Now Chaired by Dr. Allen Castro and Linda Allen.
 - Recently endorsed Diego Bernal for City Council District 1, and Elena Guajardo retains our endorsement for the District 7 seat.
- Membership

- Currently at 110 members, with 74 members lapsing.
- Communications
 - Rosie Gonzalez is there to do rapid response to the media
 - Elena is looking for someone to step up and work on this committee.

Old Business

- Annual Banquet
 - September 24th
 - State Senator Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona to be the guest speaker
 - Working on a location
- Memorial Day Pool Party
 - Scheduled for May 28th at 4:30pm. Information on the location will be sent out via email blast.
- Next Membership meeting will be June 29th at 6:30pm. The speaker will be Erin Moore from Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus.
- June 21st at 6:30pm, Director of the Office of Personnel Management will be speaking at a Town Hall Meeting.
- Friday June 24th, the State Bar of Texas is having it's Annual Meeting, which will include the GLBT caucus, of which Eduardo Juarez is the chair. Various seminars regarding GLBT law will be covered during this meeting.

Announcements

- Ray McDonald said he hoped that everyone in Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio had voted in the recent Municipal Elections.
- Gilbert Casillas that HRC would be holding their *Wines Around the World* event at the Heat Night Club, 7pm Thursday to benefit their annual gala.
- Marty Whitehead announced that the owner of a Major League Basketball Team came out.
- Louice Hildago-Longoria announced that the Saint Night Club has moved from its location on Main to Lexington.
- Pam Del La Bar announced that this will be her last meeting. She recently married and is moving to Finland to join her wife. Thank you for the years of friendship.

A motion was made and seconded to Adjourn. (Dr. Allen Castro, Jeanne Belaire).

Adjourned.

IN AN IMPROMTU MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 16, @)!!

Present: Eduardo Juarez, Dr. Allen Castro, Gilbert Casillas, Minerva Mendoza, Kevin Voelker, Chris Forbrich, Elena Guajardo

A motion was made and seconded to give the Diego Bernal and Elena Guajardo \$500. (Dr. Allen Castro, Dr. Kevin Voelker). 6 in favor, Elena Guajardo abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Forbrich,
SDSA Board Member