**Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**

**July 2019 General Meeting**

**Minutes**

The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Monthly General Meeting took place on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Matttito’s Restaurant.

The meeting was opened at approximately 6:38 P.M. by President Brandon Vance with the introduction of elected officials, candidates, precinct chairs, and special guests.

Texas State Senator Royce West gave a greeting and spoke on state legislation and electing state senators. He then took questions about Austin. He reported that there is an upcoming special announcement about him that will be revealed soon.

**Officer Reports**:

Secretary Jayla Wilkerson was not present resulting in no report. Approval of the June 2019 General Meeting minutes will take place at the next meeting.

President Brandon Vance made an announcement on the recent death of Carolyn Davis. Also, the positions of Vice President, Political Affairs, and Campaign Activities are vacant and need to be filled.

Treasurer Soraya Colli not present but sent report to President Brandon Vance.

**Chair Reports:**

Membership – Raisch Tomalanovich gave a report.

Legislative Update – Josh Cogan gave a report.

Voter Registration – Sarah Key not present but gave a report to President Brandon Vance.

Stonewall Democrats Texas State President Jay Narey reported about World Pride 2019 in New York City. There are plans to honor Stonewall Democrats member Phyllis Guest at a future general meeting.

Susie Hess mentioned the upcoming November elections for mayor and city council for the city of Mesquite. She also reported on Mesquite’s first Pride Celebration Event that took place on 6/21/2019 at Mesquite City Hall.

It was recommended that a list of public officials and/or judges who perform same-sex marriages in Dallas be on display on the SDD website.

The past Trans Pride event in Dallas was talked about by Brandon Vance and Susie Hess.

**Old Business**:

There has been no vote yet on the bylaws because updates have not been posted on the SDD website yet.

**New Business**:

The Creating Change LGBTQ Conference in Dallas will be taking place in January 2020. See their website Creatingchange2020.com for more information and volunteer opportunities.

There was discussion about the Dallas County voting process, including new voting equipment and voting system changes.

A census report was given by David Fisher.

Following public announcements, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 P.M.