

Houston GLBT Political Caucus
General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2018

Call to order and adoption of the Agenda – 7:00 P.M.

Recognition of Candidates and Elected Officials

Councilmember Karla Cisneros

Councilmember Mike Laisster

Nick Hellayer

President's Report

-Very excited year this year. Started off with the primaries. 73% of our primary candidates made it through to the General. We basically overtook the county with pro-equality candidates.

-Building partnerships and bridges with communities we haven't previously worked with.

Finance Report

-Checking Balance: \$8,179.42

-Savings Balance: \$18,007.53

-State PAC: \$5,736.43

-Federal PAC: \$100.00

-Burn Rate: \$1,157.94

Community Corner – Ahmier Gibson, Legacy Community Health – Works on a program centered around young African American SGL men, 1 in 90 are living with HIV in Houston. Create social events and hope to give people a safe space free of stigma. Job readiness programming and professional development. Space for people to be their true and authentic self. Contact him through ahmiorgibson@gmail.com.

Consent Agenda:

- I. Receive nominations for the Office of President.
 - a. Election of President from among qualified nominees to take place on 1/2/2019.
 - Mike Webb
 - Pat Bryan
- II. Receive nominations for the office of Trustee, Position 1
 - a. Election of Trustee, Position 1 from among qualified nominees to take place on 1/2/2019.
 - Christopher Busby
- III. Receive nominations for the office of Trustee, Position 3

- a. Election of Trustee, Position 3 from among qualified nominees to take place on 1/2/2019.
-Logan Workman
- IV. Receive nominations for the office of Trustee, Position 5
 - a. Election of Trustee, Position 5 from among qualified nominees to take place on 1/2/2019.
-Jack Valinski
- V. Receive nominations for the office of Trustee, Position 7
 - a. Election of Trustee, Position 7 from among qualified nominees to take place on 1/2/2019.
-John Humphries

Committee Reports

- I. Volunteer Committee: No asks of you but to always be prepared for volunteering. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the polls and getting the cards out. There will be broader opportunities to volunteer with the new website.
- II. Communications Committee: Primary goals is to increase membership and inform our membership about political issues that impact our community. Increase of 127 likes on Facebook, 87 new followers on Twitter. 360 followers on Instagram. We do let people know about important events and political happenings through social media. We posted our recent endorsement for SD 6. Please share that out through your social media networks. Geographic promotions with each of those platforms. Posting regularly leading up to election day. Writing an article on Bush 41 and his views on HIV. Any ideas on the website please contact Maria. We will also get a new email program that will not categorize our messages as spam. We will have an anti-racism training. Currently scheduled for February 6 and the board will have their own training in January. It is open to the community.
- III. Elections Committee: Awesome job in November. We will do an Elections by the Number to report out our success. We did a lot of stuff this November. Currently we endorsed Carol Alvarado for Senate District 6. Mailer went out this past Friday and hitting the mail today. We started to do a phone bank but the logistics didn't work out. We will do robocalls for the candidate over the next day or so. 2 sites for passing out the push cards for our endorsed candidates.
- IV. Rules & Administration Committee: Mid-year review for suggestions of changes. You can talk to Logan if you want to put it in writing.
- V. Screening Committee: We are keeping an eye on SD 6 race to see if we need to jump in that race for the State Rep Special Election. We are developing a timeline and questionnaire for screening. Also, you can join the screenings if you are a paid member.
- VI. Fundraising Committee: Christmas Party fundraiser. We will not do that this year. We are gonna focus on our drag brunch. We will compose an end of year review for fundraising and it will outline how much we have raised and highlights of the year.
- VII. General Operations Committee: Keeping up with our mailing list. Thank you to our Saturday volunteers.
- VIII. Membership Committee: Lesbians please come out on Saturday. Thank you to all who attended the last endorsement meeting. We had over 40 plus in attendance. We are in the

process of updating home address and email address. LGBT Chamber of Commerce possible partnership. Caucus is looking at doing a youth scholarship. If you are interested shoot an email to Melissa – Melissa.allala@thecaucus.org. Currently we have over 600 members.

IX. Education and Advocacy Committee –

- Monitoring Drag Queen Story Time and encouraging people to continue to support the event and go to City Hall to testify in support.
- Ad-Hoc committee for Texas Lege and Lobby Days
- AAPI Health Disparities event went well.
- If you would like to join please email Brandon Mack, brandon.mack@thecaucus.org.

Old Business

New Business

- I. Anti-Racism Training Announcement – Board will go through training during the retreat. Hope to partner with Houston Pride
- II. New Website Coming Soon! – Any thoughts or ideas or critiques please email us and include them in the new design of the website.

Announcements

Proactive motion to let the Caucus Board make the motion to endorse in the. Motion to allow the Board to make an endorsement in the coming special election that may result from the current SD6 race. Motion was seconded. Motion passes.

Acknowledgment of the passing of Ray Hill.

More LGBTQI programming for HMS.

-Maria Gonzalez thanked the Caucus as an outgoing board members. Encourage people to vote the card. Big thank you to Amy Morales for taking care of Ray.

-We helped pay for Ray's funeral and headstone with the Board approval.

Adjournment – 7:40 P.M.