

Houston GLBT Political Caucus  
General Membership Meeting Agenda

March 6, 2019

Call to order and adoption of the Agenda – 7:15 P.M.

Recognition of Candidates and Elected Officials

President's Report

- I. MEETING SPONSOR: A special thank you to Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum for sponsoring our meeting today!
- II. Board meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month @6:30 P.M. at the Caucus HQ
- III. Thank you to everyone who attended the Drag Brunch and we are still waiting on some pledges.
- IV. We participated in AIDS Walk this past weekend. We raised over \$500 for AIDS Foundation Houston.

Finance Report

- I. TREASURER – Logan Workman –

501c4

- a. Checking Balance: \$11,721.71
- b. Savings Balance: \$20,508.89

State PAC

- a. Checking Balance: \$3,870.87

Federal PAC

- a. Checking Balance: \$88.00

Monthly Burn Rate

- a. Monthly Burn Rate: \$1,157.94

No outstanding invoices from the Drag Brunch. About \$2,000 still outstanding in pledge. The Spring Fling proceeds will be going towards the PAC.

Community Corner – Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Tammi Wallace

-There are stickers that designate LGBTQ friendly supportive, inclusive business. We do not have a Houston specific business.

-Please support the members of the Chamber and let it be known that you found their business through the Chamber of Commerce.

-[www.houstonlgbtchamber.com](http://www.houstonlgbtchamber.com); It is available in a printable format from the website.

## Consent Agenda;

- I. ALL HANDS ON DECK: Advocacy Day @ the Capitol
- II. Anti-Racism Training Dates – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of this Month it will be open and in partnership with Pride Houston. Chance for us to recruit new people. Much needed conversation and self-reflection and how can we be more inclusive.
- III. Caucus Statement on District Attorney's Budget Increase Proposal – At the February general membership issue we were asked to look into the issue. It would be best if the statement would go through the Board just so more eyes is on it. DA Ogg wanted to have a conference call and we decided to issue a neutral statement and encourage increasing community input and keep in mind that the transgender population is often left out of the equation. We did receive from pushback from some of our allies. We did issue a statement at the hearing. We had 3 days before a decision was going to be made. Statement was unanimously approved by the Board. County did take us up on our ask for more community input.

## Committee Reports

- I. Volunteer Committee – Chris Busby & David Schulz
  - Currently we don't have any requests for volunteers but if you are interested we will be happy to take your contact information to get you engaged.
- II. Communications – Maria Treveno-Rodriguez
  - Making a proposal for a name change and logo change. Last time we change our name was in 2005.
- III. Elections – John Humphries
  - Unfortunately, our endorsed candidate did not win. We will be looking into the race. Christina Morales has reached out to us to better establish a relationship. She has received an invite to meetings. We are testing new tools such as organized phone banking, block walking, and targeted mailing.
- IV. Rules & Administration Committee – Logan Workman & Kris Banks
  - Looking into establishing a 501c3 and explore the different documents we need to set up and we will also have a mid-year review. If you would like to be apart of the committee you can email [administration@thecaucus.org](mailto:administration@thecaucus.org). There is already a standing committee for the Budget. The budgets are presented at the April meeting.
- V. Screening Committee – Brandon Mack & Logan Workman
  - We will not screen in Fort Bend ISD race or other races outside of the central of city. We are finalizing the screening questionnaire and timeline.
  - Committee was asked if they would consider screening early in the Mayoral election. Probable formal motion to be brought before the Caucus to screen early in the Mayoral election.
- VI. Fundraising Committee – Hosseh Enad
  - No report

VII. General Operations Committee – Jack Valinski & Scott Barish

-Do a lot of the behind the scenes work and keeping the office in order. Here every Saturday from 10 AM.-4:00 P.M. Need more volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.

-We do have membership cards.

-We are working towards expansion to other counties and other city entities. We need in all of our committees the ability to be able to train members.

VIII. Membership Committee – Melissa Allala

-We do encourage anyone and everyone to assist on Saturday. We do need more sustaining members. We have 74 sustaining members. We are still well above the 640 mark in terms of members. We are exploring more student outreach and hope to engage more students. LGBTQ Youth Scholarship meeting will be March 19.

IX. Education and Advocacy Committee – Brandon Mack – Working on training for candidates to be done on May 29 and June 1. A bill from the Data Quality Control Coalition has been filed in the Texas Legislature. Next meeting to be Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 P.M.

Old Business

I. Drag Queen Story Time Support Update – Do a docuseries of the parents who support Drag Queen Story time and get some clips of the actual event. Partner with Konzept Kit.

New Business

I. Spring Fling – Thursday, April 25 – Hosted by Constable Alan Rosen. Proceeds will go to our Municipal Elections

II. Caucus & TENT Gender Non-Binary PSA – Explaining gender non-binary. Issue out a video through our social media networks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.