

Board Meeting: 4.22.2020

Minutes by Judson Dunn

- [[Caucus Board Meeting]]

- Attendees:

- Katharine
- Andrea
- Brandon
- Jonah
- Austin Ruiz
- Scott
- John
- Judson

- Feedback about Zoom Membership meeting

- Went well, things that people were worried about weren't a problem
- Members were very helpful

- Next General Meeting

- Should the next membership meeting be online?
 - Yes, let's follow scientific advice, and err on the side of caution.
 - Online meetings for as long as we need.
 - Status on where we are on the spread of the virus from Scott: keeping as physically separate as possible is a good idea until we have a low number of people who have yet to be infected, or we have a vaccine.

- Discussion of the bylaws with regard to endorsements

- We may have some flexibility here.
- Chris and Kris are not online for this meeting, so this topic has been deferred.

- How will we credential people?

- May need to have people register?
- Possibly use rooms, could investigate pre-assign rooms (immediate followup, room pre-assignment requires Zoom accounts, but we could do manually)

- Committee Reports

- Communications

- FYI Friday updates are appreciated
- Discussion of communication about COVID and our communities and at-risk people with regard to Medicaid expansion; is anyone available to write a letter like this? - Katharine
 - Lambda Legal has written their letter already, and is waiting on us for next steps,

messaging, and sending to the Governor

- ^^Austin R, and Kendrick^^ volunteered to help out with content of letter

- Elections

- Nothing to report

- Treasurer / Budget

- John attached PAC statement in email
- Removed everyone from all financial account except John and Chris
- Working with accountant to get issues together
- 2018-19 taxes, Federal and state filing, goal to complete Monday of next week
- Franchise Tax to file next week
- Checking account had 2 signatures, Logan removed that, going back to 2 per the bylaws for anything over \$2500

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- All reimbursements need receipt until there is a handle on the C4 account
- Coverage for bonding with Jim Taylor to coordinate with Katharine
- Some type of financial report for next membership meeting will be available
- Screening
 - Trying to keep the May timeline, by May 15th
 - If any questions added email screenings@thecaucus.org
- Fundraising
 - Campaigns don't have a lot of funds right now
 - Looking for sponsor for next meeting
 - Collecting on older pledges from Drag Brunch, approx \$2500 outstanding
 - Membership would like to know the budget for Drag Brunch and how much we made, as well as from Equality Brunch
- Operations
 - Online tools, Zoom
 - Weekly chat sessions with Saturday Crew
 - Investigation of more online platforms for membership to allow social distancing
- Education and Advocacy
 - Info from Coalition against Hate was sent in FYI Friday
 - Advocacy Day at City Hall update
- Volunteer Committee
 - Austin S and Chris are not in attendance
- Expansion
 - Working to set up meeting in beginning of May
 - Want to add this to FYI Friday this week or next week
- Accountability
 - Nothing to report
 - Reminder: If there is a candidate that you support that hasn't been endorsed by the caucus just a reminder to keep your support relatively private
- Coronavirus Task Force
 - The declaration we discussed at the last meeting was already done
 - No subsequent requests
 - Greater Houston Community Foundation discussion
- Old Business
 - Virtual Fundraising
 - Where will we need funds, to mail out the card?
 - We may have less people at the actual election site
 - The cost may be under \$10k
 - Virtual Drag Fundraiser
 - May 7th or 14th
 - Cost \$350 for entertainers, also supports drag community
 - Pre-record show probably, with live host starting the different performances, or the whole thing, then could stream to FB Live, Youtube etc
 - Similar to some fundraisers that people have done recently, Reign Larue did one recently using Telegram for the chat backend
 - Discussion of sponsor levels, total fundraising goal \$5000

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- ^^Motion^^: Approve up to \$500 to pay for this by Jonah, second by John, unanimous approval