



Houston Area Stonewall Democrats

Regularly Scheduled General Meeting

May 12, 2009

Harris County Democratic County HQ
1445 N. Loop West, Suite 110
Houston, Texas 77008

The regularly scheduled general meeting of the Houston Area Stonewall Democrats (HASD) was called to order on May 12, 2009 by Phillip McNutt, president of HASD at 7:12 p.m. by making announcements including identifying those present that were members in good standing.

Thirty were present for the meeting including candidates Ron Green, Lane Lewis, Mike Laster, Noel Freeman, Chuck Silverman, Natalie Cokinos-Oakes, Bruce Mosier, and Damon Crenshaw.

Reports:

- Copies of the treasurer's report and the meetings from the last regular and special meeting were distributed to the members of the executive board prior to the meeting. Members will be able to view them online. Comments and questions should be directed to the treasurer, Lance Marshall or secretary, Larry Ponder.

Announcements:

- Maverick Welsh is in the run-off. He is our endorsed candidate so we will continue to honor our commitment for his continued campaign.
 - Numbers of voters will be small so every vote will count
- Pride festival on June 27th. We will be working and coordinating with young stonewalls.
 - Harris County will be splitting the cost of the table for the festival.
 - Current deputy voter registrars will be needed at the Pride Festival. If you are not current and wish to continue to be a deputy voter registrar you need to update. Former deputies expired in December.
- Screenings for all city council races will occur on Saturday June 6th so that at our next stonewall meeting we can consider endorsements for city council races.
 - We will be printing endorsement cards to hand out at pride.
- June 12th-14th National Young Democrats Conference will be held here in Houston at the Hilton of the Americas
- Lane Lewis thanked those who attended Rainbow Lodge for coming and supporting his candidacy launch.

Endorsement:

Twelve voting members were present so it will take a vote of nine to endorse, according to our bylaws requiring a 70 percent vote to endorse.

- Ronald Green – running for city controller – currently on the city council in the at large position. Councilman Green addressed the audience giving background and defined the job of city controller.
- Peter Brown – running for city mayor – currently city councilman. Councilman Brown addressed the audience with a brief background, synopses of some issues, and took questions.
- Anise Parker – running for city mayor – current city controller. Ms. Parker addressed the audience thanking them for their interest and participation. She gave a brief background, related her passion for the city, what she brings to the race and challenges to maintain current perceived advantages, and took questions.
- Jessie – Campaign Manager for Gene Locke – running for city mayor – current city councilman. Jessie related Mr. Locke’s background and described the attributes he would bring to the office from his experiences and took questions.

Phillip McNutt reported that the screening committee unanimously voted to recommend Ronald Green for the City Controller’s race. Maria Gonzalez moved that we endorse Ronald Green for the position of City Controller. Pat Gandy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Green was endorsed as the HASD candidate for Houston City Controller.

Phillip McNutt reported that the screening committee unanimously voted to recommend Annise Parker for the Mayoral race. Pat Gandy moved that we accept the screening committee’s recommendation, Dalton Dehart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Annise Parker was endorsed as the HASD candidate for Houston Mayor.

Other candidates running for other offices that were present were recognized and given a brief moment to address the audience.

Maria Gonzalez moved for adjournment, Pat Gandy seconded, and the motion was carried.

The next general HASD meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry D. Ponder – HASD Secretary