



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, June 25th, 2018

Location: West Hollywood Park Community Meeting Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Aponte at 7:00 P.M.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A written agenda was presented and approved.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the last General Membership meeting held on May 21th, 2018 was presented and approved.
- IV. CLOSED MEETING SESSION (members only):
 - A. Investigation Committee report and resulting motions regarding Male At-Large Steering Committee Member Craig Scott.
 - B. Mark Gonzalez and Laurence Zakson have assumed the respective roles of Presiding Officer and Parliamentarian.
 - C. Committee Report:
 1. The motion has been handed out.
 2. Craig Scott was notified by Email and registered mail about this meeting. Mr. Scott confirmed that he deleted his posting, and defended his reason for posting. The committee corresponded with Mr. Scott and several witness and reviewed the available evidence.
 - D. Committee's Recommendation:
 1. The Committee holds membership is a privilege and responsibility. The Committee finds that the post was violent in nature and Mr. Scott's comments could clearly be interpreted as misogynistic in nature. The committee affirmed that the reposting of a misogynistic video crossed an important line in reinforcing and normalizing violence against women.
 2. The Committee recommends as its formal position that Mr. Scott be removed from his Male At-large position on the Steering Committee, but not as a member of the club.
 3. The committee also recommends that the Steering Committee should draft clear behavior and communication practices that must be followed by all Steering members.
 4. Recommend that the bylaws be updated to reflect these recommendations.
 5. Committee recommends that any Steering appointees or nominees have their social media posting reviewed to some degree.
 6. The committee recommends that Steering establish a new means for reviewing and removing Steering members.
 - E. Committees' motion to remove Craig Scott goes forwarded. Seconded.
 1. Member Craig Scott has 10 minutes to present his defense. Craig Scott is not present, however members have volunteered to speak on his behalf.
 2. Members speaking on his behalf: Lauren Buisson, Robert Leahy, Sean Kolodji Barbara steelman
 - F. Committees Response to Craig Scott's defense
 1. The committee made every effort to reach out and communicate with Mr.Scott, who was very responsive and communicative. The committee asserts that it did its due diligence.
 2. The vote was unanimous, referring to whether the video was violent. The committee found that this was not a unique situation, and there should be a solution to address similar issues in the future.
 - G. Relevant Committee questions
 1. Recommendation was based on more than the posting?
 2. The vote was that the video was violent.
 3. Any other factors were listed in the findings
 4. Motion recommendation was unanimous.
 - H. Motion to extend debate.

1. Seconded and passed with majority vote.
 - I. Motion to extend debate.
 1. Seconded and failed without a majority vote.
 - J. Point of order: by Robert Leahy
 1. Going into closed session requires separate majority vote of membership.
 2. Parliamentarian recommends that membership approval of agenda in which the closed session was organized to immediately commence is sufficient.
 - a) President concurs and rules as such.
 - K. Point of order:
 1. Is a Quorum of 25% required to remove an officer?
 2. Male At-Large is not listed as an officer in the Stonewall bylaws. A quorum of 25% is not required here.
 - L. Credentialing Report: 64 voting members.
 1. Motion to support credential report 64 voting members.
 2. Motion amend to 67 seconded and passed
 - M. Membership vote to adopt Committees' recommendation to remove Craig Scott from at large position.
 1. Seconded.
 2. Motion for secret ballot.
 3. Motion for division of the question, motion to divide all three motion recommendations of the committee
 - a) Request withdrawn by member; as this does not yet apply to this specific motion at hand.
 4. 62 ballots cast. 32 Yes votes are needed. Yes received 48 and No received 14. The motion passes.
 - N. Motion to open meeting and end closed meeting. Seconded.
 1. Passed with majority vote.
- V. POLITICAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jane Wishon
- A. Rescinding the endorsement of Congress Tony Cardenas.
 1. Lester had ruled Sufficient notice of meeting for rescinding during previous membership meeting.
 2. Lester withdraws that ruling. Proper Notice has been given for this meeting.
 3. Motion to rescind congressman Tony Cardenas endorsement.
 - a) Seconded.
 - b) Debate with 3 for and 3 against.
 - c) Motion to end debate.
 - (1) Seconded and passed.
 - d) Motion to rescind endorsement fails, with 23 yes and 21 nays. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote threshold was required
 - B. Resolution on Family Separation
 1. Several members have drafted a resolution highlighting the egregious violations of human rights occurring because of the Trump administration's family separation policy.
 2. Motion to adopt resolution.
 - a) Seconded and approved by acclamation.
 - C. Election Update
 1. LACDP is organizing a rally because AG Jeff Sessions will be in Los Angeles. The event is at the federal courthouse downtown at 8 a.m.
 - D. Legislative Committee Report
 1. Stonewall is currently supporting 10 bills that are making their way through the state legislature:
 - a) "They have killed one bill that we were against and a different bill we support was signed by the governor."
 - E. Appointments Committee Report
 1. The deadline for leadership application has been extended to July 15th. Please apply! If you know anyone who would be interested in this, please ask them to apply.
 - F. Westside Democratic HQ phone bank



1. Every Wednesday we will be doing a phone bank at the Westside HQ. It focuses on retaking the house.

VI. COMMUNITY VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Amanda Smash Hyde

A. 2018 Annual BBQ

1. Currently set for August 18th. Planning has begun for the event; it will be in the same location as last year. Please bring any suggestions or comments to Amanda.

B. Pride Committee Report

1. Pride committee planned to be at every pride in LA county. Long Beach, Venice, and LA and Trans pride. Valley Pride is this weekend and so is Downtown. SFVYD is joining with Stonewall to host a table during Valley Pride.
2. The numbers: registered over 50 voters. Added over 1,300 people to our mailing list.

VII. CONTROLLER'S REPORT - Reuben Zadeh

- A. We have had some significant Pride expenses. Finances are stable, but we need to replenish funds with the BBQ.
- B. We have around \$15,000 in our state fund and \$7,900 in federal fund. It is going to be a great year.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. North Valley Dem Club is having a BBQ to raise money to support families who have been separated as a result of recent Trump policy and ICE action. It is occurring in the afternoon several hours before Valley Pride
- B. If you go to the downtown march this Saturday please wear white show solidarity.
- C. Miracle mile summer mixer for RAICES. Tentatively set for July 12th. Please come out and help raise money.
- D. Barb Steelman and Sean kolodji will post the announcements online shortly

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M. in memory of John Mack and RFK and Gilbert Baker.

Minutes by Samuel Frank

Our next Steering Committee is Monday, July 23th at WeHo Library Community Room at 7 P.M.