

# April Minutes

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## Indiana Stonewall Democrats

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M., roll call follows (**BOLD indicates attendance**)
  - **Dana Black**, President
  - **Rick Sutton**, Vice-President (Present via teleconference)
  - **Nickolas Dunlap**, Secretary
  - **Russ Sipes**, Treasurer
  - **Zach Adamson**, (CD-7)
  - **Dr. Robert Dion**, (CD-8, Present via teleconference)
  - **Katie Doyle**, (CD-5, Present via teleconference)
  - **Chris Fitzgerald**, (CD-9, Present via teleconference)
  - **Bruce A. Hayes**, (CD-3, Present via teleconference)
  - **E. Thomasina Marsili**, (CD-8)  
Christian Mosburg, (CD-7)
  - **Chris Roman**, (CD-7, Present via teleconference)  
Katie Sweeney-Bell, (CD-7)
- March minutes submitted by **Nick Dunlap. Adamson** moved, **Thomasina** seconded approval of minutes. **Passed 10 Yeas, 1 Abstention. Minutes have been approved.**
  - **Explanation of Abstention:** The minutes refer that we have a process for the endorsement. I know that the process is documented in the minutes, and that's fine, but it should be documented somewhere else. I know that we have things on the website and we've talked about who's going to call and when, and we don't have any of that captured anywhere. It should be a separate documented process.
    - President asks Political Action Committee to create a document laying out the processes.
    - It is noted by Thomasina that candidates that apply for endorsement is told of the process.
  - **Katie Doyle** motions for the addendum to be added to the minutes, and that a document is to be created laying out the process. **President** seconds. **Passed Unanimously.**
- Treasurer's Report: Submitted by **Sipes, Adamson** moved. **Thomasina** seconded, approval of Treas. Report. **Passed Unanimously.**
- Central Committee Report: Nothing to report.
- Fundraising Report: **Russ** reports, we discussed a fundraising email in regards to the Saturday rally. We have been talking about doing a mixer

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before the end of April. We may not get that, but we have to get an event in the books.

- Membership: **Katie** reports, Towards the end of the year, we had new members sign up, really slow throughout the year. Starting on updating the Excel sheet, can start putting their renewal and payed dates. Post-Rally mat be best for Nick and I to work together.
- Political Action Committee report, emailed chair of the PAC, **Rick Sutton**, to the **President**: “The Stonewall Political Action Committee has received 4 endorsement requests. We asked for submissions, once those were received we distributed those forms to community members who conducted individual interviews with supplemental questions. These interviews were accepted, and these are the actions recommended by the team so far:
  - Candidate Nancy Hoover, Columbus City Council Candidate for District 3, withdrew for personal reasons. **Endorsement form: Withdrawn**
  - Candidate John Hamilton, Mayor of Bloomington, candidate form received. **Candidate recommended for endorsement.**
  - Candidate Alex Giorgio-Rubin, South Bend City Council At-Large, candidate form received. **Candidate recommended for endorsement.**
  - Candidate Kristin Jones, Indianapolis City-County Council D-16, candidate form received. **Candidate recommended for endorsement.**
  - In the above group, we have 1 gay candidate and 2 strong allies. We will endorse
- **Russ** motions for endorsement of all 3 candidates, **Sutton** seconded, **Passed Unanimously.**
- **Russ** motions for the endorsement of ISD Board Members **Zach Adamson and Nickolas Dunlap** for their respective races, per the recommendation of the PAC Chair, **Thomasina** seconds. **9 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions from Adamson and Dunlap.**
- PAC is to draft the endorsement letter, once completed will be shared on social media sites. To be forwarded to the Communications Team.
- Comms/Social Media: Thanks to **Chris Roman** on the graphics, the visuals, and the stories that fit our page. Outside of the Rally, the three of us have been tasked with looking at the website. Pleased with the work the three of us are doing, our visibility has gone up twofold.
- Legislative Update: None to report.

- Old Business
  - Stonewall's 50th Anniversary:
    - **R. Dion:** High hopes for an event to be held on U of Evansville's campus in April before school was out, but we're down to the last three weeks of school, it's not gonna happen. The Evansville Museum will put something on in June, and the Indivisible chapter in Evansville will put on a panel that I'll serve on in June to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.
    - **R. Sutton:** Still no conformation from the Buttigieg, if we don't hear them next week, I vote we move on. Would be good to have an event during YDA Convention.
  - April 13th Rally
    - As of right now, we have confirmed Sen. JD Ford, Rep. Karlee Macer, Michael Swinford, and a PFLAG mom with a Trans child. Still looking for volunteers.
  - **Chris Fitzgerald** talked about how wonderful the Flark County Stonewall Democrats Scholarship Brunch, on the 7th of April, went off. Was able to give out \$500 scholarships to the two seniors. One from Floyd County, and one from Clark County. Dana and Sen. JD Ford spoke to the attendees. Thanks go out to fellow board member **Nickolas Dunlap** for coming down for the event.
- New Business
  - Bloomington (South Central Indiana Stonewall) is launching their Stonewall. Their kickoff is on June 15th (A location was not given in Bloomington), Sen JD Ford, Monroe County Chair, and Stonewall President Dana Black will be in attendance. Such as Flark County Stonewall, they are autonomous from the Indiana Stonewall Democrats. It hasn't been fully decided yet, but they're covering Monroe, Owen, Clay, all the way over to Bartholomew and possibly Brown Counties.
  - **Bruce:** Update on the Allen County Stonewall Democrats Organization. We will be putting forward to the Board of Directors that we should close and disband the PAC. Still do not have anyone stepping forward as President, it is distracting as of right now, and will be discussing plans.
  - **Zach:** Hoosier Hospitality Dinner, discussing having a table or more there at the dinner. Starting discussions on how many tables will be purchased for the event.

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- There being no further business, **Sipes** motioned to adjourned, **Doyle** seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted;

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NICKOLAS DUNLAP, Secretary  
Indiana Stonewall Democrats Executive Committee

