

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

February Minutes Indiana Stonewall Democrats

Meeting begins 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Chris R, Christian, Thomasina, Rick, Russ, Dana, Katie, Belinda, Nick present.

On phone: Robert.

Motion to approve minutes

Russ: moved Rick: second VOTE: 9 yea

Motion passed on January minutes.

MOTION: Russ motions for Belinda to resign.

- Katie seconds
- “Zach and I are very conflicted, because it is a strategic point.” - Christian
- “I feel like we must support slated candidates... The agenda is how we’re going to strategize for and do the things we need to do to raise money for and awareness for our candidates. And I wish we weren’t where we are, but we are... And in the absence of a declaration that Belinda is going to run as an independent, this is a moot point. But that’s out there, it’s public, it is what it is. I hate it, but I don’t think we have much of a choice.” - Rick
- “Can we all agree that Belinda is a good Democrat and has been for a long time and is not leaving the party even if she is running as an Independent?” - Robert
- “I am a Democrat running as an Independent” - Belinda
- “I’m with Christian, I have conflicted feelings about this. I don’t like to push anybody out, but on the other hand we are a Democratic Party organization, full stop.” - Robert
- Rick - “And again, for me, we will be supporting that Democratic slate. Having someone in our strategic meetings about how we support our Democratic candidates that are a part of that slate, and that is problematic.”
- **Vote:** 1 Nay, 2 Abstain, 7 Yea. The motion passes.
- “When this is all said and done, if you feel like this is a home for you and you want to come back and work with Democrats and work with our LGBTQ+ Community, there’s a place for you here. But at this point, as the declaration has been made, we wish you the best. But we are a Democratic organization.” - Dana

Belinda – are you asking me to resign or voting me off

Dana - discussion

Rick asks that she decide by end of business tomorrow

Belinda agrees to send email by EOB tomorrow

Belinda leaves at 6:16pm

Russ – makes a **motion** that if we don’t hear from Belinda by COB Feb. 14, Belinda be removed

Christian – second

Russ- amends motion to have Dana send email to her to let her know that she will be removed if she did not resign by COB Feb. 14

- **MOTION:** Russ: “If after close of business tomorrow, the 14th, we do not hear from Belinda on her resignation, effective the following day, Friday the 15th, Belinda be removed from the board as a member to pursue her candidacy.”

- Christian seconds

DISCUSSION

Chris: can we make sure she is notified of this

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Russ: amends motion to add “The President will communicate this information tonight.”

Vote on Amendment: Christian **second:** All in favor: **9 Yea**

Russ Motion: Rick second

Vote: 9 Yea, all in favor of motion

- Russ, “The Board voted to contribute to Belinda’s campaign to pay for her fee to participate in the County Pre-Primary Convention, we gave her \$900, she did not give that to the Party, she did not participate.”

- **MOTION:** Russ: “I move that we request to pay that back.”

Christian – second

All in Favor

Ayes have it

Robert – SCC report, rules committee met and discussed language for

Dana – discuss subcommittees and assignments

-Political Action Cmte

-Rick (chair)

-Christian

-Thomasina

-Robert

- Fundraising

-Russ (chair)

-Rick

- Dana
- Katie
- Memberships
 - Katie (chair)
- Communications / social media
 - Chris
 - Nick
 - Dana (chair)

Chris Fitzgerald, Zach Adamson, Bruce and KSB are not in attendance – Dana will send them an email to ask what they want to be on.

Dana – I would like every committee to meet a number of times (they decide) before the ISD board meeting.

Dana – communications will meet one a week.
Russ – will send out email as to when cmte will meet
Katie – meets with Katie
Rick – will send out email to

Dana – we will send out email asking for nominations to replace secretary vacancies with deadline to vote on new secretary for the next meeting

Discussion of endorsement process and voting record

Rick – all endorsements must have voting record attached
Katie – this should not include democratic incumbents
Dana- we will not make a motion, Rick will work on the endorsement form with the PAC and come back with edits to the questionnaire.

Hate Crimes Leg update

Rick – someday next week Pres. Of cmte will bring it up. The R senate doesn't want it unless the "T" is taken out. Other side is holding the line on wanting "T" in the legislation. Best thing we should do is standby, might be better to have nothing than have a "Christmas tree" bill.

Stonewall 50th anniversary

Robert – in his head – he would like to do something for the 50th and has some funds. He would like to invite panel of speakers or speaker to come and talk about the future of the LGBTQ community. Also good opportunity to have a fundraiser or an event before hand. **Thinking April**

Dana – maybe Trinity Haven board

Rick – need to raise 10-20k. Mayor Pete will check calendar and get a date for maybe June or July.

Christian – Would love to get more of the T’s involved in this.

Dana – will reach out some current T electeds

FOR MARCH

Dana – committees be prepared to bring
EVERYONE bring 1-2 ideas how we can

Motion to adjourn Dana

Second Christian

All those in favor