

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2012

1. Plans were made for the annual membership meeting of the Barbara Gittings Delaware Stonewall Democrats (“BGDSD”), which has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Dover Century Club in Dover, Delaware, starting at 1:00 p.m. The primary item on the agenda for that meeting will be the election of officers for new two-year terms, which will expire in January 2015. At the October 13th Board and membership meetings, a Nominating Committee was created to put together a slate of candidates for ten officer positions on the Board. Under the terms of the organization’s by-laws, the Nominating Committee will be headed by past president Mitch Crane. Current president Norm Spector appointed current Board members Dan Cole and Larry Peterson to two of the positions on the Nominating Committee. BGDSD members present at the membership meeting elected Rich Young and George Everett, neither of whom are members of the Board, to fill the two remaining positions on the Nominating Committee. Also in preparation for the upcoming annual membership meeting, Mitch Crane was selected to review the organization’s by-laws with a view toward presenting possible by-law amendments for consideration at the annual meeting. The Board also considered who to invite as BGDSD’s guest speaker at the event.
2. The Board received the Treasurer’s Report showing that, as of October 12, 2012, BGDSD had \$1694.31 in its bank account and \$2275.60 in the separate PAC account. The Treasurer reported that, as of that same date, the BGDSD’s separate and independent PAC had distributed in 2012 a total of \$9350.00 to the campaigns of sixteen Democratic candidates endorsed by BGDSD.
3. The VP for Political Action reported that BGDSD members in Sussex County had endorsed three Democratic candidates running for county-level positions, County Council candidates Joan Deaver and Gary Wolfe and openly-gay County Clerk of the Peace candidate John Brady.
4. President Norm Spector reported on his participation in a meeting on transgender issues that was sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C. Norm also reported on his meetings with Mark Purpura, president of the Equality Delaware Foundation, and Governor Jack

Markell concerning plans to introduce legislation in the 2013 General Assembly session that would extend the existing protections under Delaware law against discrimination in such areas as housing and employment to transgendered persons.

5. The Board scheduled its next meeting for Saturday, November 16th , at the home of Norm Spector and George Everett, 444 Willowood Drive, Smyrna, Delaware. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.