

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, July 24, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Note: A majority of the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and of one or more Board committees, are members of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC). The law is not clear as to whether the open meeting requirements of state and local law apply to SFDCCC meetings attended by these Board members. Out of abundance of caution, the Board members and the SFDCCC have agreed to comply with these open meeting laws.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:03 pm

Present:

Members: Kat Anderson, Malia Cohen (7:18 p.m.), Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty (7:16 p.m.), Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh (7:11 p.m.), Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Megan Levitan (7:25 p.m.), Rafael Mandelman, Leah Pimentel (7:09 p.m.), Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener

Ex Officio Members: Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong)

Absent excused: David Chiu, Petra DeJesus (proxy Leah Pimentel), Leslie Katz, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, State Senator Mark Leno

Absent: John Avalos, David Campos, Eric Mar, U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Attorney General Kamala Harris, State Senator Leland Yee, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Weiner/Kelly)

Agenda approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Weiner/Assemblymember Ting proxy (Wong))

Minutes of June 26, 2013 approved by acclamation.

4. Public Comment 7:06 pm

John Hayes: Distributed his comments about City College. Encouraged DCCC to take action to support City College. It faces closure July 2014. Focus attention on the

accreditation commission. It exceeds its authority. Adult enrichment and ESL classes are threatened.

Jonathan Lyens: FDR Democratic Club. Great turnout at Sunday Streets. Notice that the City has proposed changes regarding disability placards. There will be a Disability Parking Forum on July 31 at 6 pm at 1390 Mission Street. This affects 60,000 San Franciscans.

Susan Pfeifer: Organizing for Action is now a 501(c)(4). She just came from DC where the issue of Obamacare and Covered California came up. The 3 states leading on this: CA, TX and FL. CA is going to make a huge difference. Talk it up. Go to www.coveredca.com. She will work on forum and events. This will be positive for all of us.

Kat Anderson: Spoke to honor all the DCCC members on our one-year anniversary of serving together.

Public comment closed at 7:15 pm.

5. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Jung) – Jung provided a report regarding Slate Card committee. The RFP went out after the last meeting. She has not yet seen any come in via email. Deadline is August 8.
- b) **Endorsements** (Rosenthal) – Meeting is August 10 from 9 am to noon. Will be at the LGBT Center. Please be on time. Questionnaires will be quite similar to last year's. Vote will be the following Wednesday, August 14. D4 race, Assessor-Recorder, Treasurer, City Attorney (all unopposed on this date). D4 race has one challenger. Health care reform, prescription drugs, 8 Washington project are the measures.
- c) **Voter Registration** (McNeil) – No report.
- d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel) – She is working with the treasurer will hold a club treasurer training. Date to be determined.
- e) **Communications** (Dorsey) – Proposed procedures are posted on the website. Kudos to Smith, Jung, Hsieh and Kelly for their assistance.
- f) **Finance** (Dunning) – We will have an event on December 1 at Jane Morrison's house. She will reach out to volunteers. Please save the date. We are looking to do an event in October and are looking for a special guest speaker. Asked members for assistance on guest speaker.

Dunning attended the Executive Board (EBoard) meeting in Costa Mesa. She is on the CDP Finance Committee. The party bought an 11,000 sq. ft. building near the state capitol. Will be ready some time next year.

- g) **Treasurer** (Hsieh) – The October event will be smaller than our spring event. Looking to raise 50k to 60k. Jane Morrison's event is a grass-roots fundraiser.

We have about 7 months left of expenditures.

The smaller events will help keep our general operations healthy.

Went over P&L and balance sheet for period ended June 30, 2013.
Expenses are in payroll (ED), accounting services, legal consulting, etc.

Rent is donated in-kind.

- h) **Executive Director** (Medina) – Voter registration was about 700 this month. Hosted a series of phone banks for the SD16 Leticia Perez campaign. Made over 6,000 calls. Leticia did concede today. One volunteer made 400 calls in a week and got to march with Nancy Pelosi in Pride Parade. There will be a party at the Hatchery with the waffle man, TBD. She will submit a proposal with a budget to the Chair.

6. CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

There was a training for County chairs, attended by Matthew Rothschild in Jung's absence. There was training for Regional Directors. Rules Committees must change rules to coincide with the open primary, which she believes is "evil" because it can tear the Democratic party asunder.

There will be no proxies at all at the pre-Primary meetings. She will get information to all the members to make sense of all this.

AD 17 and AD 19 members are part of several committees. Kelly listed the names of those involved.

The Rules Committee voted that no Republican would be backed and will not back a non-Democrat even if the person does not want to declare a party. All endorsed unanimously.

The Legislative Committee supported SB 500 and HB 1029 and supported Act 2013 Peace Building.

Resolution written by Thea Selby – backed by Region 6 in pre-Eboard meeting. She presented it and it was unanimously accepted. About student loans, "Resolution to Oppose Skyrocketing Student Debt and Preferential Treatment of Corporations."

Also had a resolution against the Supreme Court decision gutting the Voting Rights Act.

Resolution re: Southern hotels.

Resolution against the Zimmerman ruling.

Eboard was at a union hotel. There may be a lawsuit. Alarm went off and there was no plan to get anyone out of the building; no one to help seniors or disabled people out of their rooms.

In future, hotels' plans will be checked for that before being reserved.

7. New Business

Mandelman thanked John Hayes for his statement on CCSF. He sits on the College Board. He shares all of Mr. Hayes' concerns. We may not have a City College in SF next year, or one which is dramatically different. He thanks our elected officials who have showed up in support, such as Supervisor Scott Wiener. He will approach the DCCC next month with a resolution in support of City College.

Donna Hayes from floor spoke about Milton Marks who served as a trustee and was a champion of the College. She has been a counselor at CCSF for 23 years. This is not a democratic process. City Attorney should be consulted about rights being taken away, and regulations being changed just to target CCSF.

Kelly pointed out that the College trustees were duly elected and the voters supported a parcel tax to support the College. Now with what is happening, she feels that those votes did not count. She wants to know if a lawsuit is feasible.

Bill Fazio spoke in support of the College.

Malia Cohen announced that the GAO committee tomorrow at 10 am will hear an item on City College. Committee room.

Susan Pfeifer spoke from the floor about people telling their success stories about CCSF. Write that story and send to whomever. A hand-written personal letter has more impact than anything else.

8. Adjournment

M/S/C (Jung/Dufty)

Adjourned at 7:50 pm in memory of Martin Eber, a long-time Democrat, past treasurer of CDP.

*Respectfully submitted by Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary
Democratic County Central Committee*

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