



DEMOCRATS ABROAD

Guatemala

Minutes of Democrats Abroad Guatemala

ExCom Meeting July 27, 2018

El Sitio, Antigua, Guatemala and by Skype

Members in Attendance: John Chudy, Chair; Tom Totino, Treasurer; Lyn Totino, Secretary; Kee Kalwara, Events Coordinator; Dave Evans, Member at Large and by Skype; Traci Styner, Annie Vanderboom and Rachael Shenyo

Call to Order: 12:03pm

Agenda: The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that our net worth stands at negative Q290. This is his first report after all July 4th Sundowner costs have been accounted for. While we have Q795 in cash we owe Q1,085 (Q575 to Rachael and Q 510 to John for printer cartridges). We spent Q2,565 more on the Sundowner than we took in. We continue to make a few hundred Quetzales for each movie we show. The report was accepted unanimously. (copy of full report is attached)

Events:

Sundowner: We held our Fourth of July sundowner at Casa Convento Concepción (CCC). We had about 50 attendees which was slightly less than last year. We ran out of wine but had lots of beer and soft drinks left over. The popcorn was popular but fewer people than last year ate the tostadas, probably because of where the tostada table was located--too far away from the action. The crowd thinned out early but the people who stayed enjoyed the fireworks. John signed up 4 new members and helped 2 people fill out their FPCAs. The leftover food and soft drinks were donated to the family of a CCC guard (Florentin) who have lived in a shelter since the eruption of Fuego. We decided to seriously reconsider a sundowner for next year since we have lost so much money on our previous celebrations.

Films: Because the planned film *This Changes Everything* was not available we showed *Game Change* on July 19. We had 13 attendees. Twelve stayed for the movie at Dave and Kee's place. The new bulb worked perfectly. The food was delicious and the movie was enjoyed by all. It was surprisingly relevant even now. We won't be showing a film in August as so many people will be out of town. We will be showing *This Changes Everything* (if it's available) on Wednesday, September 12. Kee presented a list of possible movies for the future: *RBG*, *The Wizard of Lies*, *The Post*, *Thirteenth*, (about the thirteenth amendment) and *Midnight Clear* which we would like to show in December.

Fundraisers:

'Lo siento' caps: We have 10 caps left. We will continue to sell them at our events. Traci will take some caps to San Diego to sell. David Dean hopes to sell some as well during an upcoming trip to California.

Potluck: Len Clark is willing to host a potluck/raffle at his place. He will donate a piece of artwork to be raffled. He asks DAGT to pay Q125 to each of 3 of his workers--bartender, dishwasher, server. The ExCom agreed. He will provide some drinks but members are asked to bring some drinks with them. Someone will ask Letty if she will donate some artwork from her final sale. The Len Clark Potluck will take

place on the afternoon of October 27th. Kee will organize a spreadsheet for members to sign up for potluck dishes.

Voter Registration Events:

Traci held an event at the lake where 5 people completed their FPCAs and she sold 2 caps.

Kee said she would be willing to hold a VTR event at the international schools in Antigua. (Update: information was left with American teachers at the Green School on July 27th. Only the Antigua International School needs to be contacted).

John asked Annie to reach out to voters at the Londoners pub in Antigua before she leaves Antigua in early September.

DAGT will hold a VTR event at Enlaces in Antigua on August 25, Kee will be present, and hopes someone will come in to help. DAGT will hold a VTR September 22nd at Enlaces. Maybe Lyn and Tom will staff that one. One cannot stress enough the importance of registering voters for the upcoming elections.

Someone will reach out to Hyung for help in organizing voters at schools in Guatemala City.

Hopefully someone will hold an event in San Juan or San Marcos.

John reminds members that they should receive ballots by September 22. Members should submit ballots by fax or email where possible (25 states allow one of these options). Otherwise members must get their ballots to the U.S. Embassy for mailing via diplomatic pouch (but must be in postage paid envelopes), or mailed via DHL or FedEx at personal expense, or hand-carried to the U.S.

There was a lengthy discussion and suggestions about how to get ballots delivered especially in countries with spotty or no mail service such as Guatemala.

Phone Banking: John encourages members to sign up to make calls on CallHub. It is easy to use and it is the best way to contact all of our 477 members and get them registered to vote. During August 15 and the end of September (maybe through October) we will be able to contact members of DAGT instead of the global call system. John has prepared a script to use for the calls. We all have to do this. (Update-since the meeting we have learned that the DAGT country campaign will run only through August 31).

Other Issues:

We still need to replace our Media Contact, Mary Reynolds, who departed Guatemala on June 9th. Letty, our Counsel, will be leaving Guatemala in late August and she will also need to be replaced.

The DA Nicaragua chair, Pat Werner will be in Antigua August 5 and 6. John will organize something at his house so that we all get to meet this interesting person.

Next Meeting: October 3 via Skype at 2pm DC time--12 noon Guatemala time.

Travel Notes: Dave and Kee will be gone from July 31 to August 15. Mary Lou will be in and out. John will be away from August 10 to October 10. Tom and Lyn will be gone from August 11 to September 1. Traci will be gone from October 2 to 9. Annie will be gone from September 5 to 28. Dave will be gone from September 19 to October 23. Dave will probably be in jail after protesting Trump's Veterans Day military parade along with other true patriots. We support Dave!

Adjourned: 1:28pm

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Income and Spending per Event

3/1/2018 through 2/28/2019

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Subcategory	Annual Mtg	Calendar	Hats	July 4th	Movie	Voter Regist.	Blank Events	Total
<u>Income Categories</u>								
Feed the Donkey	Q211.00			Q142.50	Q1,106.60	Q60.00		Q1,520.10
Sales		Q350.00	Q1,015.00	Q1,100.00				Q2,465.00
Total Income Categories	Q211.00	Q350.00	Q1,015.00	Q1,242.50	Q1,106.60	Q60.00		Q3,985.10
<u>Expense Categories</u>								
Space rental	Q336.00			Q700.00	Q100.00	Q957.00		Q2,093.00
Fireworks				Q1,280.00				Q1,280.00
Equipment					Q1,240.00			Q1,240.00
Food	Q60.00			Q1,135.00				Q1,195.00
Goods for Resale			Q526.00					Q526.00
Miscellaneous : Supplies							Q510.00	Q510.00
Labor				Q200.00				Q200.00
Equip rental				Q192.50				Q192.50
Advertizing				Q300.00		Q3,050.00		Q3,350.00
Total Expense Categories	Q396.00		Q526.00	Q3,807.50	Q1,340.00	Q4,007.00	Q510.00	Q10,586.50
Grand Total	(Q185.00)	Q350.00	Q489.00	(Q2,565.00)	(Q233.40)	(Q3,947.00)	(Q510.00)	(Q6,601.40)

Net Worth

Account	Total
<u>Assets</u>	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Accounts Receivable	Q0.00
Petty Cash	Q795.00
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	Q795.00
Total Assets	Q795.00
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Other Liabilities	
Pending payments	Q1,085.00
Total Other Liabilities	Q1,085.00
Total Liabilities	Q1,085.00
Net Worth	(Q290.00)

JC 510 - 300 paid on July 26
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