

GAYVOTE

THE HARVEY MILK LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

General Membership Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2012

7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: San Francisco Women's Building

- 1) General Membership (GM) Meeting was called to order by President Anna Conda at 7:15pm
- 2) Announcements
 - I. Official PAC recommendations are available at table. Please ignore falsified statement using the Harvey Milk Democratic Club name.
 - II. Jane Martin representing POWER made a brief presentation on free MUNI for San Francisco youth. Both the Board of Supervisors and SF Unified School District have endorsed free MUNI for youth. Identified funding source from Supervisor Campos; SFMTA is deciding whether to adopt the policy. Requesting in name support for free MUNI for youth from HMDC.
Motion for HMDC to support free MUNI for youth was passed unanimously.
 - III. On April 5th, HMDC will attend City College Queer Rec Center to do DCCC slate outreach. Bringing literature and leading a brief discussion. Will be led by President Anna Conda, a student at CCSF.

Jamie Rafaela Wolf, representing TransMarch, announced a fundraiser on April 17th at 6:00pm at Buck Tavern. Requested co-sponsorship (in name) of the event. Last year, the Trans March provided a trolley for those unable to walk. This year, they would like to provide two trolleys.

Motion for HMDC to co-sponsor (in name) the Trans March fundraiser on April 17th was passed unanimously.
 - IV. Laura Thomas announced that the federal government step off medical marijuana prosecution in support of Tom Ammiano's cannabis bill. There will be a rally on April 25th at 7:00pm in the basement of the state building in Sacramento.

Gabriel Halland announced that on April 11th there will be a community briefing about as-needed workers who work for the City and County of San Francisco. As-needed workers need raises and union membership. Request for HMDC to support as-needed workers.

Motion for HMDC to support as-needed CCSF workers at the April 11th meeting passed unanimously.

- V. Maxine Doogan announced that on April 14th at 9:00pm, the Hookers Ball will take place at Thee Parkside. HMDC is a named sponsor of this event. Maxine also thanked Kim-Shree Maufas for generally being awesome.
- VI. Sue Englander reminded the membership about the Howard Grayons LGBT Elder Life Conference on March 24th at 30th & Dolores Senior Center. Volunteers still needed.
- VII. Tom Temprano and Anna Conda met with Alice B. Toklas. HMDC will co-host forums (topics TBD) in the Fall with Alice B. Tokals. More details to come.

3) Committee Reports

I. Political Action Committee (PAC) Report

- a. Recommendation from Johnny for the HMDC to sign their name to a letter in support of the actors who are suing against the merger of SAG and AFTER.

Sue Englander moved that the HMDC add its name to the letter in support of the actors suing against the merger of SAG and AFTER. Maxine Doogan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. John Caldera requested that HMDC support the creation of LGBT Veterans' Memorial in the Castro at Collingwood and Market. *Maxine Doogan moved to support John Caldera's request. Tom Temprano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

II. By-Laws Committee Report

- a. Membership was given a handout of recommended changes to the by-laws.
- b. Article IV, Section A
 - 1. Clarifies eligibility to vote at General Membership meetings.
 - 2. Friendly amendment was presented by Dominique Paris.
 - 3. Proposed amendments (Bard amendment and Paris amendment) were tabled for Executive Board meeting discussion.
- c. Article III, Section B
 - 1. Passed unanimously.
- d. Article IV, Section A
 - 1. Passed unanimously

- e. Article VI, Section E
 - 1. Passed unanimously
- f. Article VIII, Section B
 - 1. Tabled for next Executive Board meeting discussion.

III. Dinner Committee Report

- a. Date, time and location have been confirmed. Monday, May 21st at 7:00pm at Beatbox. 7-10pm is the awards ceremony. 10-late will be Harvey Milk's birthday party.
- b. Awardees have been confirmed.

4) New Business

- I. Debra Cleaver was introduced as a potential new E-Board member.
- II. Laura Thomas was recommended to be added to the Executive Board as an at-large member.
Anna Conda moved to approve Laura Thomas as an at-large member of the HMDC Executive Board for 2012. Maxine Doogan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Meeting was adjourned by President Anna Conda at 8:10pm. Polls remained open til 9:00pm.

Appendix A

Final List of Endorsements
84 votes were cast.

Presidential Primary:

Barack Obama*

U.S. Senate Primary:

No Recommendation

12th District U.S. Rep. Primary:

Nancy Pelosi*

14th District U.S. Rep. Primary:

Jackie Speier*

11th District State Senate Primary:

Mark Leno*

19th District State Assembly Primary:

Phil Ting

17th Assembly District (up to 14):

John Avalos*

David Campos*

David Chiu*

Petra DeJesus*

Matt Dorsey*

Chris Gembinski

Gabriel Robert Haaland*

Rafael Mandelman*

Carole Migden*

Justin Morgan

Leah Pimentel*

Alix Amelia Rosenthal*

Jamie Rafaela Wolfe

19th Assembly District (up to 10):

Mike Alonso

Wendy Aragon

Kevin Bard

Chuck Chan

Kelly Dwyer

Hene Kelly*

Peter Lauterborn

Eric Mar*

Trevor McNeil

Arlo Hale Smith*

Statewide Initiatives:

Proposition 28: Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office

Reduces the total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years. Allows a person to serve a total of 12 years either in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of both.

YES

Proposition 29: Imposes Additional Tax on Cigarettes for Cancer Research

Imposes additional five-cent tax on each cigarette distributed (\$1.00 per pack), and an equivalent tax increase on other tobacco products, to fund cancer research and other specified purposes.

YES

Local Initiatives:

Measure A: Garbage Collection and Disposal

Requires competitive bidding for garbage collection contracts in an attempt to reduce rates and reach a zero waste goal for the City.

NO

Measure B: Coit Tower Policy

A declaration of policy to preserve Coit Tower and to limit commercial activity and private events on that property.

YES