

GAYVOTE

THE HARVEY MILK LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

General Membership Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 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 7:18pm
- 2) Meeting Minutes were approved.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - I. Dinner Report (Nate Albee)
 - a. Soiree, May 21st. Nightlife theme. Tickets can be purchased online. Arrive early for food.
 - b. David Campos is working on a proclamation and an apology from SFPD about the harassment of Jose Sarria.
 - II. Treasurer's Report (Max Siegel)
 - a. General Fund: \$4,000
 - b. TransMarch has asked for a contribution of \$100.
 - c. Max will follow-up with a full financial report after Pride.

Motion for club to support Trans March through a contribution of \$100. Passed unanimously.
 - III. PAC Report (Anna Conda)
 - a. Aaron Peskin presented at May PAC meeting and requested a letter of support regarding the historic preservation issues being debated before the Board of Supervisors. Anna Conda drafted a letter on behalf of the Club.
- 4) By-Laws
 - I. Endorsement methodology
 - a. Board supports score voting.

- b. The way it works: 0-5 score for each candidate. Votes are added up. Threshold is ballot total x (times) 5.
- c. Candidate with 50%+1 will be endorsed based on high scores. 60% threshold for ballot measures would stay the same.
- d. Vote will take place at next General Membership meeting.
- e. Sue will send out language in next e-mail blast.

5) New Business

- I. Presentation on teacher and nurses contracts from Ken Trey, United Educators in San Francisco, Katherine, California Faculty Association, Sasha Cutler, SEIU 1021
 - a. Action: Write letters to work out fair contract with Unified School District. School Board officials are elected and can be held accountable. Ricardo Coranza is the next Superintendent of SFUSD. SFUSD, 555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA
- II. Motion to prepare resolution in support of Ross Mirkarimi for June meeting was put up for discussion.
 - a. Amendment 1: subcommittee and Board members selected to draft the resolution. Amendment is accepted.
 - b. Amendment 2: Sue Englander chair subcommittee. May 22nd meeting to chair a meeting. Anyone could come. The rules of procedure would be that it would be a timed agenda and produce something to bring back to the Board. The resolution would be circulated and presented to General Membership. Subcommittee will produce a resolution.
Vote taken. Motion does not carry.
- III. Motion to vote at this General Membership meeting to support Ross Mirkarimi with a resolution from the Club written by a subcommittee, chaired by Sue Englander, comprised of both Board members and the General Membership.
Vote taken. Motion does not carry.
- IV. Motion on the floor to return to original motion.
 - a. Point of Order: Needs 60% vote to carry.
Vote taken. Motion does not carry.
 - b. In Favor: 14 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 9
- V. Motion for two separate resolutions 1) acknowledging domestic violence and more discussion on healing in our community 2) calling on the people who are unseating Ross.
Vote taken. Motion does not carry.
 - a. In Favor: 11 Abstention: 14
- VI. Gray Panthers presentation on post office closures.

6) Announcements

- I. Eric Mar, Tuesday May 29th at Plow & Stars on Clement Street.

- II. Following up on budget cuts and Alice Toklas
 - a. Tomorrow morning 10am HIV budget cuts at City Hall. Organized by Scott and Christina's offices. Put additional pressure on the Mayor. Prevent 20% cuts.
- III. Next month: Joint meeting with Alice. Nightlife forum. Concentrating on preservation of queer nightlife.
- IV. Thursday night at Blackthorne Tavern. Irving at 9th. N Judah. 7-10pm. There will be free food and raffles.

7) Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.