General Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women’s Building

3543 18th Street, 2nd Floor

I. General Membership Meeting was called to order by Board Co-President Laura Thomas at 7:10pm.

II. Welcome from Co-Presidents Laura Thomas and Peter Gallotta

   a. Introduced 2015 Executive Board elected at last month’s General Membership meeting

   b. Highlighted 2015 policy priorities: housing policy, CleanPowerSF, police reform, and increasing voter turnout and access

III. Update on City College of San Francisco (Rafael Mandelman)

   a. Explained parameters of City’s lawsuit victory against its accreditor

   b. CCSF still has to regain accreditation in the next two years, meaning that difficult road still ahead for the college.

IV. PAC Report (Adam Mehis)

   a. Main activity in last week’s PAC meeting was panel discussion on CleanPowerSF.

      i. PAC urged General Membership to pass resolution in support of CleanPowerSF.

By Unanimous Consent: General Membership voted to pass a resolution and send a letter to the PUC in support of setting not-to-exceed rates for CleanPowerSF immediately and establishing a launch date and/or period as soon as possible, and no later than September 30, 2015, and also encourage members to send individual letters of support to the PUC.
ii. Pre-drafted letters in support of CleanPowerSF passed out for members to sign.

V. Milk Club Happy Hour (Katy Birnbaum)
   a. Monthly happy hour to be held every last Wednesday of the month
   b. February’s happy hour: Feb. 25 (6:30-9:30pm) at Gangway in the Tenderloin

VI. Report-Back on Creating Change Conference (Laura Thomas, Roscoe Mapps)

VII. Update on Youth Leadership Development Program (Lee Hepner)
   a. Proposing to partner with Larkin Street Youth Services
   b. Recommendations from the General Membership on potential avenues for partnership: former youth commissioners, local Gay-Straight Alliance high school clubs

VIII. Report-Back on #TransLiberationTuesday Action (Laura Thomas)

IX. Continued Discussion of #BlackLivesMatter from January meeting
   a. Possible ideas for Milk Club’s continued engagement
      i. Raise money for the movement
      ii. Push legislation to enact SFPD transparency and accountability
      iii. Keep members updated on #BlackLivesMatter events to participate in
      iv. Support #BlackFriday14

X. New Business
   a. Alex Walker: Protest at St. Mary’s Cathedral tomorrow (Feb. 18) at 5:30pm in opposition to the Archbishop of SF’s push for morality clauses
   b. Peter Gallotta: Salsa Sundays fundraiser for St. James infirmary and TGI Justice Project at El Rio, Sunday, February 22 (3-8pm)

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.