



General Membership

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women's Building

3543 18th Street, 2nd Floor

- 1. The General Membership Meeting was called to order by Peter Gallotta (Co-President) at 7:19.**
- 2. Welcome by Peter Gallotta**
- 3. Post-election 2015 Panel: What's Next for Progressives? (Panelists: former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Kimberly Alvarenga of SEIU, and Cecilia Chung of the Transgender Law Center)**
- 4. Coalition on Homelessness Presentation: "Punishing the Poorest"**
 - a. The coalition's report looked at the prevalence of laws criminalizing homelessness and the experiences, both anecdotal and statistical, of homeless individuals' interactions with law enforcement and the criminal justice system in San Francisco.
 - b. More laws regarding public standing and sitting, sleeping, begging, and food-sharing have been passed in the last four years than during any other time in US history.
 - i. San Francisco has more anti-homeless laws than any other city in California (23 laws).
 - ii. SFPD issued over 22,000 citations between 2006 and 2013 for "quality of life crimes" of sleeping, sitting, and lying.
 - iii. 70% of "quality of life" citations in 2014 were targeted at homeless people.
 - c. A disproportionate number of homeless people in San Francisco are LGBT, especially trans women of color.
- 5. Mission Bay Alliance Presentation**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Nov. 21st – Defend the Earth Climate Mobilization
 - i. Gather at 10:30am at Lake Merritt Amphitheater; march at 12pm; rally at 1pm at Frank Ogawa Plaza
 - b. A motion to early endorse Sup. Jane Kim for State Senate

A motion was made by Adam Mehis for the Milk Club to hold a vote to early endorse Sup. Jane Kim for State Senate at the Club's holiday party on Dec. 16th. The motion was seconded by Jessica Andrepont. The motion was approved with 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

- c. Upcoming Club Events by Katy Birnbaum (VP Internal)
 - i. 11/25 – Milk Club Thanksgiving Feast at Sam Jordan in the Bayview
 - ii. 11/27 – Harvey Milk Vigil and March at Harvey Milk Plaza
 - iii. 12/9 – December PAC Meeting
 - iv. 12/16 – Milk Club Holiday Party at Galeria de la Raza
 - v. All events have been posted as Facebook events online

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.