June 16th (Virtual) General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:
The Milk Club's June General Meeting will focus on implementing much-needed police reform in SF, immediately. Our agenda includes:

1) Introduction and opening of the online vote for Kaylah Williams for Co-President. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
2) A discussion on the History of Juneteenth. (Kaylah Williams)
3) Moment of Silence for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. (Kaylah Williams)
4) Discussion and Q&A with District Attorney Chesa Boudin. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
5) Discussion and Q&A with Police Commissioner Petra DeJesus. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
6) Nomination of Raya Steier to E-Board for Events and Fundraising, Seat #1. (Kevin Bard, Raya Steier)
7) Updates from the Vice Presidents. (Edward Wright, Jackie Thornhill, Reid Coggins)
8) Online vote check in. (Kevin Bard, Reid Coggins)
9) New Business. (Membership)
10) Adjournment.
11) Vote count and announcement.

Minutes.

1. Nomination of Kaylah Williams as Copresident.
   a. The explanation of the voting procedure for the vote.
   b. The Google document was shared without much difficulty
   c. We’ll conduct out August endorsement votes in a similar manner

2. A Presentation of the history of Juneteenth by Kaylah Williams
   a. Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.
   b. Made effective 1 year later
   c. 13th amendment in 1865
   d. 3/5ths compromise
e. Texas was too remote to enforce the ban on slavery. For two whole years after the emancipation proclamation, people are still enslaved in Texas.

f. On June 19th of 1865, the union general Gordon Granger, federal order number 3 at Ashtonvilla in Galveston Texas; officially announcing that all slaves in Texas are now free.

g. Also referred to as Jubilation Day

h. The proclamation basically said that all slaves are now paid employees.

i. Huge excitement in the Galveston area in celebration of it.

j. In 1968, Juneteenth began to have a revival.

k. Rev Ralph Abernathy wanted a resurgence for the Poor people's campaign in DC

l. Milwakhee and Minneapolis have continuously had huge celebrations.

m. What can we do?

n. Spread awareness! Talk to the Karens we know.

3. A moment of silence.

4. Police Commissioner Petra Dejesus discusses current situation on police reform

a. Bias by proxy legislation

b. Body cameras don’t seem to be helping much

c. The two steps backward right now is fighting the police union

d. Unions are willing to jump on the police reform bandwagon.

e. We went 18 months without an officer shooting in SF

f. Black and brown people are still disproportionately being affected.

g. We need mental health trained professionals to be doing many of the jobs that police are doing

h. We don't need officers with guns at traffic stops

i. Taking money out of politics is important

j. Gloria Berry thinks the police commission has been a complete failure.

k. There used to be public comment period for the police commission

l. Police commission meetings no longer have open hearings.

m. It has to be done through the legislatures.

n. How do we change the officer bill of rights?

5. District Attorney Chesa Boudin.

What his office is doing

a. Organized a group of other elected DA’s to take a pledge to never accept contribution or endorsements from Police unions. Asked every one of the 58 counties in California and asked the American BAR to make that a rule.

b. Urged the SF BOS to sponsor a resolution to prohibit the hiring of police and sheriffs from other counties that have a criminal record or record of misconduct.

c. For any assaults involving officers, camera footage has to be shown first before prosecuting.
d. Reform the investigation bureau. Appointed a Bayview native to head this position.
e. Implemented a new policy to provide victim compensation to those who’ve been a victim of police violence.
f. Lobbying the victim compensation bureau at the state level.
g. Police officers' bill of rights is a big hurdle.
h. We cannot rely on sworn testimony from officers.
i. Pushing to not prosecute protesters.
j. Everytime there’s a lawsuit against the police it should be paid by the police department, not the city budget
k. Police pay is a union issue.
l. How do we organize to overturn the impediments to police reform?
m. Police unions are very successful at influencing elections.
n. Labour unions are allowed to spend an unlimited amount of $$$ on candidates.
o. Isolate and hold elected officials accountable from taking money from police unions. It needs to be stigmatized. Elected officials are held hostage by money from law enforcement.
p. The Police will threaten the public.
q. They have no right to dictate policy.
r. Police departments are associations not unions.
s. Elected progressive district attorneys.
t. Police department should NOT be involved in public surveillance with the Federal Government.
u. Appoint good police commissioners!
w. Emily Yee, Catherine Chu, John Crew are some potential candidates that Chesa mentioned.
x. The Mayor's appointment secretary. Invite her to a meeting. Kanishka

6. Doordash lawsuit.
   a. Wage theft-
   b. Doordash were taking tips from their employees.
   c. Undermines minimum wage laws
   d. We should make a motion to ask our elected officials to return money that we’ve endorsed to return the money.

7. Motion: To demand that elected officials return any contributions they’ve received from law enforcement organizations, including the POA, Deputy Sheriffs Association, and PORAC; or donate equivalent amounts to social justice/equity nonprofits; and pledge to not accept such contributions going forward.
   a. *An amendment was made by Gloria Berry to include Bureau of Prisons endorsements.
   b. motion: demand that elected officials return any contributions they’ve received from law enforcement organizations, including the POA, Deputy Sheriffs
Association, PORAC and Bureau of Prisons; or donate equivalent amounts to social justice/equity nonprofits; and pledge to not accept such contributions going forward

i. Motion passes unanimously

7. Nomination of Raya Steier to Event Fundraising seat #1

1. Raya Steier and
   a. Before the nomination was made, concern was brought up about Adlah Christi’s nomination.
   b. It is planned for Raya Steir to be voted on at the next GM meeting.
   c. Raya moved to the US in 2017 and quickly became involved in US politics.
   d. Has been involved in LGBT groups in Asia
   e. Brings immigrants perspective
   f. Worked for the Prison Law Center in Davis
   g. Has worked around issues involving incarceration
   h. etc

8. Pac update from Edward Wright.

a. Legislative updates:
   i. Dean Preston’s eviction legislation
   ii. Bans evictions due to lack of payment of rent during covid-era indefinitely
   iii. Doesn’t cancel rent, but prohibits evictions
   iv. Supervisor Catherine Stefani was the only supervisor in dissent
b. Right to protest safely legislation (self explanatory)
c. Public health emergency leave extension (at least another 2 months)
d. New corruption charges….
   i. 3 people charged including another member of DPW
   ii. Rolex watch, fancy meals and $¼ million for a vacation home…
   iii. FBI was involved in some of the uncovering of these charges
e. Defund the police
   i. Chief Scott is open to the idea of the defunding of SFPD
   ii. Police commission nominees rejected by the board (Nancy Tung)

New business
a. from Kevin ortiz suggests the full board be allowed to make nominations

Meeting adjourned.