



July 21, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:

- 1) A discussion with Supervisor Shamann Walton on critical SF police reforms.
- 2) A discussion on the life of the late Harry Britt with Tom Ammiano, Gwenn Craig, and Tim Wolfred.
- 3) A discussion on the life of the late Jane Morrison.
- 4) A vote on electing Raya Steier to the Milk Club E-Board Events & Fundraising Seat #1.
- 5) A vote to set up the parameters on what we will endorse at our August General Membership Meeting.
- 6) A PAC update.
- 7) An Events & Fundraising update.
- 8) New Business.

---Stay tuned for updates.

Meeting Minutes.

Update from Edward Wright

1. Lots of candidates and ballot measures
2. Questionnaires have gone out to candidates and proposition campaigns
3. Pac endorsement will be August 11th
 - a. Interviews will be conducted this Saturday and Sunday from 10-3:30
 - b. Attendees will allowed to ask questions if pre-submitted
 - c. Ballot measures will also be heard
 - d. Yes we will be doing statewide ballot initiatives
 - e. August 11th we'll be voting on measures and candidates
 - f. August 15th is the General membership
 - g. supported the efforts to rename a city college building after harry Britt
 - h. Public Advocate ballot measure didn't make the ballot, Stefani, Mandleman, Yee, Peskin, Fewer opposed it.
 - i. The main rationale for opposing it was about money

- j. An amendment prohibiting former elected officials from running for the position was not accepted.
- 4. Reid Coggins gives an update for internal team and talks about voter eligibility
 - a. 3 general membership meeting to be a qualified voting members
- 5. Panel Discussion on Harry Britt
 - a. How did you meet Harry Britt?
 - b. Chris Perry was first president of the club, Harry was the second.
 - c. Gwen Craig met Harry in the 70's was was the one who talked her into finally joining in 1976
 - d. Harry was a good evangelist, and very dynamic
 - e. Having Gay in the name was a big deal. Harry felt very strongly about the need to be very open.
 - f. He believed it was important for people to know that gay people were involved in progressive politics.
 - g. Harvey had Harry on a list of potential successors
 - h. They really had to urge Diane Feinstein to nominate him. She didn't know Harry. Feinstein was to nominate Anne Kronenberg, but Anne made a joke about leather that Feinstein found distasteful
 - i. He became a national spokesperson
 - j. The movement could have become more accommodationist
 - k. Harry believed that including all oppressed groups was important.
 - l. Tim Wolfred met Harry in a similar way to Gwen in the summer of 1977
 - m. Tim shared an apartment with him for 3 years
 - n. Harry was an introvert, loved esoteric stuff and was Very humble
 - o. He really set the culture of the club.
 - p. Harry trouble interacting with the elites.
 - q. He was a letter-carrier before he became supervisor
 - r. At Harry's suggestion, Tim and Harry took disco dancing lessons at a venue on Broadway street.
 - s. Tim was very close to Harvey. 3 days before the assassination of Milk, there was a gathering for his reelection campaign. Terrance Hallinan endorsed Harvey.
 - t. Harry organized the candlelight march.
 - u. He told the police to stop beating people up in the Castro.
- 6. Tom Ammiano on Harry Britt
 - a. Harry was a great narrator
 - b. He first met Harry the day of the Milk Moscone murders
 - c. He lived on 16th and Castro
 - d. Encouraged us to be proactive. He gave everyone a task. Liked giving people a task.
 - e. He sent Tom to get black ribbon for the march from Cliffs Variety

- f. Tom noted that Harvey was very influenced by the holocaust; as he was both Gay and Jewish.
 - g. He loved teaching. A scholarship in his name would be a great idea.
 - h. How do we honour Harry in 2020? What can the club do?
 - i. A lot of students paid tribute to him when they found out about his death.
 - j. Harry was all about coalition building. The club should do more of it now.
 - k. Joe Adkins mentions that the tribute to him at the BOS didn't leave an eye dry.
 - l. Paul Melbostadt mentions that he met Harry the night of the white night riots.
 - m. Harry led the effort to support commercial rent control.
 - n. Tab Buckner- never had to worry about Harry's votes on the board. Got Quentin Kopp to vote for rent control.
 - o. Harry was really opposed to a lot of the bad decisions Feinstein made on the planning commission.
 - p. A question was asked about what Harry did on Native American issues.
 - q. A question on Harry's Congressional run.
 - r. Pelosi's campaign was scared of Harry winning.
 - s. The attacks were suggestive that Harry was a bad role model for children.
 - t. In some ways Harry was happy that Nancy won.
 - u. Harry hated the machine politics of the Democratic party.
 - v. Paul Melbostadt mentions that Duke Armstrong and other gay republicans supported Harry because he was gay.
7. Jane Morrison
- a. Had been involved in politics for decades.
 - b. She hosted fundraisers and often in conjunction with her neighbors
 - c. San Francisco tomorrow was her base organization.
 - d. Very focused on grassroots politics.
 - e. She was good at cutting off when people spoke too long.
 - f. She personally met with JFK at his hotel.
 - g. She actually preferred Adlai Stevenson
 - h. Her husband Jack was on the BOS
8. Nomination of Raya Steier to events and fundraising seat 1.
- a. Raya Steier introduces themselves.
 - b. Electoral organizer and attorney
 - c. Currently working on ballot measure- to raise the transfer tax on luxury real estate.
 - d. Has also fundraised for various non-profits.
 - e. From India and came to the US in 2016, and attended UC Davis Law school.
9. Endorsement process
- a. The club was contacted by Jovanka Beckles at our Pac meeting to ask about endorsing her candidacy for AC Transit Board.
 - b. At PAC we talked about this possibility.

- c. In the past we've made some exceptions.
- d. is there a motion to hold an endorsement for any race outside of sf.?
- e. In the past, we've gotten in trouble from the DCCC in Alameda county.

10. New Business

- a. *Tom Temprano Made a motion to hold an endorsement for Jovanka Beckles. Seconded by Edward Wright.*
 - i. 15 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.
 - ii. We'll be score voting
- b. Cease Espinoza-Perez speaks about his resolution decriminalizing sex work.
 - i. According to Edward, a majority of the BOS support decriminalizing sex work, based on their responses to questionnaires.
- c. Barry Taranto mentions slow streets & the perks and perils of them.
- d. Jackie Fielder campaign updates.
 - i. Raised \$350,000 after last fundraising period.
 - ii. Doing lots of lit drops
 - iii. Shirts, masks etc
 - iv. This Thursday will be Jackie's summer social with performances and speeches at 6pm.
 - v. If you want a sign, let the campaign know:
www.JackieForSenate.com/sign
- e. Rick Hauptman speaks about the rechartering as well. Drop in and speak in favour of the clubs rechartering!
- f. Mari brings up local efforts to rename local schools
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16cre1vbJzE44JWmto_LI7J06q9ZblQoB-C-Eas3Qwf2c/edit?ts=5efb91b3#gid=0
- g. A motion was a made to adjourn the meetin!

Meeting Adjourned