



September 16th, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda

- 1) Introduction & endorsement ballot description.
- 2) PAC Chair report.
- 3) Events & Fundraising report.
- 4) Presentations and Q&A with E-Board nominees: Kurtis Wu for E-Board Outreach, Jasper Wilde for At-Large #1, and Joe Adkins for At-Large #2.
- 5) Reflections on the life on Denise D'Anne.
- 6) A discussion on Club civility.
- 7) New Business.

At our meeting, we will vote to endorse for Oakland City Council's At-Large Seat and for San Francisco Pride Board. We will also vote on electing Kurtis Wu for E-Board Outreach, Jasper Wilde for At-Large Seat #1, and Joe Adkins for At-Large Seat #2.

Minutes:

1. Intro and voting process
 - a. Larwence Berland introduces himself to the membership in his election for Pride Board.
 - i. A vote for him to him is a vote for transparency; to open up Pride Board meetings to the general public.
 - ii. Kicking police out of the march
 - iii. Wants to get a lot more community input into how Pride is ran.
 - b. Sophia Andry. Speaks on Elizabeth Lanien.
 - i. Elizabeth is very rooted in the community, and has ran the dyke march the past few years.
 - c. Endorsement of At-large Oakland City Council seat.

- i. Rebecca Kaplan is the incumbent and is an obvious choice for the club, as a Queer Progressive, who we have history of supporting.
 - d. Kurtist Wu candidate for E-board Outreach.
 - i. Worked on establishing public bank
 - ii. Organizing with tenants
 - iii. Deepening relationships is important to
 - e. Jasper Wilde nomination to E-Board at large seat #1
 - i. Wants to keep the Milk Club left and socialist
 - ii. First worked on Jane Kim's Mayoral campaign
 - iii. Currently working on prop B and L
 - iv. Has worked in the service industry and is well connected to that community.
 - v. Was asked a series of questions about previous employment on Shahids' campaign. No regrets
- 2. Pac report from Edward
 - a. Edward gave us an update on our voter guide literature. Everyone seemed impressed.
 - b. Mailer program update
- 3. Remembering Denise D'Anne
 - a. David and Jeffrey Scott remember her environmentalism
 - b. Jennifer Cleary speaks about her outspokenness
 - i. She could speak harshly but it came from a place of passion
 - c. Kim Shree speaks about her and how she would always assign people tasks.
 - d. Sue Englander remembers how Denise lifted her up and brought her into the club.
 - e. Joni Esien remembers her 80th birthday as a Hen party.
 - f. Clarinet performance from Jasmine Gee
- 4. Discussion of civility in the Milk CLub
 - a. There've been a number of allegations of uncivil behaviour against Rick Hauptman; particularly for abusive comments in the chat at the last General Membership Meeting.
 - b. Rick has "resigned from the club"
 - i. Resigning doesn't really mean anything in regards to our bylaws.
 - ii. Jeffrey explains the procedures as laid out in our bylaws.
 - iii. Brad explains the conundrum of what our bylaws mean in the instance
 - iv. A discussion over the process has been at a standstill because only 6 board members have voted to move this forward, and we have 12 board members.
 - v. Citing the importance of focusing on the November election, Sue Englander makes a motion *"to table immediate discussion on the broader issue of civil behavior, until after the election"* seconded by Jerry Fenske.

- vi. A discussion ensues over the legality of the motion since it contradicts the bylaws.
- vii. Concern was expressed that it sets a precedent for the suspension of the bylaws in the future.
- viii. 6 yes, 9 no, 6 abstentions. Motion fails.
- ix. A new motion was made by Laurence Berland to *“hold a vote at the October General Meeting to possibly amend the bylaws to change how the Club deals with violations of civility.”*
- x. 15 yes’s, 10 absentions, 3 no’s

5. New Business

- a. Christopher Christenson brings up boycotting Macy’s
 - i. Christopher Christenson brings up the ongoing strike against the Macy’s Union Square location. The stationary engineers and craftpersons who maintain the mechanical and fire safety systems are asking for hire wages, because they’re only being paid 80 cents on the dollar.
 - ii. Christopher Makes a motion *“to support tomorrow’s SF Labor strike against Macy’s Union Square flagship store”*.
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
6. Kurtis Wu mentions #StopEvictionsSaveLives is an action organized by the West Side Tenants Association. Would love for you all to spread the word and/or show up! 9/21
7. Michael Rouppet brings up to support Michael Rouppet efforts with the “Denver Principles”. A motion was made to support the efforts. Unanimous support.
8. Brad Chapin mentions the upcoming event for John Avalos this weekend.
9. Upcoming events and mobilizations are mentioned.
10. David Peterson make a motion.
 - a. A motion was made to *“condemn Congress giving \$4.6 billion additional dollars to lock kids in cages. We Condemn Congress for failing to release the children and allowing them to be molested, and failing to fund reunification with their parents. We condemn the funding of forced hysterectomy on people in ICE custody. ”*
 - 2 abstentions