



Tuesday October 20th 2020 General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:

- 1) Political Action Committee updates on our events and political program for our endorsed campaigns for November 2020. (Edward)
- 2) Discussion and vote on a proposed bylaw amendment regarding civil violations. (Kevin)
- 3) Discussion and vote on the Executive Board findings and recommendation of expulsion for member Rick Hauptman in response to complaints of civility and other bylaw violations. (Reid)
- 4) New Business.

Minutes:

1. Pac update.

- a. At the pac meeting we had a question & answer session with Manny Yekutiel.
- b. We did a phone bank to get volunteers out to the recent events for our candidates.
- c. We printed over 20,000 slate cards.
- d. We did a mailer piece. - big chunk in D1, 5, 8 and 11.
- e. We used PDI (progressive voter index, vote history, and best estimate of same sex house holds (Progressive, lgbt etc).
- f. This was one of the largest mail programs we've done in recent years.
- g. District 7 wasn't targeted that heavily. Our appeal to voters there wouldn't be as significant.
- h. We've hosted a bunch of events for various candidates.
- i. Would like everyone to commit to at least 1 event.
  - i. District 1 is a huge priority.
  - ii. Friday we're having a fundraiser for Connie Chan.
  - iii. Event for Aaron Peskin this Saturday at 10am in Fern Alley.
  - iv. Sunday October 25th, mobilization in Park Merced for Vilaska and Jackie
- j. There's been a lot of attacks against Vilaska from IE mailers.
- k. We were going to do visibility on 18th and Castro, tab needs to know.
  - i. 10-4 is the usual time.
- l. Christopher Christenson & Kevin Ortiz asked about what we're doing to help Myrna Melgar

- i. It was explained that we've reached out to her and that those attempts have been inconclusive.
  - ii. Seamus McGeever mentions that we try our best to include events for our endorsed candidates in the eblast, even if we're not the hosts or co-hosts, but that finding the time/place info for her events has been hard, since most are not posted on social media with the time and location.
- 2. Candidates make their final pitch!
  - a. Jackie Fielder speaks
    - i. It's still an open race.
    - ii. Jackie's ahead among voters who didn't know who the candidates were before being asked.
  - b. Jackie Prager said Vilaskas' campaign has reached out to Myrnas regarding a possible joint event with our club
    - i. There was some confusion over who Myrna was rank-choosing for 2nd and 3rd.
    - ii. Confirmed that Myrna favours Murase #2, Vilaska #3.
  - c. Tom Temprano speaks
    - i. his campaign is having an upcoming mobilization with Connie Chan and several ballot props this weekend.
    - ii. The milk voter guides are popular!
  - d. John Avalos speaks.
    - i. Safai hasn't passed a resolution or an ordinance on the board since 2019.
    - ii. It's a stark contrast
    - iii. Safai just hasn't really been doing much and just putting his name as a cosponsor to other peoples legislation.
  - e. Han Zou speaks
- 3. Bylaw reform
  - a. One of our members offered an amendment to our bylaws regarding the process of complaints of incivility among out members. Kevin Bard explains that Laurence Berland offered an amendment to the bylaws- After the accused has been notified; regardless of whether or not the accused responds to the accusation, it would mean that the subcommittee would be formed irregardless
  - b. Official language as amended: *"If any Member violates the aforementioned provisions, any other Member may file a complaint against that person with the Executive Board, which shall then make recommendations to the Membership. If a violation of civility is alleged, the President or Co-Presidents shall notify the Member against whom the complaint is charged. That person shall be provided five days to respond to the allegations in writing. If a response is received, or else after the provided number of days to respond have passed, the Executive Board shall appoint a subcommittee to consider the evidence concerning the allegations and shall report back to the Executive Board their findings of fact."*
- 4. Allegations against Rick Hauptman

- a. Reid gives us a slide show about Rick
  - b. We've had 4 complaints
  - c. We followed the bylaws process of what to do, including:
    - i. Rick was informed of the complaints
    - ii. Rick replied, stating that "he resigns"
    - iii. A subcommittee was formed to explore the allegations
    - iv. The subcommittee decided to recommend to expel Rick from the Board of the club.
    - v. The club suggested a vote to the membership to expel Rick as a member.
  - d. Allegations included
    - i. Name calling
    - ii. Social media trolling
    - iii. Constant disruption of the functions of the club.
    - iv. Creating a shadow/fraud Milk Club facebook group
    - v. Previous removal was mentioned, including in 2007 and 1989.
  - e. Barry Taranto thinks it's a drastic step.
  - f. David Peterson wants to know more about a restorative justice process for Rick
  - g. A board member expressed why the club came to the conclusion it did for his removal and the various considerations that were taken. Rick has had multiple chances over the years to change his behaviour, and previous probations and censuring have not yielded positive results.
  - h. A member expressed that while it is important to weigh the well-being of the accused, it shouldn't be at the behest of the well-being of everyone else, given the often toxic nature of Ricks behaviour.
  - i. Several members expressed support for his removal.
5. New business
- a. Sue Englander wants us to wish Maggie Rubenstein who was a pioneering activist for Bisexuality.
  - b. Christopher Christenson
    - i. A resolution was passed by the board of supes to oppose the potential layoffing of over 185 employees with the golden gate and traffic union.
    - ii. A motion was made to *"support a resolution urging The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors to oppose any effort to issue layoff notices to 185 employees who currently work the bus and ferry transit system."*
    - iii. *Vote was unanimous*
  - c. David Peterson mentions that we should help Democrats running for the house and senate, especially LGBT candidates .
  - d. Otto Pippenger pitches to us to help out John Avalos!

Meeting Adjourned