November 17th, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:

1) ADEMs elections update. (Hene Kelly, Frances Hsieh)
2) Election results analysis, with a particular focus on local and state results with David Campos, Jane Kim, Joe Eskenazi and Chris Arvin. (Edward Wright)
3) Community Outreach efforts, including an open conversation on engaging in community service projects during off-election cycles. (Joe Adkins)
4) Discussion on 2021 E-Board elections. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
5) Discussion for our Annual Harvey Milk Vigil for 11/27, which will be held online this year. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
6) New Business.

Minutes:

Update from Edward Wright

1. Presentation from Edward
   a. We did 13 mobilizations this cycle
   b. We had over 20,000 voter guides
   c. 34,987 mail program targeted D5 and D1 most heavily
      i. D5 has high name id
      ii. D1 was most competitive so that’s why we wanted to focus

2. Presentation from Chris Arvin
   a. Shows election map electionmapsfr.com
   b. The site shows precinct maps
   c. You can look at different races
   d. You can see ranked choice and final round results
   e. It also shows you correlation maps looking at home ownership tenancy and income, as well as age and race
   f. There’s even a map for our milk club endorsements and where in the city voters aligned with us.

3. Hene Kelly Adem update
   a. Hene believes that AD17 is the most progressive assembly district in the entire state.
      But we didn't do well in 2017...
b. The next election will be virtual and will be the largest
c. We need to really turn out progressives
d. The application to run closes December 15th 2020.
e. Adem.cadem.org site will show you how to run and what to do
f. $30 candidate fee
g. 14 delegates for each district
h. You have to attend regional meetings, you vote for party endorsements and platforms
i. There are slates; some are progressive some are not
j. How you register to vote is important
   i. You apply with the party; the party will check you’re registered and which district you’re registered in.
   ii. Then you’ll be mailed your ballot, and then you mail it back.
   iii. Phone voting will be allowed for people without an address
   iv. The application is simple to fill out.
   v. Deadline to register to vote is January 11, 2021.
   vi. People were bussed in to vote. The progressive slate lost by only 35 votes
   vii. Due date for returning ballots will be sometime in mid to late January.
   viii. What will the ballot processing be like. Everything will be remote, so there’ll be no in-person meeting. The virtual meeting will be an opportunity for candidates to speak. You can also do a video and a statement. There will be no day-of voting.

4. David Campos: local election results
   a. We had tremendous success in the March DCCC primary
   b. The millions of dollars spent against progressives was horrific, but we prevailed in most races
   c. “Neighbors for a better san francisco” super pac targeted progressives and attacked our candidates
d. The Democratic party sent out mass texts calling out the the attacks
e. The Democratic party also put out several mailers countering the republican back IE pacs, 2 pieces in districts 1, 5 and 7. The democratic party really emphasized a rank choice strategy.
f. In district 11, the DCCC had its hands tied because of the John #1, Ashah #2 endorsement
g. College board endorsements; 3 out of our 4 won.
h. DCCC endorsed School board candidates all won.
i. Campos also talks about upcoming efforts for Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock in Georgia

5. Joe Ashkenazi presentation
   a. Points out that that wealthy people really put a lot of money into defeating progressive candidates
   b. The altered voting patterns made this election more unpredictable.
c. The pandemic didn’t actually change much.
d. Was surprised by prop I, which did really well.
e. John Avalos pushed Asha to the left and made Ashah a more pro-labour supervisor
6. Jane Kim presents on state results
   a. We didn’t do well state-wide
   b. Affirmative action ballot measure may have been too much for many voters
   c. San Diego county flipped their city council from Republicans to democrats
   d. San diego city council has a democratic super majority and gay man of colour as mayor
   e. She expects a leftward trend if we continue to organize and specifically doorknock.
   f. Bernie did well here in March

7. Community service opportunities- Joe Adkins
   a. Speaks about volunteer and community service efforts.
   b. Back in the day the club printed safesex leaflets
   c. Women members of the club focused on a blood drive called “give our boys blood” during the aids crisis.
   d. Now that we don’t have a major election we need to refocus on the community.
   e. Thoughts on what we could do?
   f. How often we could have community-service related events
   g. Joe will be compiling all the responses and present at the next meeting.

8. Upcoming board elections
   a. The Milk Club board elections for 2021 is coming up.
   b. We really want to bring in new people
   c. The next general membership the nomination process will open up

9. Harvey Milks memorial
   a. We’ll be doing a memorial commemorating Milk Moscone assassination
   b. Any ideas on who to have speak would be helpful

10. New business
    a. Jesse Stout brings up Norman Yees legislation to ban indoor smoking with a $1000/day fine. We should come out in opposition.
    b. Kevin Bard makes a motion to oppose the legislation proposed by Norman Yee.
       i. Discussion ensues
       ii. Concerns around the $1000 fine for smoking were voiced
       iii. Also concerns around the detrimental effects of second-hand smoking
       iv. There’s a proposed amendment to exempt marijuana
       v. Concerns were expressed that the legislation could lead to evictions

11. Jordan David brings up the 30right coalition
    a. 201185- would establish 30% of income going to rent for the formerly homeless
    b. Kevin makes a motion “support Ordinance 201185 which would require all new supportive housing that comes online and all current supportive housing to charge tenants no more than 30% of their income towards rent”.
    c. Motion passes unanimously

12. Adem vote
    a. A motion was made to Hold an endorsement vote for “ADEM candidates running in AD 17 and AD 19 at our December General Membership Meeting”.
    b. Motion passes unanimously

13. Georgia Senate races
a. Brad Chapin suggests holding an up or down vote on endorsement Raphael Warcnock and Jon Ossoff at our next GM meeting
b. Brad makes a motion to “Hold an endorsement vote for Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock for the U.S. Senate in Georgia at our December General Membership Meeting.”
c. Vote was unanimous

14. Julian La Rosa
a. The state assembly is working on legislation AB310 to establish a public bank, and Federal public bank act, a federal motion pushed by AOC and Rashida Tlaib.
   i. A motion was made to support to “Officially support AB 310 (The California State Public Bank Act) and the Federal Public Banking Act, sponsored by Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.”
   ii. A vote was made by acclimation unanimously

15. Christopher Christenson make a motion to adjourn
a. Motion passes