

Regular Meeting
San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee
October 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco
Milton Marks Auditorium

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Roll was called at 7:06 p.m.

Present: David Chiu, Sandra Fewer, Mary Jung, Jane Morrison, Melanie Nutter, Connie O'Connor, Aaron Peskin, Arlo Hale Smith, Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong), Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim Shree Maufas)

Excused: Bill Fazio, Michael Goldstein, Gabriel Haaland, Carole Migden, Debra Walker

Excused, with Proxy: Hene Kelly (proxy May), Rafael Mandelman (proxy Leah Pimentel)

Absent: John Avalos, David Campos, Tom Hsieh, Leslie Katz, Eric Mar, Milton Marks, Wendy Phillips, Alix Rosenthal, Scott Wiener, Nancy Pelosi, Jackie Speier, Kamala Harris

Leland Yee's proxy is en route.

The Recording Secretary announced a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of September 21, 2011, minutes

Moved by Sandra Fewer; seconded by Arlo Hale Smith, to approve the minutes.

This passed without objection.

4. Resolutions

4a. Social Security Resolution

Smith stated the current social security laws are based on statistics that no longer hold true. As an example, the average lifespan back then was 61 years old. The lifespan is now 70.

Gabriel Haaland, Alix Rosenthal, Scott Wiener, and Kamala Harris' proxy, Matthew Rothschild, arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Moved by Fewer to accept the resolution; seconded by Rosenthal.

The motion passed without objection, with the following exceptions: Smith voted 'no' and Dianne Feinstein's proxy abstained.

Wendy Phillips arrived at at 7:12 p.m.

4b. Occupy Wall Street/San Francisco

The resolution is sponsored by Gabriel Haaland, Peskin, Hene Kelly, Carole Migden, and Leslie Katz.

An amendment was made to add the letter 's' to change the word 'fund' to the plural 'funds'.

Haaland stated "free assembly" means the right to occupy public space. He asked that health and safety issues not be dealt with by using tear gas.

Moved by Peskin; seconded by Kim Shree Maufas, as amended.

This passed without objection.

Wiener said he had issue with the words "withdrawing funds". He will abstain from the vote, but supports the resolution in concept. He wanted to talk to the SF Treasurer about it first.

Smith said he agreed with the "right of free assembly", but thought the rest of the resolution amounted to class war on the business community.

Shree Maufas asked for clarification regarding the Board of Supervisors working with the Police Department, pointing out San Francisco does not have the same types of police issues like Oakland does. Shree Maufas asked if we have a police brutality problem. Peskin responded he was not sure. Haaland said there is the potential for arrests.

The motion passed, but the following abstained: Feinstein, Harris, Wiener, and Ma. Smith voted 'no'.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Reports

6a. Chair's report.

Peskin announced \$6,600 was raised to help Eric Quesada's family and thanked everyone who helped. There were 32 donors.

John Avalos arrived at 7:21 p.m.

Peskin stated he wished to address Smith's e-mails regarding DCCC members proxying more than five times in a term. Since there will be no meetings in November and December, he stated his wish to place this matter on the January agenda. He explained he was offended, given that one member recently died and two are very ill. He wished to apologize to Smith for his immediate reaction and thought that more discussion on this was needed to reconcile the by-laws with the Policies and Procedures Manual. He understood

the impetus for this, and to do this correctly so the issue doesn't need to be revisited. He opined we have a moral duty to those who are sick that they not be dismissed because they are too ill to attend.

Peskin announced that Sheriff Michael Hennessey's last day is January 8th, before 12 noon. He is working on a fundraiser to be held at City Hall to honor the outgoing Sheriff.

Peskin thanked the donors who gave to the slate card. He reported absentee mailers have been paid for and there will be another drop on November 1.

6b. Executive Director's Report

Emily Lowe reported the DCCC has raised \$10,000 from the CDP bounty program by registering 4,496 democrats. The goal is to raise \$15,000.

6c. Treasurer's Report

Rosenthal reported that as of the end of September, there was \$4,300 in the federal account and \$13,000 in the state account. The figures are still the same – there is approximately \$19,000 in the bank.

6d. Fundraising Report

There was no fundraising report.

7. New Business

Haaland announced there is a Press Conference and Rally at Justin Herman Plaza right now.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Rosenthal; seconded by Shree Maufas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. This passed without objection.