

San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

February 15, 2017

6:30 PM-518 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

SFLDC Monthly Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order by Lila Rodriguez Carrillo, Co-President

Agenda Item: Agenda Approval

Discussion: None

Action: Motion to approve the agenda made by Sylvia Alvarez Lynch, seconded by Lito Sandoval

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes (January)

Discussion: Sylvia brought it to the clubs attention that Brigitte Davila's name was misspelled (Brigitte sp).

Action: Motion to approve the agenda with corrections made by Sylvia Alvarez Lynch, seconded by Lito Sandoval.

Agenda Item: President's Report

DCCC Mentor, Charter Status and Leadership Circles Lito reported that the DCCC has moved towards more interaction with clubs. They have created a mentoring program which includes assigning DCCC members to the various democratic clubs in San Francisco. Former Supervisor, David Campos (member of the SFDCCC) has been assigned to the SFLDC. Lito also reported that charter paperwork/check has been submitted to the SFDCCC. He mentioned that he believed that the SFDCCC must still vote on club charters at their next meeting. The SFDCCC now calls their "President" meetings "Leadership Circles" and they do not want to limit attendance to club presidents. They have opened these meetings to all democratic club members. Their last meeting was focused on the Voter Files. Their next meeting will take place in June or July.

Board Retreat

The SFLDC Executive Board will hold their retreat on Sunday, February 20, 2017 at San Francisco State University. The retreat is open to all club members and Lito will send out email to members.

Co-sponsor Resisting Mass Deportation: A Community Forum by Public Defenders Office on Wednesday February 22, 2017

Announcement of SFLDC sponsorship of the PD's forum was announced. Time of forum 5-7:30. Lito will send information to membership.

Co-host reception for Assemblymember Cristina Garcia with California Coalition for Equity in Early Care and Education (CCEECE) & Latin@ Young Democrats on Wednesday, March 8th

Event is still being pulled together but it is meant to be a fundraiser, meet and greet and a time to mingle with elected officials in a social setting. More information to follow including a possible reduction in entry fee for SFLDC members. Volunteers will be admitted free of charge.

Lito announced that the speakers for the next 4 agenda items had not arrived and moved to Old Business on the agenda.

Old Business

Lito reported that a letter to the Mayor regarding the club's support for Universal Representation did go out. Public Defender, Jeff Adachi was cc'd on the letter and Mr. Adachi replied by thanking the SFLDC for the letter. Lito announced that he will follow up with the Mayor's office to calendar a meeting.

An announcement of the 9:30 am February 15th Supervisor Fewer press conference in support of her supplemental budget request Universal Representation was made. The Budget Committee Meeting will commence at 10:30 am to hear the request.

Lito reported that a letter was sent to Jon Gollinger in opposition to the proposed mini-mall development and in favor of recreational use. (SFLDC position was mentioned in the paper).

Lito also reported that the letter of support for the Calle 24 Latino Cultural District SUD has not been written. There is still an opportunity to send a letter as the proposal must now go before the SFBOS Land Use Committee. Note: Erick Arguello joined the meeting late and reported on the 6-0 victory at the SF Planning Commission. He was pleased with the political/community strength that was shown at the hearing. The next step is to go before the Land Use Committee on March 3, 2017 and then on to the Board of Supervisors. He also reported on the successful rejection of the environmental appeal by the SFBOS for the senior housing project located in the Latino Cultural District on 26th Street.

Banking: Lila reported on frustrating experience at B of A in regards to adding new officers and removing past signatories. She stated that she is committed to documenting a procedure to ease the process. There was also mention of moving the account to a credit union.

New Business

Lito commented that the club did not have a good history of calling on volunteers. He passed out a volunteer list and asked members to keep in mind that our presence was needed at community events including Carnival, Cesar Chavez Breakfast and parade. These are opportunities for us to have tables. Lila made the comment that the club needs to work to get our club name out. We need to promote our brand. The board retreat agenda will include a discussion on the creation of a new logo and getting a banner. Jose Torres commented on the need for money to make this happen. Lito mentioned that those discussions were happening and that he was excited to have Gabriela Aleman on the board as she has expertise in fundraising/event planning.

Panel of Recently Elected African-American Officials

In honor of Black History Month, the SFLDC invited recently elected Stevon Cook, Board of Education and Leah LaCroix, SFDCCC (outreach) to speak on their experiences. They presented on their backgrounds and what drove them to seek the positions that they held now. They were also asked how they won their campaigns and what they liked/disliked about campaigning.

Free City College Update: No update was given. Speaker was not available

Governor Brown's "By Right" Legislation: No report was given. Speaker was not available.

Impact Hub Update: Erick Arguello reported that the developers are desperate and are at the table. Erick stated that there have been promises made in the past by developers so they want a strong MOU in this case.

New Business (Additional information)

Lito mentioned that he had created a survey and to expect it soon. The survey includes questions about issues that members think are important to the Latinx community and organizations. He said that as co-president he wanted to encourage others in the club to be the driving force and that he wanted to support and facilitate and encourage others to become this force. Lito mentioned that he interested in building coalitions with like minded organizations. He reported that there has been a proposal for a meeting of presidents of progressive clubs. He was unsure as to what was happening with that.

Lito: announced the names of the 2017-18 ADEM Latinx representatives from the Reform Slate: Lila Rodriguez Carillo, Xavier Aubuchon-Mendoza, Wendy Aragon, Brigitte Davila, Gabriel Medina.

Lito: reported that he was working to ensure that a financial report would be presented at the March meeting.

Shaun Haines: reported on an event that he was promoting, "Generations: Black LGBTIQ History Experiences 2017 @ SOMArts Cultural Center on February 24, 2017. He announced that there would be a raffle, entertainment, art, food, music and STD/HIV Testing. Shaun also talked about "San Francisco Black Community Matters" (a nondiscriminatory membership based democratic organization) which was founded by him. He is the current president of the organization.

Sylvia: introduced the idea of inviting Tamica Butler, ED of the LA Bicycle Coalition to talk about transportation disparities to the club.

Erick: will get a speaker from United to Save the Mission

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Sylvia Alvarez Lynch and seconded by Jose Muniz