

San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

July 20, 2016

6:30 PM

518 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA

Type of Meeting: SFLDC Monthly Membership Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Lito Sandoval, President SFLDC

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda

Discussion: Lito Sandoval went over the agenda and asked if there was a motion for approval

Action Item: Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch moved that the agenda be approved, Zachary Robles seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Lito Sandoval announced that the minutes has been sent by email and asked if everyone had had a chance to look them over and many had not.

Action Item: Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch moved that the approval of the minutes be tabled to the August membership meeting, Jon Jacobo seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item: President's Report

Discussion: Lito Sandoval reported that the club had \$4000.00 in the bank. He also reported that Edwin Lindo had stepped down from the position of VP of External affairs and asked the members if anyone was interested in the position that they should contact Lito or another board member. Additionally, Lito reported on a successful vigil of Queer Latinos at Galleria La Raza (in response to the murders of Latinx in a Florida nightclub). Lito also introduced Alan Martinez who would speak later on gun control.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: Committee Reports

Discussion:

Political Action Committee: Lito Sandoval and Laurel Muniz reported that the PAC had met to create the questionnaires and that we needed volunteers to join the PAC. Laurel reported that we had an enormous task ahead of us regarding the 30+ ballot measures, the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees.

Communications Committee: Lila Carrillo reported that communication to club members had returned to Google. She also asked for input on a logo and mentioned that the club would hold a contest to select the logo.

Chicano Latino Caucus: Gladys Soto reported that the Chicano Latino Caucus of the California Democratic Party had recently changed their name to the Chicano Latino Movement and incorporated. They are now able to fundraise and endorse candidates for such offices as school boards, supervisor etc.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: Audit Update

Discussion: Lito Sandoval reported that Ethics had originally fined the club \$5000.00 for failure to report legally required contact information on all donors in the years 2013, 2014. He mentioned that the club had done a fundraiser at the Brava and that the donor contact information had not been submitted from that event. Ethics later cut the fine in half (\$2500.) Lito Sandoval reported that Gabriel Medina and he had negotiated with Ethics with a final agreement of a \$1000.00 fine, which the club has paid.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: Update from Member Frank Martin del Campo

Discussion: Frank del Campo was unable to attend the meeting and no update was presented.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: Gun Control (Guest: Alan Martinez)

Discussion: Alan Martinez presented on present state of gun control legislation in the country and reported that California has “just about the best: gun control laws in the nation. He noted that the SFLDC had endorsed bills that passed in the California legislature and that the governor has signed. Alan also presented on the lack of research and data collection on gun violence. He asked that the SFLDC support State Senator Wolk’s legislation to give 5 million dollars over 5 years to University of California for research on gun violence. He added that there was a need for Spanish Language Outreach.

Action Item: Alan Martinez moved that the LDC support a Letter to Senator Wolf in support of his gun violence research legislation. (Letter submitted to the secretary)

Tami Bryant and Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item: Governor Brown’s “Trailer Bill 707”

Discussion: Gabriel Medina presented on a Letter to the Mayor asking for his support on opposing the bill and asked the SFLDC sign on to the letter. Gabriel summarized the bill and answered questions, and then read the letter to the club. He submitted the letter to the secretary via email.

Action Item: Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch moved that the club fully support the letter and Michelle Verger seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item: MTA Update

Discussion: Gabriel Medina gave an update on the MTA Mission Street Program (Red Lanes). He outlined the lack, on the part of the MTA, to consider the input of the Latino community in the planning process for Mission Street. He informed the club that community meetings had been held but that the community had not been heard and that he was waiting to hear back from the MTA on a meeting that the community had requested. He also mentioned that there was legislation before the Board of Supervisors to change the appointment process to the MTA commission which would allow the BOS to appoint 3 members of the commission. (Currently all appointments are made by the mayor) Sylvia added that we can’t wait for the MTA to schedule a meeting and that we needed to show up to a commission meeting and a BOS meeting. Jim Salinas added that the LDC needed to knock on the door of Room 200 and talk to the Mayor.

Action Item: Gabriel Medina moved that a letter be drafted to Reskin, the MTA Commission, and the Mayor which would include a request that the MTA Commission come to the community for a community driven process. Wendy Aragon and Brigitte Davila seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously NOTE: Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch volunteered to draft a letter.

Agenda Item: Judges Candidate Presentations (Victor Hwang & Paul Henderson)

Discussion: Candidates presented their qualifications and why they wanted to serve as judge

Action Item: Members in "Good Standing" voted by secret ballot

Agenda Item: District 9 Supervisor Panel: Joshua Arce, Iswari Espana, Hillary Ronen, Melissa San Miguel

Discussion: Candidates presented their qualifications and how they would serve the Latino community. A lively and informative Q&A session followed.

Action Item: Members in 'Good Standing' voted by secret ballot

Agenda Item: Old Business

Discussion: Wendy Aragon presented on the Richmond Democratic Club event "3rd annual Summer Soirée" at Cassava. The club will be honoring Supervisor Erick Mar who is termed out in January 2017.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion: Allan requested that Spanish Language Outreach on Gun Control be added to the August agenda. Lito requested that Allan talk to him.

Action Item: N/A

Agenda Item: Adjourn

Discussion: Seeing none Lito Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion to adjourn by Lila Carrillo, Seconded by Pepe Rodriguez

Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned