

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The call to order occurred at 7:32 pm by the Chair.
- The April 2017 meeting agenda was adopted.

Candidates for CADEM Chair

- Jeffrey Cardenas here representing Eric Bauman
- Kimberly Ellis, candidate was present
- Cecily advised the room that she had just learned that there was a third candidate and was not able to contact in time to be here tonight.
 - Each candidate / candidate representative was given 10 minutes to present to the body.
- Each candidate fielded a variety of questions from the audience.

Win Back the House in 2018

- Vincent Casalaina, Progressive Caucus
 - Gave a brief history of current election results in recent elections that were “flappable”
 - Discussed seats here in CA where Hillary won but the Congressperson is a Republican
 - Offered ways that people can help no in 2017 before the 2018 election
 - Voter registration and outreach
 - Discussed seats he feels are vulnerable in 2018
 - Also discussed AB 14 the Campaign Disclosure Act and a rules change that requires Democratic State endorsed campaign to read the party platform.

Executive Board Reports

Chair (Cecily Harris):

- Discussed feedback she is currently receiving about what our Committee is not doing or what we should be doing

- We have our Committee's Strategic Workshop coming up to help us define and answer those question
- Provided a draft agenda for the body, asked for people to sign up and join us.
- There is MOE (Mobilize/Organize/Elect) training coming up. We have spots open. Invited the body to sign up.
- Asked body to ensure that they have registered for the State convention and to let her know if you cannot attend so we can fill with a proxy.
- The SMCDCC has a luncheon during the convention
 - Listed the sponsors for the luncheon and made a call for additional sponsors.
- She will be attending the Chair's Day which is the same day as the next meeting.
 - Voted to cancel the next meeting. Approved via voice vote
- Discussed some of her recent activities and speaking engagements.
- A call to the body to join as an Associate Member or to make a donation to the Committee. Offered a lovely lawn sign as a gift.

Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins): No Report

Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):

- Attended various meetings and

Controller (Nancy Y.):

- Reviewed current budget (Attached)

Recording Secretary (Kalimah Salahuddin):

- Discussed current issues regarding the level of current state funding in our public schools and the shift of pension costs from the State to local school districts.

Corresponding Secretary (Alexis):

- No report

New Business

- There was a discussion to vote on an endorsement of the candidate for the State Party Chair
 - This item was not on the agenda.
 - Motion by John Woddell and second by Pamela O’Leary to add to the agenda.
 - Roll Call Vote – Motion Failed
- Pamela O’Leary asked for a motion to hold a May meeting, Sabrina Brennan second
 - Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed
 - Previous vote nullified, meeting will be held in May

Committee Reports

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Fund Development (April Vargas)

- We are holding our summer BBQ on August 12th at the Meadow at Twin Pine Parks in Belmont
 - More information to come
 - Call to Save the Date
- Thanked Congresswoman Jackie Speier for her recent event
 - Thanked all the volunteers from this group that attended
 - There was a lot of interest at the SMCDCC table, very successful
- Plug to do the MOE training, discussed the benefits

Resolutions (Naveed Safipour and Greg Loew)

- Resolution will ask that the State Party not take a position on CalExit
 - Would like cession to be off the table
 - The originator of the campaign has left the state and returned to Russia

Election Integrity (Brent Turner)

- Currently working to build opposition to AB 668
 - Bill will would potential fund Diebold
- Also discussed recent townhall with Sen. Feinstein
 - Senator had lack of knowledge on open sourcing
 - Brent feels like we need to ensure that our elected officials are aware of this issue.

Regional Director, Legislative, and Clubs Reports

Region 6 Director (Hene Kelly):

- Spoke to the importance of the upcoming convention
 - Talked about the events at the convention

Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14) (Brian P.):

- Thanked those that attended the Congresswoman's recent event
- Spoke about a district that they believe in "flappable" in CA
- She will sponsor the Convention lunch

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18): Helen Wolter

- Discussed upcoming townhall on April 22nd at Canada College at 10:00am
- She has endorsed Kimberly Ellis

State Senator Scott Weiner (SD-11) :

- Upcoming townhall that weekend
- Will be in the SF pride parade
 - You can march with the Senator
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State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):

- SB 1 passed – Transportation Bill

Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19): No Report

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22) : (Pamela)

- Discussed Asm. Mullin/s upcoming budget event – The California Budget Challenge, Friday, April 28th at 9 and 10 am at CSM.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24): (Nicole)

- Asm Berman was appointed Chair of Assembly Elections and Redistricting Cmte

- Holding an Open house on May 4th

Federal Legislation Watch (Greg Loew):

- No report

Filipino-American Democratic Club: No Report

Stonewall Democrats: No report.

Hillsborough Democratic Club: No report.

North Peninsula Democratic Club:

Pacifica-Daly City Democrats: No report.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition No Report

Peninsula Young Democrats No Report

San Mateo County Democracy for America (Ashleigh Evans):

- Will have Kimberly Ellis speaking at next event May 3rd
- Another event, movie regarding Single Payer for All
- Put out call to body to gauge interest in training for delegates before the convention.

San Mateo County Latina/o Democratic Club: No report.

Stonewall Democrats (Pam Salvatere): No report.

Lightning Round

- John Woddell
 - spoke about using Facebook to promote the upcoming Strategic Meeting.
 - David Lim is being sued for blocking someone on Twitter
 - As been to many events, we need more outreach
- Helen Wolter
 - Housing Leadership Council Event
- Sandra Lang
 - Call to oppose HR 620

- Would deprive people with disabilities protection under the Disabilities Act
- Carole Dorshkind
 - Spoke about upcoming fundraiser for Kimberly Ellis
- Sabrina Brennan
 - She was happy to learn that Kimberly Ellis is endorsed by Speier and Eshoo
 - Attended the Take Back America event that Speier recently hosted
 - Asked that information from meeting, PowerPoint that was presented by that event
- Pamela
 - Asked to close in memory of Kevin Mullin's mother
- Rick Bonilla
 - Ask for body to advocate for affordable housing at your city councils
 - Insist that work be done by unions

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm