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 where “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 questions.

- 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

- Fund Development (April Vargas)
  - We are holding out 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

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