

# **San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**Oct 19, 2017**

### **Call to Order: Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm. Cliff Robbins acting Chair.

**Chair** — asks for motion to approve Aug minutes. [David Burruto, Rick Bonilla]: **PASSED**.

**Chair** — asks for motion to adopt Sep agenda. [Sharrie Kriger, David Burruto]: **PASSED**.

### **SPEAKER SERIES**

**Brigid O'Farrell** — No Report

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Nancy Yarbrough** — We need people to bring food items; I'll bring trays next month. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of December, which is the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, at Ginny Stewart's clubhouse. We're working on Entertainment. We need volunteers for setup, cleanup and everything else.

**Jon Levinson** — Where is it?

**Yarbrough** — The party will be at Ginny Stewart's clubhouse on December 14.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

**Yarbrough** — Julia Mates, my new alternate, is a planning commissioner from Belmont.

**Robbins** — Introduces San Francisco Supervisor Malia Cohen

**Malia Cohen** — I'm a candidate for Board of Equalization. I'll be back to present formally. I'm endorsed by Jackie Speier and others.

**Michael Vargas** — My second time here, I'm the new chair of Peninsula Young Dems.

**Brian Perkins** — Supervisor Cohen has an early morning meeting; we should let her go.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

#### **Chair / Northern Vice Chair Report**

**Robbins** — We have a lot of unpaid alternates that will be removed. Please pay dues.

**John Woodell** — Unpaid alternates will be removed from next month's roster.

**April Vargas** — Do you suggest members contact their alternates?

**Yarbrough** — Yes, members know, they've had many chances to pay.

#### **Southern Vice Chair Report**

**Karen Maki** — No Report

#### **Controller Report**

**Nancy Yarbrough** — Federal Account: \$69,584.90, State account: \$54,774.46, Segregated account: \$582.34. There is a lot going on with the mailer. We're also switching over to our new accountant. That's going well. No final report yet on the tax audit.

#### **Recording Secretary**

**John Woodell** — Sorry for sending the minutes out late. I'd like to suggest that people making committee reports post them to Medium so I can just link to the reports. Anna Eshoo uses Medium. Thank you for sending corrections to the roster.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Fund Development Committee**

**Chair** — We still need a chair for Fund Development Committee

### **Endorsements and Leadership Development Committee**

**Karen Maki** — We're looking at the process, writing it up, looking for feedback.

### **Resolutions Committee**

**David Burruto** — No report

### **Bylaws Committee**

**Cliff Robbins** — No report

### **Election Integrity Committee**

**John Woodell** — Brent sent me a report. He's in Las Vegas at the DNC, and is fighting for open source voting; the Diebold machines are bad.

### **Technology and Data Management Committee**

**Chair** — David, please talk about the mailer.

**David Burruto** — We created a universe with pure Dem households with two or more likely voters. We sent out 16 thousand mailers. We raised 7,550, and spent 7491.95, so we're in the black 58.05. We're not here to make money; I try to get it as close as possible.

**Ashleigh Evans** — My mailer arrived torn. Just to let you know.

**Woodell** — I assume I won't get a mailer because nothing relevant is on my ballot.

**Burruto** — Correct, this is only for 18 thousand households, and only \$7,500.

**Sabrina Brennan** — I'm curious about the list. Would it be possible to show the voters?

**Burruto** — I can send you the list.

**Sandra Lang** — I liked the mailers. If one person votes by mail what happens?

**Burruto** — We use the data to decide. We program in variables. We sent to households with more than one likely voter.

**Evans** — I'm vote by mail, but my husband is a poll voter.

**Burruto** — We sort that out.

**Brennan** — We have great candidates.

**Woodell** — In MOE, they know when people return ballots.

**Chair** — It's all about maximizing the value.

**Burruto** — The mailer landed about the time ballots arrived.

### **Programs and events Committee**

**Brigid O'Farrell** — Absent, no report.

### **Welcome and outreach Committee**

**Sharrie Kriger** — When people return forms, we know they feel welcome. I swiped some information from DFA and Coastside newsletters; we're Dems, this is what we believe in. Thanks to District 2 for binging snacks.

**Chair** — Eric Siegel did send a small report with two items. Virginia is hot; people are looking at it. Locally, Jackie Speier's office is doing adopt a district. We'll have a report on that later.

## **DIRECTOR and LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

### **District Director**

Hene Kelly — Absent, no report.

### **Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Office**

**Brian Perkins** — On the Modesto trip, we'll get on the bus, assembling at Safeway at the corner of 17th and El Camino Real. We'll be back by 4pm. We have room left on the bus. We'll tell Denim's story and listen. He's also supporting the Trump tax reductions, and has a bad record on the environment. You're welcome to come on the bus. No hills in Modesto. Again, 7am leaving from Safeway. Please don't park in the Safeway lot.

**Rick Bonilla** — Will there be more dates?

**Perkins** — Yes, and it will get more comfortable with the heat. We don't have a candidate yet, but Denim needs to be held accountable.

**Bonilla** — I understand there are 7 representatives being targeted, who else?

**Perkins** — Yes, DNC has activity in all the districts. Special note: Demin signed a letter asking that California not receive funding for Caltrain.

**Jeffrey Adair** — Also Michael Eggman, who ran recently, has formed red-to-blue with Mike Honda. They are also targeting seven districts.

**Perkins** — Denim always narrowly wins each time.

— Governors today wrote to House and Senate Republicans asking that compromise be adopted to stabilize the health care markets.

**Gre Loew** — What happens if Trump nixes it?

**Perkins** — The markets will continue to implode.

### **Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office**

**Helen Wolter** — She came out on Climate Change as a national security issue. She co-sponsored legislation to consider the health effects on plains flying over populated areas. She also sponsored legislation for multi-line phones to give precise locations.

**State Senator Jerry Hill's Office** — No report.

**Scott Weiner's Office** — No report.

**Phil Ting's Office** — No report.

**Kevin Mullin's Office** — No report.

**Marc Berman's Office** — No report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)**

### **Election Integrity Committee**

John Woodell — Sorry, just found Brent's report: On Monday Oct 16th I attended the public meeting regarding the "Voter Choice Act" for San Mateo County — which will close down the precincts and move the county toward "vote centers" within a mail-in model. There is an issue with a lack of disability access as well as general access, especially on the coast side. I raised these issues. Also, there is still the outstanding signature matching issue and the software security issue left outstanding.

## CLUB REPORTS

**Democracy for America** — Ashleigh Evans

**Evans** — At our next meeting, the first Wed of the month, it will be the 1st. Santa Clara County Supervisor will be talking about conversations he with Trump voters. He went to Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Michigan. He got an earful from Obama voters that flipped for Trump. We'll also be talking about coming up with improvements to the Democratic Party's "a better deal," we'll present out final version.

**North Peninsula democrats** — Sandra Lang

**Lang** — Our Anniversary Celebration has been postponed, please stay tuned.

**Coastside Progressive Democrats** — Sabrina Brennan

**Brennan** — We had a booth at pumpkin fest. It was well attended, we collected over 100 signatures for "healthcare for all." We learned this is a bipartisan issue with folks that came to speak with us.

**Coastside Democrats** — Bill Kehoe

**Kehoe** — Kathy Cline organized voter registration. All forms were filled out correctly. Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our general session meeting; Jerry Hill is coming. We'll vote on updating our bylaws. We'll vote on updating the bylaws. December 9th, is our Holiday Party, you are all welcome.

## LIGHTNING ROUND

**Helen Wolter** — Eshoo is celebrating 25 years in congress. This event starts at 6pm in Palo Alto. I'm also the new legislative advocate for Committee for Green Foothills.

**April Vargas** — I also want to thank Kathy Cline, and thank Daily City Pacifica club, that got signatures at Fog Fest. If anybody is interested, we'll organize a training. It's was clear some folks need training. This county always puts voters first. Where Republicans are in charge, it seems like they want to keep Democrats from voting.

**Yarbrough** — Is Nancy P. going to be doing the training?

**Vargas** — It's going to be a groud effort. Nancy doesn't want to be in charge. Daphne is taking over with Nancy's help.

**Jon Levinson** — The other day, there was an NPR had discussion on mike pence. Mike Pence as Governor of Indiana, abortion/miscarriage would have formal service for fetus. Also, Christian business owners could ban LGBT people. Mike Pence is scary.

**Ashleigh Evans** — The DFA Holiday Party is December 6, at Greg's house. We'll have our annual poetry contest and the Raging Grannies with parodies of Christmas songs. Also, we want to sponsor a political film festival; some short, some long.

## CLOSING

**John Woodell** — Carolyn Clarke recently passed away, I was just at her funeral. Carolyn ran for city council and was on the housing commission in Menlo Park. She was also my DCC alternate. I'd like to adjourn in her memory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.