

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting Minutes

Nov 16, 2017

PREAMBLE

Chair — Introduces Eric Bauman (at 7:47pm).

Bauman — (Talks about Virginia) We have to help our neighbors.

We may win a Senate seat in Alabama. This weekend we have a bunch of the team here:

- Dan Weitzman, Controller
- Emma Harper, Member Services Director
- Adam Seiden, Executive Director at Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Clark Lee, Political Director
- Tim Valencia Los Angeles Office Manager, Leadership Liaison/Officer Support

Call to Order: Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:52pm. By Chair Cecily Harris.

Chair — asks for motion to approve Oct minutes. [David Burruto, Nancy Yarbrough]: **PASSED.**

Chair — asks for motion to adopt Nov agenda. [David Burruto, Nancy Yarbrough]: **PASSED.**

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair — calls out visitors: Joe Goethals - San Mateo City Council, Rico Medina - Mayor of San Bruno, and Michael Salazar - San Bruno City Council.

Joe Goethals — Thanks the committee for their support.

Greg Loew — Introduces new alternate Linda Maki.

Pat Harris — Running for Senate, will talk at lightning round.

Julia Posin — Project Director at Pat Harris for Senate 2018.

Bryan Beck — On board of directors for Committee for Green Foothills (CGF).

Kaia Eakin — Introduction.

Julia Mates — Belmont Planning Commission, New alternate for Nancy Yarbrough.

Carlos Bolanos — San Mateo County Sheriff.

John Lynch — From Texas.

Holiday Party

Chair — The Holiday Party is coming up.

Nancy Yarbrough — This year is different, with a real team doing parts. We need somebody with a vehicle to bring tables from the storage locker. It will be a potluck with some entrees. We've done pasta in the past. Potluck, so bring side dishes or dessert.

Cliff Robbins — Thursday Dec 14, 7-9pm at Ginny Stewart's clubhouse. We're also going to collect toys for Samaritan house. I'm on their board. Please bring new unwrapped toys (\$30 to \$50), if you have questions, come find me.

Brigid O'Farrell — We're looking for entertainment/music.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

Chair — The e-board is trying new things. They are trying to record the meetings.

Northern Vice Chair — No Report.

Southern Vice Chair — I'm looking for feedback on notes from endorsements.

Controller — Not a lot of activity, Federal: \$69K, State: \$52K, Segregated: \$500
— We need to think about our reserves. Please check in on Facebook.

Recording Secretary — No Report.

Correspondence Secretary — No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Development Committee

April Vargas w/ Alexis Lewis — We're doing an event to meet State Office candidates in advance of convention in February. We're looking at Devils Canyon. We'll have a reception with drinks. Meet people who want your vote, more details soon.

Question — Is the convention at the end of the month?

April — Our event is at the beginning of the month.

Resolutions Committee / David Burruto — No report

Bylaws Committee / Cliff Robbins — No report

Election Integrity Committee

Brent Turner — Not much to speak of, I'll bring issues up, the ACLU suit regarding signatures. For the all-mail-in-ballot we want to be aware of signature issues. There is a lawsuit against Padilla. The county will host events; few voting centers are planned.

Technology and Data Management Committee — No report

Programs and events Committee

Brigid O'Farrell — We're trying to have a speaker for January. Immigration is a good topic. We found speakers on the Coastsides. Sunday at 2pm, County doing prospective on immigration, a two-hour panel with the Sheriff's office and Church Groups at the San Mateo library. We'll follow up in January. Sanctuary cities are in the news again today.

Welcome and outreach Committee

Sharrie Kriger — Thanks Anastasia Morrison, Eric Siegel and others for helping out. We got a lot of unsolicited advice about the website. There is room to move ahead.

DIRECTOR and LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

District Director — No report.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Office — No Report

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office — No Report

Scott Weiner's Office — No report.

Phil Ting's Office — No report.

Kevin Mullin's Office — No report.

State Senator Jerry Hill's Office

Joan Dentler — Senator Hill is in the district, he had hoped to be here tonight. Look forward to "there ought to be a law" contest. Please come to the district office to speak to Senator Hill.

Marc Berman's Office

Nicole Fernandez — Marc accomplished his goal today, hosted a coffee with every Mayor.

CLUB REPORTS

Coastside Democrats

Kehoe — We did get bylaws in sync with State. Dec 9 at 7pm, event in El Granada.

Democracy for America — Ashleigh Evans

Evans — Dec 6th, Holiday Party, 6pm at Greg Loew's home. We always bring a toy for Samaritan house. We have an annual poetry contest, sometimes political, Raging Grannies, Christmas carol tunes. Kevin Mullin will be there. Our last meeting was a huge success. Joe Simitian came to talk about his survey, "talking to Obama voters that flipped to Trump." He got an earful; they loathed Hilary. From depressed areas, looking for change under Obama, didn't get it. Joe Simitian is a wonderful speaker. We've been working the past couple months, looking for a statement on Democratic values. We adopted them at our last meeting, called "what Dems will fight for." We felt the Democratic Party needs a bold new direction. People think we're paying lip service to issues. Also, we felt disappointed in Schumer's Better Deal. We invite other clubs to take this and come up with their own values.

Peninsula Young Democrats

Fernandez — The California Young Dems had a retreat in Tahoe.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition

Fernandez — Mark your calendar, Dec 16, 7pm, Holiday Party at the Thurber's house.

North Peninsula democrats

Chair (for Ann Schneider) — NPD lost their speaker for Saturday, so they'll visit e-board. Caucuses start at 8:30am; Dan Weitzman coffee is at 7am.

Brigid O'Farrell — Women's Caucus with Christine Pelosi, on sexual harassment.

Nick Akers — Dan Weitzman coffee, "how to move action to county level."

LIGHTNING ROUND

Karen Maki — I went to hear Joe Simitian, I was impressed. He said people flipped because of job despair. These people should be with us. Let's figure out how to help them.

Greg Loew — People that flipped in these communities once made \$60K out of high school 20 years ago, but are now making \$25K. These people have no hope; they're underpaid.

Nick Akers — Richard Cordray announced that he'll be leaving the National Protection Bureau. He fights banks; he cares more about people than banks. He's running for Governor of Ohio.

Brigid O'Farrell — Catherine Grundman from Sister District couldn't be here. They had a great success targeting Virginia. Our candidates won in 13 out of 14. The other one is still being counted. Folks in our district raised 5% of the funds. In January, Catherine will be here to talk about how we can work together.

April Vargas — The Alabama Democratic Party is not doing outreach to the black community. A woman in the NAACP organized a phone program. They're not equipped to do this with computers so they printed out call sheets on paper. If you can make a commitment to make calls, please contact me. It's very sad to me that nobody is calling them.

Pat Harris — I'm running for Senate. At this point we need fighters. I'm a rabble-rouser. I've been a defense and civil rights attorney. I fought Ken Starr, the Catholic Church, Pfizer, Wells Fargo, and B of A. When Trump says, "increase for profit prisons," we say no.

Brent Turner — I'm known as a rabble-rouser. We have to stand up at e-board, and take the fight forward. The Dakota pipeline is now flooding oil near protesters. We can do better. We need somebody to carry a bill to secure the voting systems. Ruben Major is running for Secretary of State. He can get the job done. We need to stand up now for Democratic values.

Gina Papan — I'm not a rabble-rouser. I'm the Vice Mayor of Millbrae. We welcome the e-board. We're excited to have the e-board in Millbrae.

CLOSING

Chair — The e-board meets by phone every month; we need to hear from you.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.