

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St . , San Jose

**MINUTES FOR Thursday, February 3, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:16pm**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Bill Ferguson, Rob Means, Jey Surier, Gilbert Wong, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish(*Excused*), Alex Kennett, Ross Gomez, Jeremy Barousse, Denise Alejandro, Bob Wieckowski, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Elaine Alquist, Anna Eshoo, Marie Higby, Juan Vergara, Medhi Sofapour, Martin Monica, James King, Mia White, Andres Quintero.

**Alternates for:** Anne Mack, Rich Gordon, Paul Fong, Nora Campos, Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, John Laird, Rena Modell,

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

-Ricky Le, Congresswoman Lofgren's D.C. Office

- Peter Arellano, Gilroy City Council

-Assemblymember Luis Alejo speaks on the happenings of Sacramento. Was appointed Vice-Chair of Assembly local government Committee by Speaker Perez. Took questions from Members of the Committee.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion to approved; seconded; Motion approved

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Minutes are/will be posted at [sccdp.org](http://sccdp.org))

a. January 6, 2011 Minutes

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

1) Consider Support of Sunnyvale and Los Gatos-Saratoga Schools Parcel Tax special election

-Mike Gallagher: Committee to support Sunnyvale Schools. \$58 parcel tax. To raise \$1 million in revenue for school funding. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Mail-in election. Requires 2/3 to pass

-47% of kids live in poverty.

-Q & A: Senior exception, and those with disabilities.

- Motion to Endorse measures made; seconded; Motion approved.

## 2) Discussion: Attacks on Progressives

-Anna Schlotz: Need a discussion in March meeting on the attacks on Democratic values; Right-to-Work, defending Planned Parenthood; Immigrants; and Health Care.

## 3) Discussion: Re-evaluate layoffs in City of San Jose.

-Desiree Gesie: Re-directing civil service division to re-evaluate their policy of layoffs. Younger workers easily replace older workers.

## 4. Appointment of Javier Gonzalez to position of Sergeant-at-Arms

-Motion made;Seconded; Motion passed.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 1) Fill remaining 2 vacancies to Democratic State Central Committee

-John Graff and Jim Brady, Jerry Hunt, Hope Cahan, Kristin Johnson, Wendy Macias nominated.

-Candidates spoke:

-Kristin:11

-Jerry: 16

-Jim:21

-Graff: 4

-Hope: 31

-Wendy: 2

-Vote for 1 male, 1 female.

-Hope Cahan and Jim Brady elected.

### 2) County Committee Vacancies

-To be filled next month.

## 8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

**a. Executive Board: Andrae G. Macapinlac**

**b. Chair: Steve Preminger**

**-State of the Union watch party; 60-70 people.**

**-Memorial Vigil for victims of the Tucson attack**

**-Appointment of Javier Gonzalez to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms.**

**-MOE Administrator Rachael Sumi**

**-Report on Statewide Redistricting. Public meetings in the next couple of months at the local level.**

**c. Vice Chair: Clark Williams**

**-Bylaws Review Process: Committee meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss issues. April or May meeting should have bylaws changes.**

**d. Treasurer: Drina Collins**

**-Dues are Due**

**-\$1540 currently in the bank.**

**e. Secretary: Andrae G. Macapinlac**

**f. Issues: James Kim**

**g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**

**-Events starting in April. Many clubs are planning community events. Need push for voter registration on the East Side.**

**h. Finance: Hope Cahan**

**-Bounty Money Update on club voter registration efforts.**

**-UDC Report:\$730.49 Fed. \$2,400(roughly)**

**i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Jon Kessler**

**j. Communications: David Cohen**

**-Membership Directory updated**

**-Club Events posted on website**

**-Rachel is new Blogger**

**k. Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**

## **I. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**

-Third annual Council of the Clubs: On FPPC and FEC Reporting. At South Bay Labor Council, Sat March 5<sup>th</sup>

### **-Club Reports:**

1. **Milpitas Democratic Club is alive and well; not chartered yet,**
2. **Sunnyvale Democratic Club- Nancy Smith:** The club had a SOTU watch party at Jake's; over 60 people attended. February 27<sup>th</sup>, Vision and Values for our city, and the club will be in the preparation for the endorsement process for the 2011 Sunnyvale City Council races.
3. **Bay Area for Change-Alyson Abramowitz**
4. **Peninsula Democratic Club- Kristin Johnson**
5. **Democratic Caucus at SJSU- Alexandria Lee Wara**
6. **Santa Clara County Democratic Club- John Graff:** SCCDC Spring Party and Fundraiser: Saturday, May 21, 2011. Venue TBD. The SCCDC E-Board has analyzed the results of the club's vote on proposed activities. Among the results is a suggestion that the club raise \$10,000 for the 2012 election campaigns.
7. **South County Democratic Club-Dan Kenney:** The Club will have Assemblymember Alejo come speak about the state budget. Discussion on the National Peace Academy.
8. **Dean Democratic Club- Melodi Masaniai:** Gerry Hunt will be the new voting-member at Central committee. Thanked Wanda Bryan for her service in being the Club Rep.
9. **DAWN-Mertyle Ferrande**
10. **SVYD- Andrae Macapinlac**

## **m. Regional Director: Emy Thurber**

-CDP Rules Committee and Finance Committee will be meeting at SBLC.

-Critical for all clubs to be properly trained to voter registration.

-CA DEM Convention coming on April 29th-May 1.

- DEM 2012

## **n. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis**

-Conference Call with Western Caucus: Discussed resolution presented to DNC regarding "50-State Strategy". Controversial measure; some state Party chairs experiencing unfunded mandates.

-SCC Central Committee in favor of 50-State Strategy

**o. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope**

-Oppose HR 3. Attacks family planning.

**p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin**

- In January, guest was Jody Meacham, author of "Through the Heart of the South", a book about growing up in the segregated South.
- Guest in February TBD.
- See the SCCDP web site for the schedule, and to view our shows.
- We could still use more good Democrats on the crew. No prior video experience is necessary.

**q. CDC Report: Herb Engstrom**

**-April 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop at San Francisco State University regarding Redistricting.**

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**-Special Announcement by Herb: Regarding Name Badges**

-Hope Cahan: Running for Open Spot for AD 24.

- Anna Schlotz: Announcement about the organization "Next Generation."

-David Cohen: Support Tax Extension in June Ballot

-Emmy Thurber: Century Club Meeting at San Jose Airport Hotel, Friday, February 11th.

-Jeremy Dennis: Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm Open House for Assemblymember Rich Gordon.

-Chris Stampolis: Community Colleges funding getting cut drastically.

-Alyson Abramowitz: Announcement regarding the CDP Computer & Internet Caucus and the Business & Professional Caucus co-sponsoring the Science & Technology Summit at Stanford University. Keynote Speaker: Steve Westley.

## 12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

-Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

-Motion made to adjourn in silence in memory of the victims of Tucson shooting; Seconded; Approved;

-Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm