

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W Hedding Street, San Jose
MINUTES for Thursday, May 5, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Marsha Grilli, Deepka Lalwani, Andrae Macapinlac (Excused), Jey Surier, Brandon Sulser, Megan Young, Gilbert Wong, Deniese Alejandro, Jeremy Barousse, Tony Alexander, Melinda Chacon, Rebecca Scheel, David Parker, Lee Ross Gomez, Shawn Bagley, Bob Wieckowski, Elaine Alquist, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Martin Monica.

Alternates for: Herb Engstrom, Tom Cochran, Anne Mack, Rich Gordon, Paul Fong, Nora Campos, Jim Beall, Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, Jerry McNerney.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Anne Rosensweig - South County
Dr. Peter Arellano, Gilroy City Council
Jim Moore, Caroline's other dad.
Paul Chalmers SVDC
Emilie Gatfield AD-23 Delegate
Peter Leroy-Munoz

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Moved. Approved. Unanimous.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

a. April 7, 2011 Minutes

b. Moved. Approved. Unanimous.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Bylaws Revision

i. Adopting, not amending the bylaws.

ii. Article 8: Process/rules for removal from Central Committee/requires two-thirds vote. Attendance and notice. Supporting non-Democrats/Working against Democrats.

1. Gerry Hunt: Notification process. Clark explained language in the Article.

2. Peter Chui: Define publicly advocating and vs. publicly working against. Clark \geq we'll know it when we see it. \leq Purposefully not defined.

3. Bill James misread this when sent around. 2/3 vote means sanctions would include removal from office. Per Clark: Intent of Article 8 = 2/3 vote means up to and including removal from office. (This was a \geq let the record reflect \leq from Bill James.

4. Emy: Do we have the power to remove someone from elected office?
Clark, no. Chessin/David Cohen: Yes, in the State Law. Related to attendance.
5. Mehdi: Sanctions? Term or lifetime?
6. Motion to end discussion: Aye.
 - iii. Dual voting position memberships not allowed.
 - iv. Meeting locations, Eboard meeting location/dates/agenda will be noticed to the body.
 - v. Endorsement: One entire day, to benefit the democratic clubs and others who serve; instead of scheduling several nights per week for multiple weeks.
 1. Number of seats per AD struck.
 2. Move to adopt: David Cohen: Amendment, excused absences, \geq may be removed \leq at the end of the calendar year. \leq Strike the remainder of the sentences. Seconded: Aldythe Parle. Unanimous.
 3. Move to accept the amendment: David Cohen. Seconded: Bill Ferguson.
Steve Preminger, explained, not abused. Friend of Stevens. Against the amendment. David Cohen for the amendment. Swanee opposed. Chessin (as secretary of A cmte): Keep attendance. 60/40 in support.
Jacquie: Unsupport.
Vote on the amendment accepting the new language: 11 favor/36 oppose.
 4. Move to use committee to approve excused absences by a vote (Chair, if not available, then entire committee for vote) Friendly amendment EBoard or Vice Chair: Stampolis. Seconded: Bill Ferguson. 6 favor/41 oppose.
- b. Election of 4 State Central Committee Executive Board Representatives
 - i. Call for nominations: Swanee nominated Omar Torres. Diane nominated Jim Thurber. Emy nominated Nancy Smith. Emy nominated Javier Gonzalez. Chessin nominated Alyson Abramowitz. Carol Garvey nominated Jill Chesler.
- member of state central cmte appointed by this body.
Nominations closed. Javier withdrew. Renominated. Jill/Nancy disqualified.
Alyson Abramowitz, Javier Gonzalez, Jim Thurber, and Omar Torres elected by acclamation.
- c. Discussion on Messaging Project Emilie Gatfield. Report on messaging cmte meeting.
 - i. Audience: this room, democrats who want to become more involved.
Rules of getting people's attention. Make them want to stay. \geq We need a hook for this. \leq Looking for people who might be interested in taking on specific issues. The County Chair thanks Herb Engstrom. (This was a \geq let the record reflect \leq from Chair Preminger.)
- d. Overturn Prop 14:

i. Mr. Gautan Dutta, dutta@businessandelectionlaw.com
39270 Paseo Padre Parkway, #206, Fremont, CA 94538, 415-236-2048

ii. businessandelectionlaw.com

iii. Suit in progress, waiting for ruling.

e. JJ Dinner: Space available in the dinner program (Jacquie and Kristin)

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

a. Executive Board: Steve Preminger

b. Chair: Steve Preminger - Vacancy, due to the passing of Anne Mack, in AD21.

c. Vice Chair: Clark Williams - No reports.

d. Treasurer: Drina Collins - JJ dinner, \$1,436.84.

e. Secretary: Andrae G. Macapinlac

f. Issues: Jon Kessler

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin

h. Finance: Hope Cahan

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green

j. Communications: David Cohen

k. Campaign Services: Tom Cochran

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

m. Regional Director: Emy Thurber

n. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

o. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

1) Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in April was Judy Rickard, the author of "Torn Apart: United by Love, Divided by Law", about the struggle she and her partner, as well as similar gay and lesbian couples, face when one partner is an American citizen and the other is not.

Our guest in May is TBD.

See the sccdpc 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

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Must leave. County requirement, cutbacks. Motion to Defer unless urgent business is required: Stampolis.
Seconded, motion approved.
Adjourn in memory of Anne Mack, Pearl Cauldwell.