

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

Meeting will start at 7:00 pm sharp.**MINUTES FOR Thursday, December 5th, 2013****1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Gilbert Wong, Chris Stampolis, Omar Torres, Ash Kalra, Javier Gonzalez, Elisha Brady, Marjorie Friedman, Forrest Williams, Bill Roth, Bruce Morasca, Paul Comacho, Asm. Nora Campos, Asm. Paul Fong, Asm. Mark Stone, Asm. Luis Alejo, Sen. Ellen Corbett, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Rep. Sam Farr, Royce Kelley, Hene Kelly, Kelly Martinez, Robert Braunstein, Karina Dominguez, Rishi Kumar, Raul Colunga, Amy Pearl, Herb Engstrom (excused), Sally Armendariz, Buu Thai

Alternates for: Anna Song, Tony Alexander, Darcie Green, Ken Yeager, Pierluigi Oliverio, Rich Watterman, Asm. Rich Gordon, Asm. Bob Wieckowski, Sen. Jerry Hill, Sen. Jim Beall, Sen. Bill Monning, Rep. Anna Eshoo, Josh Barousse

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Bill Barret, Rob Means, Richard Hobbs, Walter Wilson, Kathy Sutherland, Mauricio Mejia, Rick Colbert, Dennis Chui

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved, seconded, approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)a. Thursday, November 7th, 2013

Moved, seconded, approved

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Action Item: SCCDP Support of AB 1266

Bill by Asm. Tom Ammiano restates the Democratic value of anti-discrimination against transgender students. A referendum may qualify for the statewide ballot in 2014 to overturn equal and safe access gender-based spaces in school facilities.

b. Report on passage of Sunnyvale Measure C

The Democratic Club of Sunnyvale discussed their successful Nov. 2013 campaign for local control and gun safety in Sunnyvale. The ballot initiative had a higher voter turnout than any other item on the Sunnyvale ballot.

c. Endorsing *Move to Amend's* county ballot measure

Richard Hobbs discussed the need to overturn Citizens United and end corporate personhood

d. Discussion of process for possible revision of bylaws regarding endorsements

Based on changes that other Democratic Central Committees are making, Bill James will form a committee to revisit the bylaws to discuss and potentially propose changes to our governing documents to allow for the endorsement process to begin before the close of filing.

7. OLD BUSINESS**8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS****a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac**

- Meeting was held on November 26th at 6pm at Democratic Headquarters. Next meeting TBD

b. Chair: Steve Preminger**c. Vice Chair: Bill James**

- Bill is working on new outreach methods to engage Democrats that are not currently active in the Party and will be working on reviewing the Central Committees bylaws

d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams

- SCCDP currently has 73 paid members and a current account balance of \$21,000

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac

f. Issues: Andres Quintero

- Hosted a policy committee meeting on November 26th. The next meeting is being scheduled for either December 13th or 14th

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin

- The Party's Holiday Party will be Friday, December 20th from 6-9pm at the Party Headquarters (2901 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 110) Please bring canned food and new unwrapped toys

h. Finance: Emy Thurber

- October Account Details:
 - Received: \$10,000
 - Expended: \$11,256.52
 - Loss: \$1,256.52 for the month
 - Checking account balance: \$4,138.16

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green

j. Communications: David Cohen

- The December edition of the Party newsletter was sent out today (December 5th). Currently recruiting for members of the Communications Committee

k. Campaign Services: Ann Grabowski

- The campaign period for the City of San Jose Council and Mayoral races opened today. Based on current filings, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and the Mayors race have registered Democrats running against each other. The next Call-to-Action event will take place at the Democratic Party HQ on Saturday, December 14th from 9-11am with breakfast provided

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

- One new Democratic club has been chartered. The Silicon Valley African American Democratic Club has a full board and is led by Elizabeth Birks. The Club's charter was enthusiastically approved.

Club Reports

Dean Club of Silicon Valley: Hosting an event in support of Michael Eggman for Congressional District 10 on Saturday, December 14th, 2013 from 3pm-5pm at Dem HQ. Tickets are \$50. More information and tickets available at: <https://secure.actblue.com/page/ddcsv1>

DAWN: DAWN will be sending an issues survey out to its membership via email in late December or early January. The first club brunch will be January 25th to vote on bylaw revisions and elect board members

SEIU Retirees: Luncheon on Friday, December 13th at 11am at SEIU-521, 2302 Zanker Road. Cost is \$12 for non-members

South County Democratic Club: Very engaged in Party pipelining and in Call to Action meetings. Recently gave two scholarships to students at Gavilan College

APA Democratic Club: Dinner with Dems was a very successful event and will continue in the future so look for event dates and updates

SVYD: Annual winter fundraiser is Monday, December 16th at 7:30pm at Splash on Post Street. Bring a toy to donate to Santa Maria Urban Ministry. Members also ran the 5k and 10k Applied Materials Turkey Trot

Democratic Club of Sunnyvale: Holiday party: Sunday, December 15th from 2 – 4pm at the Fairbae Swim Club: 696 Sheraton Drive, Sunnyvale

Berryessa Democratic Club: Recently held elections for new club officers. Beginning to engage in 2014 races. Hosting candidate forums in the new year:

--1/16/14 – AD 25 candidate forum at Berryessa Library

--2/1/14 – CD 10 & CD 17 candidate forum

PDC: Holiday party on Saturday, December 14th from 7pm-10pm at the Thurber's home, entry is \$10. Please bring a dish to share and canned food for donation. Drinks will be provided by the club. More information and RSVP available here: http://www.peninsulademocrats.com/holiday_party

Democratic 21st Century Club: December luncheon – Friday, December 13th at 12pm, Airport Garden Hotel

m. Regional Director:

1) Royce Kelley, Region 5

2) Hene Kelley, Region 6

- The pre-convention delegation endorsement meeting for Congressional and State Assembly candidates will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Time and Place – TBD
- Only designated representatives from chartered clubs can vote. Each club can have 1 delegate for each 20 members in an Assembly District. Vote by mail is allowed at this meeting, but vote by proxy is not.
- A candidate must get 70% to receive the party endorsement
- If no candidate gets 70%, but at least one candidate receives over 50%, then an endorsement vote will be held at the convention
- At the convention, incumbents need 50% to receive an endorsement but non-office holders need 60%
- No vote by mail is allowed at the convention, but proxy voting is allowed
- Assembly delegates are eligible to vote for endorsements by virtue of being assembly delegates
- Electeds get to designate delegate voters as well
- Added to that are the club voters
- Hene received lists from the PDC and PYD, as well as the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale.
- Most of Santa Clara County is not located with in Region 6

3) Kelly Martinez, Region 7

o. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

- Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in November was Kay Magistad, China correspondent for the Public Radio International radio show “The World”. The guest in December is TBD. See the sccdp website for the schedule and to view the show. We could still use more good Democrats on the crew. No prior video experience is necessary.

q. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

- Planned Parenthood opened a new clinic in Redwood City

r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Brady: Jim was diagnosed with leukemia six years ago and recently experienced a relapse, but was able to enroll in a clinical trial through the National Institute for Health. Now on the mend, Jim is raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in an Ironman competition!
- Clarence Madrilejos: Clarence serves on the board of the National Federation for Filipino American Associations and requested that Central Committee members give additional support for relief efforts in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan.
- Dan Hoffman: After a few health issues and moving to a new senior community, Dan is back in action and was happy to be at Central Committee. He gave special thanks to Supervisor Dave Cortese, Chief Larry Esquivel, Meri Maben, Emilie Gatfield, Aldeth, and Steve Preminger for their support.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

- After a moment of silence honoring the life and service of Nelson Mandela, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm