

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 4th, 2014****1. CALL TO ORDER**

7:10pm

2. ROLL CALL

Absent:

Chris Stampolis, Andres Quintero, Javier Gonzalez, Jim Brady, Brian O'Neil, Walt Glines, Rebecca Scheel, Buce Morasca, Dan Kenney, Ross Gomez, Paul Comacho, Jerry Hill, Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, Elizabeth Birk, Nasreem Rahim, Robert Braunstein, Karina Dominguez, Rishi Kumar, Raul Colunga, Deepka Lalwani (ex), Chris Kolterman, Margaret Abe Koga, Buu Thai, Thomas Wang, Sally Armendariz.

Alternates for: Gilbert Wong, Anna Song, Ken Yeager, Rich Watterman, Rich Gordon, Bob Wieckowski, Nora Campos, Paul Fong, Ellen Corbett, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Mike Honda, Anna Eshoo, David Wessel.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Alex Torres- Candidate for SJ Council 4

Allen Chiu- Candidate for SJ Council 4

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved; seconded approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)b. Thursday, December 4th, 2014

Moved; seconded; approved

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution for open source elections- County Pledge (See Back)

Brent Turner from San Mateo County Central Committee elections committee spoke on behalf of advocating for more transparent elections. Recommending that Registrars to get open source, County-owned system. SF County first Bay Area county that will join this cause.

Questions: Are you considering a board that will oversee these transitions?

Answer: Yes. SB 360 would allow state to self-certify elections system.

Concerns: Don't want Santa Clara County would create own system.

Answer: Work would be done through Sec of State with universities and other entities.

Pearl: Suggests that a group or committee look at the wording outside the meeting to craft better wording.

Motion made to table to ad hoc committee for further study

Made; seconded; approved.

7. OLD BUSINESSa. Bylaws Amendments: (<http://tinyurl.com/Sccdcc-bylaws>)

-Central Committee will be elected every 4 years.

-Director of Gender Equity and Status of Women added to list of Directors.

-\$25 dues every two years.

-Make clear that multiple candidates running for multiple seats, that 3 people for 3 seats is a SOLE not MULTIPLE endorsement.

Motion made; seconded; discussion

Discussion

Engstrom: Suggests amendments to allow for approval voting.

"Approval votes must be cast on paper ballots"

Endorsed "All candidates receiving 2/3 of the vote gets endorsement". "If two or more candidates get 3/5, they shall be endorsed."

If no candidate gets 2/3 or 3/5 vote, they shall NOT be endorsed.

Amendment moved; seconded; discussion

Edwards: Does not agree with multiple endorsement for one race.

Engstrom: Approval voting helps alleviate some problems in endorsement process; voting by hand causes discrepancies. Approval voting creates a paper trail.

Bill: Opposes amendment. Would create unintended "NO ENDORSEMENT" and unintended "SOLE ENDORSEMENT". Changes outcomes through procedure.

Engstrom: This doesn't eliminate anything; it creates a choice. No perfect voting procedure, but it gives us a choice.

Chessin: "Later No Harm" (second preference shouldn't harm your first preference). We cannot have secret ballots.

Madrelejos: Concerns- 1. Candidates seeking endorsement need to know what our process is. 2. Choosing best candidate in the particular race.

Motion of Amendment fails.

Original motion:

Moved; seconded; passes.

b. Gender Equity and Status of Women

Ann Grabowski reporting: In the process on creating work plan. Tuesday January 20th at 6:30pm is next meeting.

Splitting work plan into two sections: Gender parity and policy implications.

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

Discussed the planning of this month's agenda.

b. Chair: Steve Preminger

Happy that November elections are over with.

c. Vice Chair: Bill James**d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams**

\$2352 in the bank.

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac**f. Issues: Andres Quintero****g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin****h. Finance: Emy Thurber**

\$52,000 in UDC State, \$8900 in restricted account, \$790 in federal account

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green

Endorsement process begins in January.

j. Communications: David Cohen**k. Campaign Services: Ann Grabowski (ADD ANN's NEW POSITION)**

Will have special election on April 7th for D4 seat.

Filing closes January 9th.

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

Thanks SVLDF for bringing tonight's food.

Dean Club: December 10th, Christmas Dinner Potluck.

SCCDC: November meeting had Dr. Percival did election analysis. Holiday Party is on December 5th. Club voted overwhelmingly to ask Sen. Elizabeth Warren to run for President.

PDC: Holiday Party on 12-13-14 at the Thurbers.

Sunnyvale: Coming together Party on the 13th with reps from Khanna and Honda campaigns.

SVYD: Holiday party at Mosaic on the 15th.

BNSJ: December 20th Holiday Party at the Home of Dave Cohen

DAWN: Holiday Mixer on December 17th.

m. Regional Director:

Chessin gave E-Board report. Adem changed to 7 men and 7 women. Register by Dec 11th at 5pm. Volunteers needed.

AD 25 convener Tim Orozco- Jan 11th at CSEA HQ

AD 24 convener Allison Abramowitz- Jan 11th

1) Royce Kelley, Region 5

2) Hene Kelley, 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 Reverend Dana Bainbridge. She runs a number of programs in San Jose to help the homeless and people with substance abuse issues, including the Recovery Cafe at First Christian Church of San Jose.

Our guest in December is 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. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

Planned Parenthood opening new clinic in Oakland.

Alum Rock clinic has lots of anti-choice protesters**r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield****9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Art: December 14th- Candlelight walk for Newtown Tragedy. Downtown Palo Alto.

Monday, January 19th is Annual Freedom Train

Thurber: Century Club Holiday Lunch is the 13th.

Wieckowski Swearing-in Ceremony on December 10th.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:34pm

RESOLUTION FOR OPEN SOURCE ELECTIONS- COUNTY PLEDGE

WHEREAS, public confidence in the integrity of the election system in the United States is declining; and voting machines and the computers that add vote totals are being run with computer programs or software that can substantially change vote totals in subtle ways that are difficult to detect; and

WHEREAS, we the people have the right to know exactly how votes are processed, to have transparent elections, and to have computer scientists analyze open source code for malicious code which could be used to manipulate elections; and

WHEREAS, proprietary computer software denies us this right to know, inner workings of the computerized vote counting hardware are secret; and there are now better methods available under the passage of SB-360 that will heighten transparency and increase security while reducing costs and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls upon Santa Clara County and the San Clara County officials to pledge available resources toward the effort to create, certify and deploy publicly owned, open source election systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution should be distributed to the California Democratic State and Federal delegation as well as the State's Democratic State Constitutional Officers.