MINUTES for Thursday, October 3, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL
Absent: Gilbert Wong, Michael Vargas, Deepka Lalwani, Tony Alexander, Tim Orozco, Aimee Escobar, Maya Esparza, Andres Quintero, Juan Quinones, Omar Torres, Jason Baker, Rebeca Armendariz.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS
Nora Campos, Candidate for State Senate SD-15
Natasha Gupta
Alex Nunez
Stephanie Grossman

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)
   a. Thursday, August 1, 2019 – approved
   b. Thursday, September 5, 2019 – approved with correction

6. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Update re Director of Inclusion and Diversity; link to apply: https://tiny.cc/inclusion_director
      Members interested in applying please use link

7. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Presentation: Moms Demand Action – Teresa Fiss
   b. Resolution to Support the San Jose Fair Elections Initiative- Sergio Jimenez, Professor Percival, and Jeremy Barousse
      Vote: Approved 34 Ayes, 2 Noes, 4 Abstains. Resolution to be referred to Platform Committee
   c. Resolution Requesting Consistent Messaging and Training – Avalanche Democratic Club
      Vote: Approved Unanimously with the following text change on 4th paragraph “…to invest in data mining, technology and multi-disciplinary and other experts……”
   d. Report: Keith Umemoto, DNC Member & Western Region Vice Chair
      See Report below
   e. South Bay Democratic Coalition accreditation request
      Motion to approve unanimous

8. REPORTS
   a. Executive Board/Chair Bill James –
      Read a report from Executive Board on E-Board business
   b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen –
      Shared information re Cupcakes and Conversation at the November 7th Central Committee, and Monday October 21“ The Commission on the Status of Women, Justice and Advocacy Committee at 6pm at the County Building.
   c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen – no report
   d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report
   e. Issues: Michael Vargas – Cory Wolbach presented update on behalf of Michael. Platform committee final draft being worked on for November meeting. Email questions, comments, concerns to Michael Vargas.
   f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin – no report
   g. Finance: Prameela Bartholomeusz
   h. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
      Update on the endorsement process. Will be sending invitations at the beginning of October. Races to consider: SJ City Council 2,4,6,8,10. SCC Supervisors 1,2,3
Communications: John Comiskey – no report

Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen - no report

Campaign Services: Titus Lin – at home with daughter, Training on October 6th

Clubs: Alex Wara –

Dean Club- John Comiskey
DFA Link meeting
Representative of SCC BoS 3 candidate Kansen Chu, SCCDP Platform Chair Michael Vargas, SCC BoS 3 candidate Rose Herrera
WHEN: September 9, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Dean Club working meeting
Endorsement interviews schedule
WHEN: September 23, 2019 @ 7:00pm – 9:00pm

DFA Link meeting
Agenda TBD
WHEN: October 14, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Site TBD

Dean Club working meeting
friendly incumbent endorsements
WHEN: October 28, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Marie Callender's 751 E El Camino Real Sunnyvale, CA 94087

DFA Link & working meeting
March 3, 2020 Primary Endorsements
Presidential Primary endorsement commitment
call for brag list items
WHEN: November 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Calabazas Library
1230 S Blaney Ave, San Jose, CA 95129

Dean Club working meeting combined with DFA Link on 11/11/19

DFA Link Meeting
Holiday Pot Luck and Goals Brainstorming
WHEN: December 9, 2019 @6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Wheeler Home, 3956 Nelson Ct, Palo Alto, CA  94306

No Dean Club working meeting in December

D10 Democrats of Santa Clara County – Brian O’Neill
Forum for D10 Candidates – October 30th 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunnyvale Democratic Club
Next Club meeting October 19th at Fairbrae Swim & Tennis Club
Topic will be Foreign Policy image of Trump

Regional Director Reports: -
1) Rocky Fernandez, Region 5
2) Hene Kelley, Region 6
3) Omar Torres, Region 7

Democratic National Committee: Otto Lee –

DTV Report: Steve Chessin
Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in September was Redwood City Councilmember Shelly Masur, a candidate for State Senate from District 13. Our guest in October is scheduled to be Josh Becker, also a candidate for State Senate from District 13. 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.

Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope
On Tuesday 9-24-19 the County Board of Supervisors voted to fund Planned Parenthood MarMonte with $500,000 of funding to cover the amount cost for services for 6 health centers in the county. It’s a onetime funding solution but they will look for longer term solutions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill shared upcoming dates for Pre-Endorsement Caucus’s, October 5 and 6th, Campaign Treasurer Training – October 26th, Deadline to
10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting October 16, 2019 6 pm to 7:30 pm– Moorpark Office

11. ADJOURNMENT
DNC Summer Meeting Report – Keith Umemoto

September 25, 2019

To: Santa Clara County Democratic Party

Fr: Keith Umemoto, DNC Member Vice Chair, DNC Western Regional Caucus
Secretary Treasurer, DNC AAPI Caucus

Re: DNC Summer Meeting Report

The DNC met in San Francisco on August 22-24 for its summer meeting. This meeting was highlighted by the attendance of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, 13 Presidential Candidates, Committee and Council meetings, and several special events.

Prior to the General Session of the entire DNC, three of the DNC Standing Committees had critical issues that they discussed and a couple of noted events were held:

· The Credentials Committee determined not to seat the Chair and Vice slots of the Alabama Democratic Party, as Alabama Democratic Party failed to hold another election for these positions at either deadlines directed by the DNC and the Credentials Committee. The heart of the issue was irregularities in credentialing voters for the Alabama Party's election last year. The DNC voted to concur with the Credentials Committee determination.

· The Rules and Bylaws Committee lasted 7 hours to discuss the delegate selection plans of particularly Nevada and Iowa in their proposal to use virtual or a tele-caucus system. RBC determined that due to a DNC assessment in the proposed system's integrity and security that there is no way currently to prevent the system from being compromised. Conversely, the RBC voted to include High School Democrats to the DNC, which was later approved by the entire body.

· The Resolutions Committee also had an extended meeting. The major issue was the Climate Change Presidential Debate resolution that had been amended numerous times. An amended resolution passed the Committee, but was pulled by the Chair during its vote during the General Session. Almost all the CA DNC members voted to oppose removing the resolution from the report.

The other special events, caucuses and Western Regional Caucus updates are as follows:

· On August 22, the DNC held a gala fundraiser - IWILLVOTE. The fundraiser was sold out, as several Presidential candidates attended and served as an attraction.

· On August 22, the DNC Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus held a self-initiated press conference in Chinatown - at the Chinese Historical Society of American museum. Speaking were DNC Vice Chair and Congress Member Grace Meng, CA AAPI Legislative Caucus Chair David Chiu, Mayor Ed Lee Democratic Club Selena Sun, DNC AAPI Caucus Chair Bel Leong-Hong, DNC AAPI Caucus Officers - Otto Lee and Keith Umemoto. The press conference highlighted the importance of the AAPI vote and how AAPI issues are consistent with Democrats. The press conference was well covered by the AAPI media. Reaching tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of AAPIs throughout the country.

· Presidential Candidates also spoke at the many of the DNC caucuses and councils.

· The Arizona Democratic Party will be hosting a Western States Democratic Leaders Conference and Training on October 11-13 at the Renaissance Hotel downtown Phoenix.

General Session:

During the General Session, House Speaker Pelosi identified the increase in the number of women in the House of Representatives including a record number of women of color. She highlighted Democratic Party values, and the countless bills passed by the Democratic House only to be held in the Senate by Moscow Mitch. These bills include matters on the environment, lowering health care costs (10 bills passed), building infrastructure, cleaning up government, voting rights, the $15/hour minimum wage, the American Dream and Promise Act (for dreamers), Equality Act for LGBT, Stop School Violence Act, Fair Pay Act, background check on guns, Safe Act to save our elections, among many others. Speaker Pelosi emphatically stated that reproductive freedom is non-negotiable. She said that Democrats will not be like Republicans, as we will do it on a value-based way.

She reflected upon the Latin phrase on our currency, E Pluribus Unum - Out of many, One, where we need to unify America - respecting other views, yet standing our ground. For Republicans, it is all about money and for Democrats it's for the future and our children.

The DNC also heard a riveting speech by Reverend William Barber, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. He said that Nixon said that the war on immigrants was the proxy for white supremacy in America. He continued by stating that poverty is a moral issue and that poverty cannot be separated from racism, voter suppression, healthcare, ecological justice, militarism and religious nationalism, and the war economy. They are all intertwined. He said that we have to say the word, "poverty," lifting the stories in Appalachia, Kansas, and the Mississippi Delta along with gentrified cities - where many work multiple jobs and sleep in cars. He paralleled racist figures and policies of the past with current elected leaders, like Moscow Mitch on the Voting Rights Act.

He will take his Poor People's campaign on a national tour on the “We Will Do MORE” campaign focused on mobilizing, organizing, registering and educating poorer Americans. The speech received the greatest applauds and can be seen on YouTube: We Must Build a Moral Movement to Address Poverty | Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II

Finally, 13 Presidential Candidates addressed the DNC, stressing their platform, issues, and how they can beat the current occupant in the White House. All emphasized the need to take back the White House.