

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting
Sheet Metal Workers, Local 104 - 2350 Lundy Pl, San Jose CA 95131 and
via Zoom Online Conference (registration link below)
MINUTES for Thursday, April 13, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:05 PM

Bill shared a Land Acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: James S. Kim, Anthony Phan, Karina Dominguez, Michelle Hua, Diego Martinez, Beija Gonzalez, Carla Hernandez, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Ruben Navarro, Rebeca Armendariz

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Evan Low, Robert Rivas, Dave Cortese, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Judy Gilford

Clarence Madrilejos

Sameena Usman

Ram Lubhaya

Vikas _____

Vinod Kumar

Mandeep _____

Ann Ravel

Meena Juttukonda

Thenmozhi Soundararajan

Councilmember Domingo Candelas

a. SJ Councilmember Domino Candelas

Bill introduced CM Candelas who introduced himself and shared his priorities for serving District 8 residents.

b. Candidates for CADEM Secretary, Diana Love and Gracie Torres

Diana Love and Gracie Torres, Candidates for CADEM Secretary introduced themselves and shared why they are running for CADEM Secretary.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, February 3, 2023 – approved

b. No minutes were recorded for the DEI Workshop held Saturday, March 4, 2023

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Informational presentations regarding Passover and Ramadan

Doreen Kastelman and Judy Gilford and David Cohen shared some background on Passover.

Racena Lari and Sameena Usman shared information about the Ramadan holiday and practices.

b. Caste-based Discrimination

i. Amend local platform to oppose

Motion to amend the local SCCDP platform to oppose discrimination based on caste - Motion to support passed with one Nay vote (Roxanne)

ii. Support SB 403 (Wahab)

State Senator Aisha Wahab introduced herself and spoke to SB 403 and asked for support. Guest Ann Ravel representing

Equity Labs, and Thenmozhi Soundararajan, Board member Metoo Movement spoke in support of the Bill. Meena Juttukonda spoke to request that members to defer action on the request to support SB 403.

Motion to support SB 403 – Motion passed 49 Aye 1 Nay (Roxanne) and 1 Abstention

c. Resolution in support of a Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) in San Jose

Sandy Perry and Jeffrey Levin spoke to the Resolution and asked members to support. Motion to adopt passed with one No vote.

d. Requests to support:

i. AB 83 (Lee) to ban political contributions by certain corporations

ii. AB 309 (Lee) re social housing

iii. SB 525 (Durazo) \$25 minimum wage for healthcare workers

iv. ACA 5 (Low) to repeal prop 8 and enshrine marriage equality into our state constitution

Motion to adopt all items in support (Forderer/Rossi) Motion passed unanimously

e. Update re representatives to DSCC

Bill provided an update on the DSCC members who will be attending the Convention in May.

f. SCCDCC Dues and Monthly Recurring Donations (Treasurer/Finance Director)

Angelica provided an update – to become a recurring donor use this link:

<https://sccdp.org/donate> Please check your email for invite. Dues are due now and if not paid will affect ability to vote on endorsements.

g. Report on DEI workshop

Bill shared an update from the DEI workshop held in March. He thanked everyone for attending.

8. REPORTS (*incumbents officers/directors*)

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill provided a brief update on the convention

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – No report

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – See item F

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – No report

e. Executive Director: James Kim – No report

f. Issues: Huy Tran – No report

g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos – No report

h. Finance: James Kim – No report

i. Communications: John Comiskey – No report

j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Adia Hoag – No report

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – No report

l. Youth Representative: Parisa Braun – No report

m. Clubs: Tomara Hall

Tomara Hall is the new Clubs Director; voted in at the CC meeting in February. Please email me at clubs@sccdp.org for any questions!

Working Blue Club

All Club Picnic at Emma Prusch Park 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on July 22nd. Actively looking for sponsorships to learn more contact Brian O'Neill at 408-691-5823

AFRO-UPRIS

Afro UPRIS, Assyrian Dems, Iranian Dems, and Jewish Dems are collaborating in a Steering Committee for a multicultural event to take place on Sunday, June 11th at 2-5pm. Location to be determined, and a questionnaire will be sent out to clubs to get participants involved!

South County Democratic Club

Club is working on giving out student scholarships

Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

On April 16th their club will be holding a joint meeting with the Jewish Democrats of Silicon Valley at the El Dorado Mobile Home Park Clubhouse

n. Regional Director Report(s) – Rocky Fernandez provided an update on the Convention. Mentioned it is important to book your room as soon as possible as they sell out quickly. Club rosters should be in order – Clubs should have received an email regarding this for pre-endorsement process.

Will be sending out invitation to Region 5 and 6 meeting.

o. DNC: Otto Lee – Provided the DNC Report

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Dianna Zamora Marroquin provided an update on legal issues with the abortion pill. Case likely to go to the Supreme Court. There will be a rally on April 15th 10:00 am at Frank Ogawa Plaza in Oakland. Want to get involved, attend the Capital week in May.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Adjournment in memory of Ralph Wheeler

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2023, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT – @ 9:30 pm

Register to Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XZVoG2X2QBSDEKK0KvUzVg