

DEMCCO General Meeting

March 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Pro Tem, Bob Spencer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved/seconded (Mead/Dalpe) to approve the Agenda as written. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Hamilton/Hageman) to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2017 meeting as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Meyers): The current balance in the bank is \$10,668. We are now at 40% of the projected membership dues for the year yet we are only two months into the year. It was moved/seconded (Dalpe/Loughney) to approve the report. The motion passed.

The projected budget for 2017 was presented. It was moved/seconded (Dalpe/Anderson) to approve the annual budget. The motion passed with all ayes except for one no.

Election of Officers and Chairs: It was moved/seconded (Mead/Hageman) that all candidates be introduced and any candidates who are opposed (or their surrogate) speak for 1 minute. The motion passed. Candidates were introduced and nominations were taken from the floor as follows:

President: Bill Fowler
Barbara Mead

No nominations from the floor.

Treasurer: Mary Meyers

No nominations from the floor.

Membership Chair: Sheila Kadah

No nominations from the floor.

Political Action Chair: Ken Dalpe
Pat McFarland

No nominations from the floor

Special Events Chair: Vince Loughney
Destiny Savage

No nominations from the floor.

Communications Chair: Amanda Mascia

No nominations from the floor.

Nominating Committee (vote for three): Pat Amador
Andrea France Sanders
Donna Rencsak
Ruben Major

Nomination from the floor:

Members voted by secret ballot.

Announcements:

- Elizabeth Warren intends to run for Assembly member of the 76th Assembly District.
- Esther Sanchez announced that Oceanside is considering representational city council seats which will be critical for Democrats.
- Ruben Major announced that he intends to run for Assembly member of the 76th Assembly District and his issues include a single payer health system, smart development (not the Morro Hills development), and to make sure voting is more secure.
- Kyle Krahel announced that he was just appointed to the Oceanside Planning Commission. He asked members to attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m. to consider the Oceanside Coast Highway Corridor Plan and to give input.
- Rena Marrocco reminded members of the Roosevelt Dinner on Saturday, April 8, and announced that she was elected secretary for the North Area Caucus.

Guest Speaker: "From Eastside Oceanside to Capitol Hill and Back," Luis Murguia

Luis grew up in Eastside Oceanside and attributes his success to his quality public education. His parents always championed education as the cornerstone of success. He was an ESL student in elementary school. He had bright educators to push him. His educational preparation through Oceanside Unified School District followed him through life including a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UCSD.

Luis became interested in health policy because of his sister's health problems and the premature death of his mother from cancer. He went to Washington, D.C. where he received an internship with Representative Susan Davis of San Diego. Afterwards, he took a job as a Congressional aide with Representative Gonzalez where he worked on health care reform.

The current Republican-controlled government is trying to address immigration with a wall but a comprehensive solution is needed. Elected officials have the responsibility to address this issue. The future does not belong to those content today but instead will belong to the courageous.

Additional Announcements

- Mike Bullock announced that the Central Committee approved one of the three resolutions adopted by DEMCCO. The resolution approved was titled "Climate Change Literacy for Elected Officials" and was revised prior to approval.
- Marggie Castellano announced that a new Democratic Club, North County Latino Democratic Club, has formed with the mission to engage Spanish-speaking Democrats.
- Suzanne Ryan announced that there will be a presentation on Community Choice Energy by Erika Morgan to be held Thursday, April 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Vista Branch Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., Vista.

- Diane Nygaard announced Preserve Calavera's campaign to "Save Our Natural Lands, Wildlife and Sense of Place." With help from contributors, Preserve Calavera will acquire more land for permanent conservation—the only absolute assurance that it will remain protected open space. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Preserve Calavera—Rosebrook Fund, 5020 Nighthawk Way, Oceanside, CA 92056, or online at www.preservecalavera.org (Rosebrook Land Acquisition Fund). For further information contact Diane at (760) 724-3887 or by email at info@preservecalavera.org.
- Volunteers are needed for Earth Day in downtown Oceanside (in front of city hall) on April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Carlsbad Village Faire on May 7 near the corner of Grand and Madison (booth #818) in Carlsbad.

Election Results:

Nominating Committee (3 members-at-large)-Pat Amador, Andrea France Sanders, Donna Rencsak

Communications Chair-Amanda Mascia

Special Events Chair-Destiny Savage

Political Action Committee Chair-Pat McFarland

Membership Chair-Sheila Kadah

Treasurer-Mary Meyers

President-Bill Fowler

Adjournment: It was moved/seconded (Dalpe/Hageman) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Slater, Secretary

Approved 4/22/17