

DEMCCO Executive Board Meeting

February 8, 2018

Members Present:	Joan Bullock Mike Bullock Bill Clark Bill Fowler Ethan Johnson-Moore Sheila Kadah Kyle Krahel Amanda Mascia Barbara Mead Linda Slater Bob Spencer	Co-1 st Vice President, Hospitality 2 nd Vice President Co-chair, Political Action Committee President Co-chair, Special Events Committee Chair, Membership Committee Co-Treasurer Chair, Communications Committee Chair, Fundraising Committee Secretary 1 st Vice President
Members Absent:	Mary Meyers Destiny Savage	Treasurer Chair, Special Events Committee
Guests:	Chuck Lowery	Member, Oceanside City Councilmember

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Bill Fowler.
- II. Approval of Agenda: It was moved/seconded (Spencer/Slater) to amend the agenda to add a discussion of the impending North Area Caucus' consideration of a vote of no confidence for Chuck Lowery as the first item for a maximum of 20 minutes. The motion passed. It was moved/seconded (Spencer/MBullock) to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.
- III. Vote of no confidence for Chuck Lowery: The North County Caucus of the San Diego County Democratic Party will meet this Saturday and a consideration of a vote of no confidence for Chuck Lowery is on the agenda. Some members of the caucus brought this issue to the caucus because of recent events resulting in the appointment of a new mayor by the Oceanside City Council.

Arguments for this action include that as a Democrat, Chuck Lowery should have made an effort to place a Democrat on the Council and that the will of the people is to have an election especially since the remaining term is 3 years. Also, the appointment was done hastily and there should have been more deliberation.

Arguments against this action include that the City Attorney's advice is that the Council should attempt to appoint a mayor first and only if this fails, hold an election. The information provided by the City Clerk was incorrect and most of the responses from Oceanside residents was to appoint a replacement. This action by the North Area Caucus is a divisive attempt by an individual to become mayor.

IV. Treasurer's Report: no report.

V. Chairpersons' Reports

- A. Communications (Amanda Mascia, Chair): In response to candidates asking to post their events, etc. on the DEMCCO Facebook page, an agreement was reached between Amanda and Bill that the DEMCCO Facebook page would include one post for each non-endorsed candidate. Amanda reported that she posted an event by Cori Schumacher and the Oceanside City Council's request for constituent input on the selection of a mayor replacement. Bill contacted Amanda in both instances because he thought this violated the agreement. Bill gave her major pushback on both posts via text messages. He insisted she disable comments. He sent an additional text message which Amanda took as a threat and she reported to the North Area Chair and the Council of Clubs. Amanda withdrew from consideration as a candidate for Communications Chair in the upcoming election.
- B. Special Events (Ethan Johnson-Moore, Co-chair): A happy hour will be held in March at Bagby's featuring the Carlsbad candidates. Nominating Committee slate: Communications Chair omitted, Amanda Mascia is not running. 1st Vice President: Andrea Sanders France, Lawrence Kornit, 2nd Vice President: Mike Bullock, Secretary: Linda Slater, PAC: Ethan Johnson-Moore, Fundraising Chair: Bob Spencer but he is not running. Nominating committee candidates: Pat Amador, Donna Rencsak and Vince Loughney.
- C. Membership (Sheila Kadah): Over 50 people removed from list because they have not paid dues in 2 or more years. More members need to be contacted about running for vacancies, e.g. Communications and Fundraising.
- D. Fundraising (Barbara Mead): Working on a full 50/50 effort including possibly a book.
- E. PAC (Bill Clark): It was reported that 5 voter registrations were completed at the last Sunset Market event. There are more than enough volunteers. At the Brown Cup meeting, plans were made to lobby the Carlsbad and Oceanside City Councils to support banning offshore oil drilling that Trump has said he will do. Discussed GO Team and what is happening in Oceanside. Concerned about what DEMCCO is doing about getting out the vote.

VI. Officers' Reports

- A. 1st Vice President (Bob Spencer): Next meeting is February 17. There will be 2 speakers, Dave Myers for San Diego County Sheriff and Marggie Castellano for 36th District State Senator. Bob will not be attending the March general meeting and will work with someone to organize the meeting.
- B. 2nd Vice President (Mike Bullock): Council of Clubs meeting canceled in January because of the Women's March.
- C. President (Bill Fowler): A decision about how to endorse the countywide candidates who have already received Central Committee endorsement needs to be made and implemented. It is important to candidates to be able to say that they are endorsed by DEMCCO. It is important also to follow our Bylaws.

VII. DISCUSSION:

- A. This is a professional meeting and conduct needs to be respectful.

- B. Posting on Facebook of divisive comments about elected officials, candidates, etc. is a problem.
 - C. The slate of officers and chairs is not complete. E Board members need to seek out members willing to run.
- VIII. Adjournment: It was moved and seconded (Slater/Krahel) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until March 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Slater, Secretary