

DEMCCO Executive Board Minutes

July 14, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Slater, President
Stuart Gaiber, 1st Vice President
Angie Knappenberger, Secretary
Mary Meyers, Treasurer
Jan Neff-Sinclair, Communications Chair
Ann Crosbie, Fundraising Chair
Shirley Anderson, Membership Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Bullock, Special Advisor on Climate

GUESTS: Ellen Montanari

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm The agenda was approved without objections.

II. The Minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting were approved without objections.

III. Guest Comments

Ellen Montanari, Deputy campaign manager for Mike Levin, spoke to the Executive Board seeking input about how to encourage more volunteerism from local dem club members. The congressional race in District 49 has become more competitive for Mike and he faces a difficult challenge from Brian Maryott. Ellen said the campaign has more than 100,000 doors to knock on between now and October, and although they have some paid canvassers, there is a need for more volunteers. Ellen will come to our July meeting and address the DEMCCO membership.

IV. Reports:

A. President: Linda Slater

- Linda commented that she is feeling apprehensive about the upcoming elections.
- Chair of SD County Democratic party, Will Rodriguez-Kennedy continues on a leave of absence.

B. First Vice President, Stuart Gaiber

- The July program will be on the topic of homelessness and feature Dr. David Snow UCI. The presentation will focus on evidence-based research of solutions to the problem of homelessness.
- The August program will focus on the economy and inflation
- Stuart has developed a Google form through which the DEMCCO membership can suggest programs.

C. Treasurer, Mary Meyer

- Our current bank balance is \$7741.

D. Communications Committee, Jan Neff-Sinclair

- Nothing to report except that she is having some difficulty using Mailchimp; Linda advised they have 24/7 tech support

E. Membership Committee, Shirley Anderson

- DEMCCO now has 196 paid members; 84 members still have not renewed
- This is typical for this time of year and our membership typically fluctuates between 180 and 200
- Bylaws changes made in 2021 regarding membership were briefly reviewed and clarified. A former DEMCCO member who pays membership dues after being more than one year delinquent will be classified as a New member. New members do not become Voting members for 30 days after paying dues.

F. Fundraising, Ann Crosbie

- Calavera Community Hills Park has nice facility to use for summer; thinking of picnic style on a Saturday in the end August/beginning of September and will mostly cover costs
- Planning on a Winter/Holiday fundraiser at the Oceanside community center

G. Special Advisor, Mike Bullock

- Not present

V. Unfinished Business

A. Getting Members to Volunteer

1. Sunset Market Thursday July 21
DEMCCO has paid for four more times; need more volunteers

B. Endorsement Update

1. Official announcement of an intention to hold endorsement votes at the July 23, 2022, meeting was published on MailChimp on July 9 in order to meet the notification deadline. The endorsements are as follows:
 - a. Friendly Incumbent Endorsement: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Candidate Neal Myers
 - b. Oceanside City Council, District 2, Candidate Dan Dominguez (other candidates have dropped out)
2. Bill Fischer has been endorsed by DEMCCO and would like a campaign donation, however, at this time he is unopposed.

3. **Motion** by Shirley Anderson that if a candidate is an incumbent and is running unopposed, no donations will be given to that candidate by DEMCCO. **Passed Unanimously**
4. **Motion** by Ann Crosbie that DEMCCO make a donation of \$1000 to Dan Dominguez for the Oceanside City Council race, if DEMCCO votes to endorse him. **Passed Unanimously**
5. It was agreed that the Endorsement Committee will reach out to Michele Ward to see if she is interested in a DEMCCO endorsement. Michele is running for Carlsbad School Board Trustee Area 1 against anti-mask activist Sharon McKeeman.

VI. New Business

- A. 2023 DEMCCO Election
After some discussion, it was agreed to wait until after the November elections to form a committee to assemble a slate of candidates for the 2023 Executive Board
- B. Renewal of Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce membership
After some discussion, it was agreed by consensus to renew our membership at the lowest level (\$349). The two primary benefits are that we get a 50% discount for our table at the Carlsbad Village Faire and the we have the ability to attend the meetings of the Government Affairs Committee. **Agreed by Consensus.**

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm until the next meeting August 11, 2022

Submitted by Angie Knappenberger, Secretary
Approved 8/11/2022