

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Slater at 10:09 am with 10 participants in person and 18 participants on zoom for a total attendance of 28. She welcomed everyone and all the new members. Linda provided a Land Acknowledgement.

- I. The agenda was approved as written without objections.
- II. Minutes of the January 28, 2023 meeting were approved as written without objections.

III. Program: Celebration of Black History Month

Stuart Gaiber introduced Natalye Pass Harpin, M.A., faculty at UCSD and Assistant Professor of Black Studies, Grossmont College.

Ms. Harpin presented a very informative talk that focused on Afro-Germans during the third Reich and the connection to what was happening in the United States. She differentiated between the terms Nationality vs Race vs Ethnicity, which are often conflated. Hitler and third Reich were strongly influenced by Jim Crow laws in the South. Her PowerPoint is available on the DEMCCO website. Ms. Harpin's website is www.natalyeharpin.com. Her podcast is called Happy Hour History.

IV. Elected Officials and Candidates Remarks:

- a. Teresa Acosta – Carlsbad City Council District 4
Go to [teresaforcarlsbad](http://teresaforcarlsbad.com) for more information; Teresa announced that Carolyn Lunna was just appointed next week to represent District 2; elected Melanie Burkholder, an ultra conservative, was appointed to be the city representative to SANDAG
- b. Eric Joyce - Oceanside District 1 rep to city council
Reinstatement of Community Relation Commission, applications open
- c. Chris Duncan – Mayor of San Clemente
Partnering with city of Oceanside on coastal resiliency
- d. Kathy Railings – Carlsbad Unified School Board
Meetings have heated up as adoption of a Film Academy course on Ethnic Studies is being questioned; a majority of the board voted to rewrite the syllabus before they would approve the new course for the Academy.

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V. Approval of 2023 DEMCCO Budget

2023 annual budget was presented by Treasurer, Mary Meyers.

If we meet our budget, we will have an excess of \$3971 to carry over to the 2024 elections.

Motion to accept by acclimation was made by Jan Neff

Seconded by John McDowell

Budget passed by voice vote

VI. Candidates for DEMCCO office

Elections are at our next meeting, March 25th and will be a secret ballot poll

Comments were given by:

Michele Cyr – running for President

Barbara Collins – running for 2nd VP

Janet Lacey – considering running for Treasurer

VII. Reports on Board Meetings

Jan Neff Sinclair – reported on Carlsbad City Council meeting Feb 7, 2023

VIII. Announcements

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm. Next meeting is March 25, 2023

Submitted by: Angie Knappenberger, Secretary