

# DEMCCO Executive Board Minutes

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May 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Cyr, President  
Linda Slater, Past President  
Barbara Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Esther Sanchez, Political Action Chair  
Janet Bledsoe Lacy, Treasurer  
Jan Neff-Sinclair, Communications Chair  
Angie Knappenberger, Secretary  
Ann Crosbie, Membership Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

I. The meeting was called to order by Michele Cyr at 5:33 pm. The agenda was approved without objections.

**Jan Neff-Sinclair made a motion that we agree to a two-hour time limit for our EBoard meetings and that to extend the meeting longer would require a vote. Seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve this motion.**

II. The Minutes of the April 13, 2023 EBoard meeting were approved without objections.

III. Guest Comments None

## IV. Officer and Chair Reports

### A. President: Michele Cyr

- Mike Bullock has been invited to address the EBoard regarding his position as Special Advisor on Climate
- The Carlsbad Street Faire on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success – many good conversations; Taking these events as an opportunity to reach out to members and encourage them to participate

### B. Past President, Linda Slater

- Attended the SDCDP's Annual Roosevelt Dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner was a big success and raised approximately \$350K.
- The Central Committee will be holding an endorsement vote on the SD City Attorney race

### **C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Barbara Collins**

- Attended the Council of Clubs meeting last month; main topics were going over the rules and about getting endorsements in
- SD County kickoff campaign for Chris Duncan for Assembly will v be held at Janet Lacy's home May 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.

### **D. Political Action Chair, Esther Sanchez**

- Plans to set up meeting with Becca Taylor, Chair of the EBoard, SD County Democratic Party
- Jimmy Figueroa is one of the Hometown Heroes named by the MainStreet Board to be honored at the Oceanside Independence Parade on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Suggests DEMCCO take the lead on not having fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations and advocate for laser shows instead. This is much kinder for animals, veterans with PTSD, and the environment. **Ann Crosbie offered to draft a resolution**

### **E. Treasurer, Janet Bledsoe Lacy**

- Has met with past Treasurer Mary Meyer and now is up to speed
- In future, Janet will send the Treasurer reports to Angie for distribution to the EBoard
- Balance as of March 31st was \$6944

**Jan Neff-Sinclair made a motion that we recommend a donation of \$400 to each of the following candidates that were endorsed at the Aril 22, 2023 DEMCCO General meeting: Teresa Acosta, Esther Sanchez, and Jimmy Figueroa. Seconded. 6 voted in favor, 1 opposed the motion. Esther abstained in regards to her campaign. Motion PASSED**

**This recommendation will be voted on at the May 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting.**

### **F. Communication Chair, Jan Neff-Sinclair**

- Attended and enjoyed the Roosevelt dinner; Good experience at the Carlsbad Village Faire
- Request that others forward her good information that we receive from our various email lists so she can put in our newsletter

### **G. Membership Chair, Ann Crosbie**

- Clarified how membership is tracked

### **H. Fund Raising, Linda Slater**

- Brainstorming about doing something similar to Roosevelt dinner in August when elected officials are not in session; Aim for top notch speakers
- Discussion that we need to be cautious of costs in terms of rental/caterer/bar

## V. Unfinished Business

### A. Possession of Passwords

- Michele has these in a file; how these are kept and transferred should go in a Policy/Procedure

### B. Guest Policy

- Reviewed policy in Bylaws that states “visitors may address the Board only at the discretion of the acting chair”.

## VI. New Business

### A. Identify Retreat Date/Time

- We will meet Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 3 pm at The Plot at 733 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside
- Barbara will call the Plot to arrange

### B. Dog Policy at General Meetings

- Dogs will need to be on a leash and with the owner

### C. Technology Issues at Meetings

- Kurt will help setup
- Barbara and Linda will get together at the Women’s Club and write down steps for setup

### D. Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> VP

- Tabled for now

### E. May Meeting

- Earth Day program postponed from April with Barbara Collins, Executive Committee member of the Sierra Club North County and Janis Selby Jones, co-leader of the Rise Above Plastics Committee for the SD chapter of Surfrider Foundation.

### F. June Meeting

- No General Meeting due to the Independence Day Parade on June 24<sup>th</sup>

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 7:43pm. Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

Submitted by Angie Knappenberger, Secretary

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