

# DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

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October 14, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:11 pm by Michele Cyr, President with 20 members in attendance via Zoom.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Land Acknowledgement was read by President Cyr.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
  - Vince Loughney moved that we add New Business to the agenda. Motion was seconded. The chair recommended we add New Business after the Endorsement vote. The motion passed without opposition.
4. Approval of the General Meeting minutes from August 26, 2023 and September 23, 2023 were approved without objection.
5. **Endorsement Vote for Board of Supervisors District 4 race**
  - Stuart Gaiber introduced Monica Montgomery Steppe and moved that DEMCCO endorse Monica for the Board of Supervisor race. Seconded. Monica was endorsed by acclamation.
6. **Elected Officials' and Candidates' Remarks**
  - Stuart Gaiber discussed his work on the SD County Behavioral Advisory Board in relation to the Care Act and assured the provisions in the act would be executed in fair manner
  - Neal Meyers, Incumbent Director of Division 5 Olivenhain Water District, announced there are two openings coming up in the water district and suggested that anyone interested that lives in the affected districts to reach out to him.
  - Alison Emery is a candidate for Carlsbad Unified School Board District 2. Amber is an educator and is asking for DEMCCO support
7. **New Business**
  - Nominating Committee  
The status of the Nominating Committee was discussed. All three at large positions remain unfilled. Vince Loughney and Stuart Gaiber expressed their interest. It was agreed that the EBoard would appoint members to fill these positions at our November EBoard meeting and that there would be an article in the newsletter so anyone else interested in being considered could reach out to the EBoard.
  - Donations to Endorsed Candidates  
Vince Loughney made a motion that DEMCCO donate \$200 to Phylis Dominquez's campaign for Treasurer for city of Oceanside and \$200 to Amber Kae Niutoa's campaign for Oceanside City Council District 4. Motion was seconded. Michele Cyr, President, suggested we wait until after the Holiday fundraiser as available funds are

rather low. It was suggested that we have regular updates at our General Meetings from the Treasurer about the status of our finances. Vince moved that we table his motion until the General Meeting in January. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

- **Holiday Party**  
The DEMCCO Holiday Party will be Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at Janet Bledsoe Lacy's home. This will be a fundraiser and themed to celebrate all faiths.

#### **8. General Announcements**

- Stuart Gaiber announced that we need to focus on political action. He suggested that the PAC chair provide a list of all endorsed candidates with links to their websites for our DEMCCO newsletter can PAC chair give a list of candidates and their websites in our newsletter
- Mike Lewis announced that we need more volunteers for the DEMCCO booth at the Carlsbad Village Faire November 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed from 8 am – 4 pm.
- SDDEM Convention is coming up October 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Center for Performing Arts in Escondido
- Janis Jones said there are tentative plans for Surfrider to show a new film, We are All Plastic People Now. This screening will probably be Dec 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening. More information to follow.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:21pm until January 27, 2024

Submitted by Angie Knappenberger, Secretary