

DEMCCO Executive Board Minutes

September 7, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Cyr, President
Linda Slater, Past President
Denise Saiz, 1st Vice President
Barbara Collins, 2nd Vice President
Angie Knappenberger, Secretary
Esther Sanchez, Political Action Chair
Mary Meyers, Treasurer
Patti Slack, Membership Chair
Janet Bledsoe Lacy, Fundraising Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jan Neff-Sinclair, Communications Chair

GUESTS: John MacDowell (Parliamentarian)

1. The meeting was called to order by Michele Cyr at 5:31pm
The agenda was approved without objection.
2. The Minutes of the August 10, 2023 EBoard meeting were approved after a few modifications. Five members voted to approve the minutes; three members, who had to leave the meeting before the discussion referred to in VII B, abstained.
3. Guest Comments - None
- 4. Officer and Chair Reports**
 - a) President, Michele Cyr
 - o Selected DEMCCO's representatives to the CA DEM Pre-endorsement Conference in October since we could not get a 14 day notice to our membership to put on the agenda for a General Membership meeting. Representatives for AD 77 are: Stuart Gaiber, Angie Knappenberger, Michael Curtin with alternates as Ann Crosbie, Jan Neff-Sinliar. Representatives for AD 74: Patti Slack, Ron Blackwood, John MacDowell with alternates Jolene Smith, Barbara Collins
 - o Encouraged all to participate in the election campaign kickoff this weekend: Mike Levin (CA-49), Terra Lawson-Remer (Board of Supervisors), and Teresa Acosta (Carlsbad city council).
 - o Hoping local Dem clubs can have unified support for a candidate for Carlsbad city council district 2

- b) Past President, Linda Slater
 - No Report
- c) 1st VP, Densie Saiz
 - Program for September will be focused on issues at Tri City Hospital. Two Tri City Medical Board members, Adela Sanchez and Dr Eugene Ma will speak to us.
- d) 2nd VP, Barbara Collins
 - Club summit on 8/26 was great; good session from Fallbrook Dem club which has tripled their membership; suggested we have a PowerPoint slide at the beginning of our meetings about conflict
- e) Secretary, Angie Knappenberger
 - Suggested we confirm the identity of anyone attending our EBoard meetings if needed and Michele Cyr agreed to do so in her role as President
 - Will be away for the 9/23 General meeting and needs someone to take the minutes and be responsible for ballots for endorsement voting; Patti Slack volunteered
- f) Political Action Chair, Esther Sanchez
 - Successful Garden party on 8/27 and looks like DEMCCO may net around \$240; continuing to work with candidates we are supporting
- g) Treasurer, Mary Meyers
 - Currently have \$4105 in our account; advises that we need to hold off on nonrecurring expenses until we replenish our coffers with membership dues and the fundraiser
- h) Communications Chair, Jan Neff-Sinclair
 - Absent
- i) Membership Chair, Patti Slack
 - Have 6 new members since last EBoard meeting and we now have 176 voting members
 - Needs to be in the loop about bringing membership materials to the events like the Garden party
- j) Fundraising Chair, Janet Bledsoe Lacy
 - Working on fundraiser for the fall; Oct 7th or 8th looked good for Catherine Blakespear but Mike Levin is not available so investigating a different date
 - 50th DEMCCO anniversary celebration for October 2024

5. Unfinished Business

- a) **Draft Resolution regarding replacing July 4th fireworks with laser shows**
 - Linda Slater moved that the EBoard approve the resolution; Barbara Collins seconded; during discussion two friendly amendments were accepted
Approved without objection

b) Discussion of Committees, Standing/Nominating and other committees, Chairs share members who compost their committees

- No formal committees are established for PAC or Fundraising
- Patti Slack will work on establishing a committee for Membership
- No information provided about Communications committee
- Some concern was expressed about the effort to engage and encourage our members to become active in committees

6. New Business

a) Discussion of Endorsements

- Esther Sanchez moved that we place the following four endorsements on the agenda for the 9/23 General Meeting; seconded by Denise Saiz; Passed without opposition
 - i) Phyllis Dominguez for Treasurer of Oceanside 2024
 - ii) FIE Neal Meyers for Olivenhain Municipal Water District Director, Division 5
 - iii) Amber Kae Niuatoa for Oceanside City Council District 4
 - iv) Kevin Sabellico for Carlsbad City Council District 2

b) Meeting planning for September 23rd General Meeting

- Program: Speakers from Tri City Medical Board
- Paper ballots for endorsement voting
- John MacDowell will count votes on Zoom

c) Discussion of Garden Party Finances

- \$1500 cost (tax and tip) ; made back our \$250 and might net \$240
- Esther Sanchez will do a report for the EBoard once all the accounting is settled

d) Determining the requirements for spending DEMCCO's money

- DEMCCO bylaws are clear that all expenses up to \$250 must be approved by the EBoard; expenses above \$250 must go before the membership
- Janet Bledsoe Lacy moved that DEMCCO cover the \$250 that our President committed for DEMCCO to be a sponsor of the SD Council of Clubs Summit on August 26, 2023; Angie Knappenberger seconded
- Mary Meyers offered an amended motion that DEMCCO would cover \$100 of the fee; Esther Sanchez seconded
- After some discussion Barbara Collins called the question and Patti Slack seconded; Passed with 7 voting to call the question
- Amended motion did not pass with 3 voting yes and 5 voting no
- The motion made by Janet passed with 5 voting yes and 3 voting no

Angie Knappenberger moved to extend the meeting; seconded; motion passed

e) Discussion of denial of membership to Larry Posner

- Linda Slater moved that Larry Posner be denied membership in DEMCCO because he does not meet membership requirements regarding the stated purpose of DEMCCO; Angie Knappenberger seconded
- Patti Slack suggested an amended motion that we specify the purpose of DEMCCO in Article 1 Section 4; Esther Sanchez seconded and the amended motion was adopted
- After discussion Angie Knappenberger made an amended motion that we just decide to deny DEMCCO membership to Larry Posner and empower Patti Slack to work out the wording she feels is best; Janet Bledsoe Lacy seconded; Motion passed with 7 votes

At 8:36 pm, Linda Slater moved to end the meeting; seconded and passed without opposition

Appended to these minutes

- Resolution in Support of Ending Large Scale Firework Displays

Submitted by Angie Knappenberger, Secretary
Approved 10/12/2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENDING LARGE SCALE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

WHEREAS, Oceanside is home to a large community of Military Veterans, who have served our country, some of whom have returned suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that is exacerbated by the noise, sights and smells created by fireworks.

WHEREAS, every year domestic animals such as dogs and cats are traumatized by the noise associated with fireworks they cannot escape and suffer from the instinct to flee, and;

WHEREAS, fireworks are a known threat to the environment including the explosive disbursement of toxic particulates into our air and waterways thereby endangering wildlife, and, a study using operational weather radar over a three-year period showed that fireworks caused thousands of birds to take flight with high aerial movements lasting more than 45 minutes, with peak densities over grasslands, wetlands and nature conservation sites where waterfowl rest and feed, and;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Democratic Club of Carlsbad Oceanside request the ending of public large-scale fireworks displays,

And, be it further resolved that the Democratic Club of Carlsbad Oceanside encourages the City of Oceanside to look for a more environmentally friendly way to celebrate holidays (such as laser light or drone light shows), that might safely include our local youth in a learning activity that would provide skills that they could transfer to other cities expanding the positive effect of such a ban.