



Minutes of the Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley Organizational Meeting

March 27, 2017

Marie Callender's Restaurant, 751 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

Next working meetings: April 24, May 22

Next DFA-link meetings: April 10, May 8

June picnic and annual meeting and election of officers: June 24 (Saturday), 11:00 a.m. Ponderosa Park Picnic Area 2, 811 Henderson Avenue, Sunnyvale 94086

Introductions: John Comiskey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Following that, each person introduced himself or herself and made a statement about recent political involvement.

Adoption of agenda: After several additions were made to the agenda, Ben Stetson moved that we adopt the agenda as amended, Carolyn Curtis seconded it, and the motion passed with no dissension.

Approval of minutes: Ben moved that we approve the February minutes, Carolyn seconded the motion, and it passed with no dissension.

Treasurer's report: Karen Porter reported that we have \$1142 in the state and \$1474 in the federal account for a total of \$2316. She will be in touch with Ben Shapero about ActBlue contributions and coordinating membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Two-year budget: Karen presented her plan for a two-year budget (see attachment). After some discussion, Gerry Hunt moved that we approve the budget, Don Mayall seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Wildflower walk April 8: Carolyn announced that she and Don will lead a wildflower walk and club fundraiser on Saturday, April 8. She is creating a flier that will go out soon, but we will meet that morning and car pool to a local reserve. (Both Don and Carolyn are both past presidents of the California Native Plant Society; the wildflower walks are a cherished club tradition.)

June Central Committee dinner: John noted that it will be our turn to provide dinner at the Central Committee meeting in June. Gerry has purchased dinner for meetings in the past and is willing to do so again. Carolyn moved that we approve up to \$250 for this

purpose, Mary Gill seconded the motion, and it passed with no dissension.

Trifold: John reported that Pacific Printing, the union printer that local clubs and the county party uses, quoted \$447.50 to print 500 copies of our trifold (description of our club and membership information). This is substantially more than the \$300 that we paid in 2014. He will get another estimate.

Democratic Party Unity Dinner (formerly JJ Dinner) May 12: John noted that the Dean Club typically has two tables at the county Democratic party dinner (May 12 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, cost per person: \$150). If you want to be seated with other club members, go to ActBlue to purchase your ticket and indicate in the special requests area that you want to be at the Dean Club table.
https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/demdinner_2017

Paul Song event April 5: Mary reported that the San Mateo County DFA has asked us to cosponsor an event with Dr. Paul Song on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodside Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. Dr. Song is co-chair of the Campaign for a Healthy California and member of the executive board of Physicians for a National Health Program. Mary moved that we cosponsor, Carolyn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Congressional endorsements: Karen brought up the endorsement of Congressional candidates, which we may want to do soon. John will contact the endorsement committee and ask them to put together a slate for our next meeting.

Michael Eggman event April 10: Michael Eggman, who came very close to defeating Tea Party Republican Jeff Denham in CD 10 last fall, will be speaking to us at the next DFA-link meeting, which will be at the county party headquarters, 2901 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 110, San Jose. The room will hold about 75 people, so space is limited. Potluck at 6:30 and program at 7:00. RSVP to John Comiskey: johnddcsv@mac.com

OLD BUSINESS

Good government: Mary reported that the California Clean Money Campaign grassroots summit on March 25 with Senator Jerry Hill and Assembly members Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman generated a lot of energy and was attended by 160 people. Dean Club members Ben Stetson (who won a Clean Money Champion award), Marcene Van Dierendonck, Jennifer Sheppard, and Carolyn Curtis volunteered, as did Mary. Nancy Neff received a huge round of applause for her many hours of work organizing the event. CCMC members will be traveling to the nearby district of Republican state senator Anthony Cannella (Modesto, Hollister, Salinas) to gather signatures on postcards to be sent to him to urge him to support AB 14, the DISCLOSE Act. Also, they will be going up to Sacramento on April 26 to lobby for the bill. Car pools will be available. Please contact Nancy if you can help: nrneff@sonic.net.

Political outreach: No report.

Environment: Don reported on the conflict between the Trump administration and California because of our state's auto emissions standards. The auto industry may solve this problem itself by simply adhering to California regulations for all states.

Social justice: No report.

Economic justice: No report.

Health care: Gerry reported that there will be a lobby day on May 19 in Sacramento in support of SB 562 (authored by Senators Ricardo Lara and Toni Atkins), which would create a single-payer health care system throughout the state. May 19 is the first day of the state Democratic convention. Gerry has also reserved a table at the convention to provide information and support for the bill.

Club building: John noted that the state party is trying to make it easier for clubs to claim bounty for their voter registration efforts (\$3/registered voter, \$.50 per phone number and/or e-mail). This will encourage the clubs to go out and do more voter reg and outreach. The Dean Club has an arrangement with the Peninsula Democratic Coalition that aggregates our voter reg results with the PDC's and allows us to claim our share of the bounty money. The Santa Clara county party will work with other clubs to do the same, allowing them to aggregate their voter reg efforts.

Education: No report

Club membership: Membership chair Ben Shapero reported by e-mail that we have 184 members (including 27 "paid plus members" who have paid for more than one year and 108 who are in arrears), 657 Facebook members, and 312 Yahoo members. So far in 2017 we have 14 new members and 49 new Facebook members. Carolyn will work with Ben to help with the list of people who are in arrears.

Announcements

❖ John announced that our speaker for the May DFA-link meeting will be Susan Ellenberg, San Jose Unified School District board member and vice president. Susan is a candidate for county supervisor.

Adjournment: At 8:48 p.m. Don moved that we adjourn, Carolyn seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mary Gill