

Minutes of the Executive Board of
The Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Date: November 16. 2009

Time: 7:50 P.M.

Place: 1023 Rockrose Ave, Sunnyvale, CA

Directors Present: Nancy Smith
Norine Krueger
Vimala Balan
Rich Wingerter

Directors Absent: Margaret Okuzumi

Call to Order:

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum of directors was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with its business. In the absence of a Secretary, Ms Krueger acted as Secretary to the meeting.

Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the October 19th Executive Meeting be approved. (Mr. Wingerter moved, Ms Balan seconded, passed unanimously).

President's report:

Ms. Smith announced that Kelly Dugan has resigned from the office of Membership Coordinator. Mr. Wingerter announced that he will be resigning at the end of the month from the office of New Media Director. This leaves three open board positions. We currently have two members interested in serving on the Board. We will recruit for additional members at the December General Meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Resolved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. (Ms. Krueger moved, Mr. Wingerter seconded, passed unanimously).

Finance report:

A tentative budget was presented and discussed. It was suggested that the submitted budget is too low. We need to recruit new members. Other dues options were discussed. It was suggested that our goal should be 75 people paying dues of \$60. Other discussions centered around getting the Treasurer training so that the Club can get a FPPC number. That number is needed so we can become a member of the CDC and thus be eligible for low cost insurance.

Mr. Wingerter suggested that we make the new Secretary responsible for shepherding that process. Ms. Smith will revise the budget to add insurance costs and CDC dues and any other necessary changes. We will vote on the revised budget at the next meeting.

Membership report:

There was no report due to the unfilled Membership Coordinator position.

Public Relations Report:

There was no report due to the absence of the Chair. Ms Krueger suggested that the City Manager would make a good choice as speaker for an upcoming meeting.

New Media Report:

Mr. Wingerter showed a portion of the videos of Sally Lieber's recent presentation, which he had uploaded to the Club's new YouTube Channel. They were well received.

Old Business:

Mr. Wingerter presented the following by-laws changes:

Special election of officers

Current text:

6.2 Each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the membership and shall be elected annually for a term not to exceed one year. Election shall be based on a majority vote of a quorum of the membership, at the annual meeting in the month of May.

Proposed text:

6.2. Each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the membership and shall be elected annually for a term not to exceed one year. Election shall be based on a majority vote of a quorum of the membership, at the annual meeting in the month of May. *Officer positions made vacant by resignation or removal shall be filled at the next general meeting where one or more members agree to stand for election. Any such position shall be filled by the election of such officer on a vote of a majority of the quorum of the membership, and such officer's term shall expire along with the rest of the board at the next annual meeting.*

Current text:

10.2 Any officer that misses three executive meetings per year is automatically removed from office, and a replacement will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Proposed text:

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Parallel construction of sentences:

Current text

1.3 The purpose of DCS shall be to help people learn about issues, elect Democratic candidates, and to foster leadership. To that end we will:

Proposed text:

1.3 The purpose of DCS shall be to help people learn about issues, *to* elect Democratic candidates, and to foster leadership. To that end we will:

Consistent capitalization of the term “active member”

Current

5.1. ... quorum of Club members is at least 20% of the Active Members of the Club.

12.1 ... that proposed amendments are announced and distributed to all Active Members

Proposed text:

5.1. ...quorum of Club members is at least 20% of the active members of the Club.

12.1 ... that proposed amendments are announced and distributed to all active members

Resolved to accept these by-laws changes. (Ms. Krueger moved, Mr. Wingerter seconded, approved unanimously)

New Business:

The members agreed that the Executive Committee Meeting should be moved to the second Monday after the General Meeting to allow for sufficient preparation time after the General Meeting. This will be done pending the availability of the new members at the proposed new time.

There was a discussion of whether to accept ballots by mail and email for elections taking place at the General Meetings. The members decided against this option.

The December General Meeting will be held at the Willow Ranch Community Room. and will be a combination meeting/ pot luck holiday party. Ms. Okuzuma will be in charge of planning.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Norine Krueger

