

# Minutes of the Executive Board of the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

**Date:** August 29, 2011

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** 749 Winstead Terrace, Sunnyvale

**Directors Present:** Kohl Gill  
Margaret Okuzumi  
Mike Serrone  
Nancy Smith  
Carol Weiss

**Directors Absent:** Vimala Balan  
Claude Nahum

**Call to Order:** Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mr. Serrone, seconded by Mr. Gill, the minutes were unanimously approved.

## Reports:

### Update on IRS:

- Ms. Smith filed form 8872 on time. Three other 8872's should not have been filed; they were filed in error and IRS thought they were late.

### Endorsement Meeting 8/28:

- **Action item:** Mr. Gill will call Fred Fowler to inform him that he was not endorsed by the Club. Ms. Smith will call Jack Walker to inform him that he was not endorsed by the club.
  - Ms. Reid, the candidate for School Board, was also not endorsed. Bo Chang was the only candidate who was endorsed.
  - Twenty-seven members in good standing participated in the caucus; 18 votes were needed for endorsement.

### Evaluation of Endorsement Meeting:

- It was fun. It set the precedent. Timing worked out as scheduled.
- Suggestions for the next caucus: put the candidates closer together, i.e., widthwise not lengthwise. Standardize time notification. Use something visual, like stickers, on a chart. For food, there should be more vegetables and fruit, less sugar. The evaluation form should have a scale of 1 to 5 instead of satisfied, not satisfied, and no opinion.
- \$435 in dues and arrears was realized at registration; of this, \$130 was for new memberships. Currently there are 57 members in the Club.
- As a result of our endorsement, we will push members towards Bo's campaign for precinct walking and tabling. The DCS will just provide the volunteers. It was noted that the Club can donate up to \$500 to a candidate it endorses without having to report it. We can spend no more than 5% of expenditures on one local candidate.
- Those not endorsed by the Club are free to ask for volunteers at our future meetings.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- September 17 Meeting: Panel Discussion on Measure A, using a pro-con procedure similar to that of the League of Women Voters. Jerry Hill to speak, also for about 20 minutes?
- October Meeting: Larry Stone to speak on Tea Party craziness (40 minutes); training for precinct walking (30 minutes).

### Media Report:

- Mr. Serrone reported two PayPal renewals. There are 58-59 in the club's Facebook Group.

**P.R. Report:**

Ms. Okuzumi suggested a press release for the September 17 meeting on Measure A. This is expected to be a high interest meeting. Ms. Smith has an objective, outside facilitator for this discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- It was decided to defer the cash flow discussion until the next meeting, due to the absence of Mr. Nahum and Ms. Balan.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Ms. Okizumi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol L. Weiss