

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Date: March 26, 2012
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 778 Steuben Drive, Sunnyvale

Directors Present: Vimala Balan
Kohl Gill
Claude Nahum
Margaret Okuzumi
Mike Serrone
Nancy Smith
Carol Weiss

Call to Order: Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Gill moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Executive Board meeting. Mr. Nahum seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: Ms. Smith announced that she appointed Richard Kolber to be the Club's representative at the endorsement process for state and local officers. This is taking place this week at the county office building.

The J-J (Jefferson-Jackson) Dinner will be Friday, May 11, 2012. City Council Member Jim Griffith will work with Ms. Okuzumi on publicity and he will sponsor a table for the DCS.

Vice President's Report: Mr. Nahum reported that as a result of our new CDC membership, the DCS has received a folding table and a leadership manual.

- **Action item:** Ms. Okuzumi will contact Ms. Gatfield about a banner for the DCS.

Eight delegates are needed for the CDC endorsement process. These will be the seven Executive Board members plus Phyllis Freeman. April 21 is voting day.

- **Action item:** Mr. Nahum will check the CDC manual to learn about the voting process and the stipulations with regard to club endorsements vs. individual endorsements.

Membership Report: Mr. Gill reported two new members, Jordan Eldridge and Meghan Young.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Balan reported one membership renewal has been received. There has been an increase in the price of our post office box from \$44 to \$76. The balance in the checking account as of March 26, 2012 is \$2199.06.

New Media: Mr. Serrone will post new meeting information on the website.

- **Action item:** Ms. Smith will get information to Mr. Serrone on the April 21 meeting by April 1. Congressman Honda will have a meet and greet at this meeting after which there will be committee building and voting on members of the nominating, bylaws and senior issues committees.

It was decided to allot thirty minutes to Mike Aydalott for the May meeting, at which time he will advocate for the Democrat Volunteer Center.

Organizing Process: Ms. Okuzumi explained that the first part of the process was action planning. The next step involves putting more effort into getting people to commit to take action/be leaders. More members are needed for the committees .

The Nominating Committee. Kohl Gill agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, but was not willing to chair it. Others willing to serve on this committee are Richard Kolber, Nancy Smith, Claude Nahum, and Joan Coston.

The Bylaws Committee will be chaired by Brandon Sulser. Other members include Phyllis Freeman, Sandra Hayn and David Wessel.

The Seniors Committee will be chaired by Sandra Hayn. Other members include Dolores Medeiros, Mike Serrone, Richard Kolber , Nancy Smith, Gustav Larson, Margaret Okuzumi and Kohl Gill.

The Hospitality Committee includes Wade Smith and David Wessel.

Precinct Walking/Phone Calling/GOTV Committee includes Joan Coston, David Wessel and Carol Weiss.

Community Relations/Tabling/Voter Reg./Outreach Committee includes Claude Nahum, Sandra Hayn, Carol Weiss, Joan Coston, Mike Serrone and Delores Medeiros. Mr. Nahum will lead the effort for Nevada phone banking.

The J-J Dinner Lead will be Council Member Jim Griffith.

- **Action item:** Ms. Okuzumi will contact Sandra Hayn to give her a list of the committee members and to help her organize for the first meeting.
- **Action item:** Ms. Smith will add making an official club vote to form the committees that had leaders part of the agenda for the April meeting.
- **Action item:** Ms. Smith will call all the members to find others interested in serving or leading the Nominating Committee.

There followed a discussion about the feasibility of separating the Hospitality Committee from the Social Committee.

- **Action item:** Ms. Weiss will contact the League of Women Voters to schedule a pro-con forum on the November ballot for the September meeting.

Adjournment:

Ms. Weiss moved to adjourn and Mr. Serrone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Weiss