

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Date: January 31, 2013
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Place: 1348 Drysdale, Sunnyvale

Directors Present: Vimala Balan
Terry Fowler
Margaret Okuzumi
Nancy Smith
Carol Weiss
David Wessel

Directors Absent: Claude Nahum

Call to Order: Mr. Wessel called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Fowler moved approval of the November 5, 2012 minutes, Ms. Okuzumi seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion items :

1. State of the Union (SOTU) Watch Party:
Ms. Weiss reported that a number of RSVP's had already been received for this event to be at Lilly Mac's Irish Restaurant and Pub. Mr. Nahum was e-mailing notices beyond our club's own e-mail list about this event, so good attendance is anticipated.
2. Vice President of Messaging: Anu Ganguly, a new member, is interested in becoming the VP of Messaging. Discussion followed as to whether the club should have a periodical newsletter and whether it should be monthly or bimonthly. It was reported that Ms. Ganguly has experience in putting together a newsletter. The suggestion was made to ask Ms. Ganguly to a special Executive Committee meeting so that all the officers could meet her. If the date and time are convenient, this meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 7:30, at the home of Ms. Weiss. Mr. Wessel will contact Ms. Ganguly about this meeting and ask her to bring copies of her Ohlone Union Newsletter. It was further decided to hold elections for V.P. of Messaging at the next general membership meeting on February 16.

Treasurer's Report : Ms. Balan presented the profit and loss statement as of January 2013. This shows a net income of \$50.62 and total assets of \$2,952.52. Ms. Balan and Mr. Nahum are taking care of rechartering the Club and Mr. Nahum is ready to file the papers for this.

Upcoming Meetings: February 16 - Mr. Gary Luebbers, City Manager of Sunnyvale, will be the main speaker. He will be allotted about 30-35 minutes to speak. Ms. Okuzumi and Ms. Smith will lead an interactive presentation on Guiding Principles of the Club. About 40 minutes is allotted for this. In addition, elections for the Vice President of Messaging will be held.

With regard to future meetings, Ms. Okuzumi asked if we want to become a club that just has talking heads or a club that focuses on action and on doing things.

Ms. Smith stated that one of the Club's guiding principles should be civility in discourse and that a committee might be formed around this issue.

Action items: Mr. Wessel will contact Lamar Heystek to arrange for Mr. Honda to address the Club at a future meeting. It was reported that both Supervisor Simitian and State Assemblyman Rich Gordon want to address the Club at a future meeting, as well.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Weiss