

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Date: February 25, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 1348 Drysdale, Sunnyvale

Directors Present: Anu Ganguly
Vimala Balan
Terry Fowler
Claude Nahum
Margaret Okuzumi
Nancy Smith
Carol Weiss
David Wessel

Directors Absent: None

Call to Order: Mr. Wessel called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Fowler moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2013 Executive Board meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

State of the Union Watch Party:

Mr. Nahum and Ms. Weiss reported that between 70 to 75 people attended this event at Lilly Mac's Irish Restaurant & Pub. The good response was probably due to its being listed by OFA (Organizing for America) and to the three e-mail blasts Mr. Nahum sent out.

Tabling at the Temple:

The Temple at which this event was held is at 193 Commercial Street, Sunnyvale, near Arques and Wolfe. There were approximately 250 people there. Mr. Wessel spoke to the attendees about the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale. Ms. Ganguly spoke in Hindi at the meeting. Thirteen prospective members gave their e-mail addresses to the DCS.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Balan distributed the Profit and Loss Statement for the period January 1 - February 25, 2013.

Total assets for this period: \$2882.52.

The Club spends \$75/month rental to meet at Fairbrae.

Ms. Balan asked if there could be one signature on checks instead of two, for efficiency. It was suggested that there be a threshold, above which two signatures would be required. The decision on this will be tabled until Mr. Wessel looks at the bylaws to see if this topic is already covered.

- **Action Item:** Ms. Smith will assist Mr. Wessel in reviewing the Bylaws draft.

Ad Hoc Committee for Outreach to the Indo-Asian Community:

Mr. Wessel met with Ms. Ganguly, Ms. Balan, Mr. Khanna and Mr. Kohl. Ms. Ganguly has prepared a list of action items to accomplish this outreach. Mr. Wessel thinks that the Club needs a poster separate from a banner.

- **Action item:** Ms. Okuzumi and Ms. Ganguly will work on developing and displaying a poster for the Club.

Increasing Membership:

The Club needs to reach out to various constituencies in Sunnyvale.

Needing further discussion:

Presentation on guiding principles by Ms. Smith and Ms. Okuzumi.
Timing of the Club's endorsements of candidates

What issues will motivate the Club's members?

The key thing is activating the members to do something.

Establishing a Club newsletter:

Ms. Ganguly will take charge of this. People will need to be recruited to write articles for the newsletter.

Fundraising:

The Club can raise money for ads on TV but not for local candidates; otherwise it would have to change from its 527 classification. It is preferable for a small club, such as the DCS, to encourage people to give directly to a candidate.

Next General Membership Meeting: March 16, 2013

Mr. Ro Khanna will speak on the topic, "Preparing Students for Jobs in the 21st century". Mr. Wessel suggests videotaping the meeting and putting it on the Club's website. Mr. Fowler says he can do this. Ms. Smith and Mr. Wessel will present on the Club's Guiding Principles.

Upcoming Meetings:

Mr. Wessel suggests a Club training in civil political discourse. It was also suggested that Jamie McLeod, of "Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers" group be asked to speak at a future meeting.

April meeting: Mike Honda to speak.

May meeting: Elections

➤ **Action items:**

Mr. Wessel is to form a nominating committee for the May elections. The membership's approval is needed to form this committee.

Ms. Okuzumi will send a copy of our existing Club flyer to Ms. Ganguly to review and possibly adapt.

Budget needs to be drawn up.

Adjournment:

Mr. Nahum moved to adjourn and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Weiss