

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SUNNYVALE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 6, 2009

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 02:00 PM at the CEO Business Center Conference Room, 830 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94085, for the launch meeting. Meet at the side door on the left side of the building. If late, call Rich Wingerter's cell, 650-207-8014. We will arrange for those helping with the meeting to arrive early. (Setup will begin by 1:30 pm.)

Purpose of the May 16th meeting: Public launch of club.

Attending: Nancy Smith, Brandon Sulser, Melodi Masaniai, Rich Wingerter, Vimala Balan, Narendra Pathak, Margaret Okuzumi

All members were present, except Secretary Kathryn Grosz, out with a medical problem. In the absence of the Secretary, Nancy asked Rich to take minutes, and he agreed.

The minutes of the April 30 meeting were approved by voice vote with no objections

The Treasurer, Narendra Pathak, resigned due to a family emergency that will require that he go to India for an extended and unknown length of time.

Nancy opened discussion on the draft bylaws. The group took proposed changes to the bylaws that include:

- Changing all instances of "Board" to "Executive Committee".
- In section 1.3, changing "foster leadership, we will" to "foster leadership. To that end, we will".
- Change all bullets to small letters, so that each item in lists can be identified individually.
- Strike 4.1.4 and change 6.4.4 (b) from "to the Membership Chair." to "to the Membership Chair in a timely fashion."
- Remove "a variety of" from 6.4.6 (a).
- Capitalize all instances of "club" that refer to DCS".
- Change 3.3 "in a timely fashion" to "within 60 days of first notification".

A change to include a provision within the bylaws that the Executive Committee set the payment schedule did not reach a motion because the group felt that it was obvious that the payment schedule for dues would be set by the Executive Committee.

A change to include language about who decides disputes on whether something is according to the bylaws did not reach a motion because it may be covered already by Robert's Rules of Order.

Moved and seconded to accept Narendra's resignation and thank him for his service. Approved by voice vote with no objections.

Moved and seconded to elect Vimala as Treasurer. Approved by voice vote with no objections.

Moved and seconded that Brandon update the bylaws with the changes previously listed, then send the updated draft to all members by e-mail, and that members could vote by e-mail, and that a vote in the affirmative by at least 2/3 of the members would be sufficient to adopt the bylaws. Approved by voice vote with no objections.

Discussed the kickoff meeting. Nancy reported that Wade had agreed to be meeting coordinator and would like to visit on Friday at 5:00 pm to inspect the meeting space.

Discussed proposed membership form submitted by Margaret. Updates proposed included:

- Changing the text of the statements from “am signing up” to “agree” and from “would like” to “agree”.
- Add categories such as “housing issues” and “senior issues” to the list of checkoffs.
- Add a line after the E-mail Address/Home phone/Cell phone line to show “Democratic Club of Sunnyvale”, the mailing address, (Melodi’s) phone number, and the EIN for the organization.

Discussed the dues schedule. The final general outlines of the dues schedule would have four classes of dues, but allow Executive Committee discretion to allow members to join under other terms. The classes would be such that individual rates would be set and corresponding family rates would be set for each class. The membership dues would be advertised essentially in the following format:

Class	Individual	Family
Sponsorships	\$	
Sustaining*	\$65	\$100
General	\$30	\$45
Student	\$20	\$25

Please talk to a member of the executive committee if ...

*[Sustaining memberships] provide a level of support that allows us to nee tub dedicated meeting space.

[Note: The notes say that the suggested continuation of “Please talk to a member of the executive committee” is “if your financial situation” but this phrase was not completed. It was also suggested that the continuation might be “for other options” because this would not suggest any specific amount or circumstance. Other options that came up during the meeting were to have a line for “contribution or donation”, but I think the sense was that the “sponsorships” line superseded that.]

The understanding is that we would show the individual cost of servicing a membership for the year as the “Sustaining” value and would provide a blank space for “Sponsorship” where someone could add to the Sustaining amount with more, so that we would be able to service additional members (such as students) at lower rates. Further, by allowing Executive Committee members the flexibility to sign up others at lower rates, we would allow for people enduring hardships (such as loss of their job) to become members, without showing this on the form, which might encourage others to pay less.

Nancy said that she would take this suggestion under advisement and come up with a proposal that she would circulate by e-mail.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Approved by voice vote with no objections.

[No date was set for the next executive committee meeting, the understanding being that we would set that date when gathering for the launch meeting on the 16th.]

Submitted by Rich Wingerter, 8 May 2009

Signed: Richard J. Wingerter