



Official Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 7:01PM to 8:00PM

Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley
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Meeting held at the Urbane Cafe
25916 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

Minutes: by Todd Hoover, Recording Secretary

PRESENT: Bill Bailey, Carole Lutness, Ed Ingram, Harrison Katz, Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Michael Cruz, Minerva Williams, Patti Sulpizio, Rick Drew, Steven Brooks, Todd Hoover,.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by President, Michael Cruz.
2. Kristin Ingram-Worthman made a motion to approve the agenda, Bill Bailey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
3. Minerva Williams made a motion to approve the December minutes, Kristin Ingram-Worthman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
4. Michael Cruz reported on behalf of the treasurer Jonathan Kraut, not present, that there was no treasurer's report, but since there have been no changes that it is the same as last time, \$658 in the State Account and \$50 in the Federal Account. The yearly dues are due, \$20 per person.
5. Minerva presented the correspondence report. She is getting information about the Jobs, OFA and NAACP and Life Illusions and says to check the website for more details. She mentioned the jobs opportunities. LACPD is looking for State Delegates. The first meeting will be in April. Tomorrow night Mark Pash will be at St Stevens Episcopal Church and will be talking about current economic conditions. There will be another meeting on the 21st at the same place and time presenting the California Fair Elections Act. Passed around resource guide with names of people that attended the CDF training for people to change descriptions of their backgrounds. CDP needs 800 volunteers for the State Convention in April. Paul Krekorian asked us to come to his swearing-in on Jan 17. Details will be on website. On Wed the 20th there will be a study on North Korea. Details on the next CDP training. Buck McKeon is going to hosting a women's forum. On Friday there will be a money conference at SC City Hall at 8:00am.
6. Michael Cruz reports that Evotes were taken to support endorsing removing the 2/3 requirement for the for California Budget and the resolution passed unanimously.

7. Steve Brooks on DPSFV reports there will be a pre-convention meeting in March. There was a spirited debate about prop 8 and the 2/3 majority requirement.
8. Kristin reports that at the LACDP meeting Erice said we need to fight since the Republicans are fighting especially hard to obstruct anything the Democrats do. The LACDP is going to host a TV spot to put this message. Christopher Guerrero talked about the Convention and that you can get into part of it for free for volunteering for 4 hours. Damien Carrol talked about the redistricting commission. The commission will consist of 3 Dems 3 Repubs and 2 DTS. Finally there was an announcement about the California Majority movement.
9. Michael Cruz mentioned that the Fair Elections Act is a pilot program that will at first only in involve the election of the California Secretary of State. It will allow candidates to only use public money for election spending. Steve Brooks moved that we endorse supporting the California Fair Elections Act and Patti Sulpizio seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
10. Patti Sulpizio made four announcements:
 - a) The Census Bureau is hiring people for \$9/hr for nights and weekends
 - b) Cameron Smyth and George Runner will be hosting a money forum on Friday at 8:00am
 - c) Buck McKeon will be hosting a women's conference on February 13th
 - d) Asked that people volunteer to make sack lunches for the Sylmar Homeless Shelter
11. Michael Cruz introduced a resolution to waive membership dues for those 65 and older and for full-time students. Minerva Williams made the motion and Harrison Katz seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
12. Steve Brooks mentioned that help and donations are needed for the disaster in Haiti and that Doctors Without Borders is taking donations. Also Kristin Ingram-Worthman will research the possibility of supporting temporarily suspending deportations of Haitians.
13. Bill Bailey mentioned that our club needs to do fundraising. Michael Cruz suggested we could start putting our change in change jars to use for contributions.
14. Harrison Katz circulated his nomination petition to run for the Santa Clarita City Council.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm