



Official Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2009 7:22PM to 8:58PM

Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley
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Meeting held at the Railroad Cafe
24307 Railroad Ave, Newhall, CA 91321

Minutes: by Todd Hoover, Recording Secretary

PRESENT: Barbara Wilson, Diane Trautman, Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Michael Cruz, Mike Devlin, Minerva Williams, Steven Brooks, Suzan Soloman, Tim-Ben Boydston and Todd Hoover.

Excused absences: Bill Bailey, Jonathan Kraut, and Bob Levine.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:22pm by President, Michael Cruz.
2. Kristin Ingram-Worthman made a motion to approve the agenda, Minerva Williams seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Jonathan Kraut wasn't present, so Michael Cruz reported on his behalf that there is \$658 in the State Account and \$50 in the Federal Account. There will be upcoming expenses of \$75 for DP/SFV dues and \$100 for LACDP dues.
4. Michael Cruz pointed out that state and county delegates cannot endorse Tim Ben Boydston without risking their delegate status.
5. Tim Ben Boydston discusses why he is running for the Santa Clarita City Council. He gives some background into how he got started in politics and how he had come to be on City Council previously. He tells how he had talked with Harrison Katz and that he intends to support him in his bid for City Council. He stresses the importance of taking available resources into account when planning new developments and how important it is for people to be able to ask questions. He opposed the moving of the public comment period to the end of the City Council meetings saying it effectively discourages citizens from expressing their views on issues. He continued discussing some of the issues that he stands for and how he intends to run his campaign. Following there was a brief question and answer period.
6. **Correspondence:** Minerva Williams presented the correspondence report. On Jan 9 & 10 8AM to 4PM there will be a State Party Democratic Campaign training session. It is essential to register online before attending. On Jan 30th there will be a 'It takes a Village' forum out in the Palmdale. Mark Pash will be presenting 'Economic Tsunami' on Jan 14 at St Steven's Episcopal Church at 7:00Ppm. Carole added that on the 21st also at St Stevens there will be a Fair Elections Campaign (Clean Money)

Workshop featuring Robin Gilbert and Trent Lange. Linda Jones will have her campaign kickoff on Saturday at 4PM. Ted Lieu will be coming out to support her. Kamala Harris is also having a campaign kickoff. The Happy Holidays will be at Jonathan's on the 29th. Tim Davis will be a guest speaker for the SCV Homeless Shelter. There will be a conference hosted by the League of Women Voters about getting on the redistricting commission on Tuesday, Dec 15th.at the LA Equestrian Inn. The CA Fair Elections Campaign sent some petitions for a pilot program for the Secretary of State. The Humphrey Club invited us to a Christmas Party on Dec 28. On Jan 2nd Eric Bauman will have a party at his house. The LACDP is looking for anyone interested in being on the State Central Committee, deadline is in January 2010, see Kristin or Minerva for details.

7. **DPSFV Report:** Steve Brooks reported that the Truman Awards were a big success. He was surprised that it wasn't that big of a fundraiser (ie not much money was raised). The hotel was more expensive than before. Also DPSFV is putting \$500 towards the CPD training session for January. Active Democrats were encouraged to apply for being on the California Redistricting Commission.
8. **LACDP Report:** Kristin Ingram-Worthman reports that John Perez came to the LACDP and said he is working on the education committee meetings and talked about the 'single accountability factor' regarding test scores. He said there needs to be a single accountability factor for public and charter schools. Susie Shannon was also there representing Poverty Matters and is asking for the donation of blankets for the homeless. Eric asked us to talk about the positive things happening in the Democratic Party. Reggie Sawyer talked about how important it is to look at the Democratic Platform. Kristin presented the Dem 2010 sustainer program to make donations and brought out the envelopes.
9. **Michael Cruz** – ideas for 2010. There will be a City Council Candidate Forum on March 11, 2010 at St Stevens Episcopal Church, since it is right before the absentee ballots go out. This time is best to have the biggest impact. He suggested that some time during next year we should do a picnic to meet all the Democratic candidates. Michael Cruz said he had filled out the paperwork and Voter Registration will start sometime next year. We might go to places such as the mall, Stater Bros, Target, Home Depot, etc. It is a way to generate money for the club. The next thing is the Change for Change. At the Holiday Party he would give everyone a change jar to put their change in and bring it to the next meeting to donate to the club. For the party we should bring an item(s) for the SCV homeless shelter or \$15 and food or beverage for at least six people. The CDP training will be on the 9th and 10th and it's necessary to register beforehand online.
10. Carole Lutness wrote a check to pay SCV Dem dues for next year. She gave Cruz a check for \$20 to bring to the treasurer Jonathan Kraut.
11. Barbara Wilson wanted to make a resolution to support a woman's right to choose. Michael Cruz suggested that she write something up and send it to him. He suggested that this is something that we could vote on by email.
12. Michael Cruz said the club will be able to send a state delegate. Kristin expressed an interest. Barbara moved that we choose Kristin, Carole seconded the motion and there was unanimous consent.
13. There was a motion to endorse Harrison Katz made by Carole Lutness and seconded by Kristin Ingram-Worthman. There was 1 abstention.
14. The proprietor of Railroad Café turned off the lights, thereby indicating his desire to entertain a motion to adjourn. Todd Hoover moved we adjourn, Kristin Ingram-Worthman seconded the motion, and there was unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

