



DEMOCRATS OF THE MORONGO BASIN
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Tolbert at 10:06 a.m.

New citizen Deborah Dunaway led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Deborah Dunaway moved and Jo Ann Bollen seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion passed.

MINUTES: Dianne Greenhouse moved and Jo Ann Bollen seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. the motion passed.

TREASURER: Yolanda Brown reported that the club has \$6259.23. There are several outstanding checks from the Grassroots party. It was moved by Krista and seconded by Marc Greenhouse that the report be accepted pending audit. The motion passed.

SPEAKER: The club was pleased to welcome Kaisar Ahmed as speaker. He is running for the Board of Supervisors as third district representative. He spoke of his background, his concerns that include homelessness, veteran issues and families. He reminded us that it is cheaper to offer help to people in need than it is to wait for a crisis. He supports good union jobs, health care for all, and generally our Democratic values.

PRESENTATION TO BORDER KINDNESS: President Johnny Tolbert presented Yolanda Brown checks totaling \$3214.25 for Border Kindness. Our celebration raised this money from a variety of sources. Yolanda expressed her heartfelt thanks to the club.

HATE-FREE ZONE: Paula reported that there is a strong push-back on decarling the basin a hate-free zone. We need to strategize and find many ways to reach our goal. There is a lot of racism and open hostility that we are exposing with this resolution.

PHYLLIS MOSS: She spoke in support of her petition to change the law regarding the way teachers are pensioned. Currently teachers must choose either the state pension or social security in spite of paying into both programs.

POLITICAL RESEARCH AND STRATEGY: There are openings both locally and regionally. CADEM pre-endorsement process endorsed both Deni-Antoinette Mazingo and Chris Bubser.

HOME HEALTH AID WORKERS: Juan Garcia rose to request our support in the effort in San Bernardino county to increase the wages of these hard working people. They are currently in negotiations.

MOTION: It was moved by Jennifer Decker and seconded by Bill Masters that the club send a letter of support to the supervisors. The motion passed.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: no report

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Beverly Scott is our representative at the Yucca Valley chamber. She presented them with copies of our Hate-free zone resolution, the ICE cards, and club business cards.

FUNDRAISING: Dianne Greenhouse is arranging gatherings in local restaurants. There are two goals – one is fundraising but the other important goal is socializing. Watch for the dates.

SB COUNTY DEMOCRATS DINNER: Jo Ann Bollen announced the dinner is in Ontario on November 2nd. Tickets are \$50.

Matthew Campos reminded us that election season is upon us. The supervisor positions will be decided in March.

Virginia Knowlton announced the JFK awards on December 7th in Rancho Mirage. Yolanda Brown is one of the recipients.

It was moved by Gary Biggs and seconded by Carmen Mendoza that we adjourn at 11: 35. the motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Durrant
Club Secretary