

**DEMOCRATS OF THE MORONGO BASIN
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2020
MINUTES**



The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Tolbert at 10:07 a.m. It was a zoom gathering.

The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: It was moved by Rich Mettling and seconded by Dianne Greenhouse that the agenda be accepted as distributed. The motion passed.

MINUTES: It was moved by Jo Ann Bollen and seconded by Rich Mettling to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

TREASURER: Yolanda Brown reported that the club has \$4031.31 in the bank. Additionally there are two designated funds. The Black Lives Matter fund has \$ 699.78 and the Neighbors helping Neighbors fund has \$270.69. There is \$333.08 in outstanding checks. These three funds total: \$5001.70.

LABOR OF LOVE EVENT: Labor Day, September 7th from 1-3 pm. we are having a zoom rally. Speakers from unions, local candidates, music and more will be on the agenda.

MOTION: It was moved by Paula Durrant and seconded by Dianne Greenhouse that we allot up to \$400 for the Labor of Love event. The motion passed.

OUTREACH: Please get yard signs, bumper stickers and/or t-shirts to support the club.

POLITICAL RESEARCH & STRATEGY: We have some candidates running. A full list will be available Thursday of next week.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Jo Ann and field team #6 are hard at work registering Biden voters.. She advised us all to check our status to make sure we have not been purged. The site is: [VOTERIZER.org](https://voterizer.org)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: They are in the process of reorganizing under new President Kristen Washington. Jo Ann is hoping to chair voter registration and Deborah is hoping to chair the PR committee. We hope with them.

We have ordered 500 postcards, 10 Biden window signs and 10 CADEM signs. We will print our local endorsements on the cards.

BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT: David Brown contacted the SoCal for Biden campaign. There are two ways each of us can help starting today phone calls and text messages. Paula will send out the links to those events.

The facebook link is: [inlandempirefor Joe](https://www.facebook.com/inlandempireforJoe)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The only activity is the newsletter each week. We renewed our membership in July.

SUPPORT THE P.O. Please spend money on postage and packages.

VOTING: We will all have mail in ballots. The polls will be open for four days. October 21, Nov 1, Nov 2 and Nov 3. It will be possible to drop our ballots at the polling places. There will also be boxes in a few town locations. Those will be announced later.

LOCAL CANDIDATES: Tomas Short, Dianne Greehouse, Johnny Tolbert and Stacy Doolittle all spoke briefly on their candidacy.

Natalie Luz spoke about the Red Brennan group. Their site is redbrennan.org. They believe in small government and community support.

Debra Savitt has plants for club fundraising. While Debra is away Paula will care for the plants.

ADJOURN: It was moved by Beverly Scott and seconded by Deborah Dunaway to adjourn at 11:29. the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Durrant
Club Secretary

President Johnny Tolbert, a CERT volunteer, updated us on the status of the Apple fire. Morongo Valley, Rimrock and Pioneertown are still on alert. Communities will have at least a ten hour warning should it be necessary to evacuate.