

**DEMOCRATS OF THE MORONGO BASIN  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2019  
MINUTES**



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

Johnny Tolbert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: It was moved by Rich Mettling and seconded by Gary Biggs that the agenda be adopted as presented. The motion passed.

Minutes: Jo Ann Bollen moved and Gary Biggs seconded that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Yolanda Brown reported that we have \$3905.34 in our treasury.

Chris Bubser: We welcomed Congressional candidate Chris Bubser as our speaker. She is running to represent our 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. She spoke about her concerns both for our district and nationally. She took questions from our club.

Outreach: Rich Mettling reported that the Market table is up and running. We discussed a pop-up protest at the board meeting. We also discussed sponsoring a local rally on January 18<sup>th</sup> to join the Women's March. The Coachella Valley rally will be in Indio. The Club requested we hold our rally from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Rich also proposed a major rally with other clubs and speakers. He is also working on an information piece for the table with local issues.

Teaching Tolerance/Hate-Free Zone: Paula reported that she will be scheduling visits to the YV Town Council, the School Board and the College. Gayl Swarat printed up some of the posters which we will begin placing around the Morongo Basin.

Central Committee: We have several members running for the Central Committee; Jo Ann Bollen, Deborah Dunaway, Nicholas Christensen, Crystal Wysong, Debra Gail Savitt, Sara Lee.

They will be meeting early in January, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, in order to adequately prepare for the March primary. If members have suggestions for questions to ask the candidates please submit them.

It was suggested that we sponsor an event for the candidates.

CADEM CONVENTION REPORT: The link to the platform, voted at the November meeting, was included in the notice for this meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Beverly Scott is our representative. She attends most gatherings. She reports on club activities and works to bring us to the attention of the Chamber.

The Chamber is publishing a directory of businesses in the Morongo Basin who are chamber members. The book will include ads. It was moved by Matthew Campos and seconded by Dianne

Greenhouse that we purchase a \$400 or ½ page ad in the directory. The motion passed. Deborah Dunaway presented a suggested ad. Gayl Swarat agreed to work on it.

Francisco Ramos, our AD 42 representative to the CADEM board reported on his work. He is allowed to appoint 10 delegates to the Milwaukee convention. He also reported that the convention rules have changed in that the super delegate system has been eliminated. The new rules include that the first ballot has to match the popular vote in the state. The second ballot, should it be necessary, opens up the voting. He welcomes people asking for a delegate slot.

He further spoke about a Services Committee that will protect voters at the polls.

He also reported that some are creating care packages for new citizens. The packages include information on voting, US Constitutions and Ice cards. Our club might join this effort. The next swearing in of new citizens is in March.

Sara Lee suggested we need to focus on the concern of young people. Stephen Kong suggested we are known by our activism and visibility.

Dianne Greenhouse reported that the second showing of the movie "Rigged" on voter suppression in the 2016 election was a success. If members know of a film we are welcome again at Aztec Clubhouse.

Deborah Dunaway reported the ACLU is seeking signature to put a ballot measure on our November ballots to close the Prop 13 loophole which enables large corporations to pay less in taxes.

ADJOURN: Gary Biggs moved and Rich Mettling seconded that we adjourn at 12:00 noon. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Durrant  
Club Secretary