



DEMOCRATS OF THE MORONGO BASIN
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

MINUTES

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

Gary Biggs led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dianne Greenhouse greeted attendees.

AGENDA: Marc Greenhouse moved and Rich Mettling seconded that the Agenda be approved with the addition of the Spellaton under Outreach. The motion passed

MINUTES: Matthew Campos moved and Rich Mettling seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed.

TREASURER: Yolanda Brown reported that we have # 3693.90. The Charter check for \$50 is outstanding. Gary Biggs moved and Beverly Scott seconded that the report be accepted pending audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Matthew Campose resigned from the position of chair of the Scholarship Committee. President Tolbert will appoint a new chair for that committee.

SPEAKER: Dianne Greenhouse introduced our speakers from the MUSD. Superintendent Tom Baumgarten, Karalee Hargrove and Matthew Singleton spoke individually in support of the PROP 13 bond issue on our March ballot. During the question time we spoke of the bullying problem, the lack of civility and other issues that are affecting the quality of MUSD education. Superintendent Baumgarten referred us to their website for offering public support for the bond issue.

OUTREACH: Rich Mettling rose to speak about the February 17th rally in support of Health Care for All. The rally is at 247 and 62 from 10 – 12. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring friends.

LABOR DAY – he reported that plans are moving quickly for a great Labor Day event.

ADULT LITERACY SPELL-A-THON: March 21 is the date. Last year our teams excelled. If you want to be on a team please contact Dianne Greenhouse.

HATE-FREE ZONE: Paula Durrant reported that we now have “tolerance” mottos on each table at Cali Greens. We also have window signs for businesses that say “This is a Hate Free Zone”. Superintendent Tom Baumgarten took all of the poster like signs for us in our schools.

CLUB SOCIAL: Dianne Greenhouse announced that February 28th from 9:00 – 11:00 we will gather at Cali Greens for a breakfast social.

POLITICAL RESEARCH & STRATEGY: Deborah Dunaway presented postcards with club endorsements to be used by canvassers and others in advance of the primary. After discussion it was moved by Matthew Campos and

seconded by Dianne Greenhouse that the club purchase 1000 cards for no more than \$200. The motion passed with two abstentions.

CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT: We are seeking candidates for a number of open seats in the Morongo Basin. Karalee Hargrove announced she is not running for the MUSD board.

CHAMBER REPORT: Beverly Scott announced she is still attending lunches and promoting our club activities. She also reported the Directory is not yet available.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Jo Ann Bollen reported that they have registered 300 Democratic voters, mostly in Victorville. She also reported that voting by mail, using a paper ballot, was the safest way to vote. She reminded us to verify our registration in advance of the primary.

FUNDRAISING: Debra Savitt reported that plant sales are progressing. Member Bob Tisdal-Braun is offering t-shirts he designs. He will donate the profit to the club.

SCHOLARSHIP: No report – seeking committee chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were a number of important events mentioned.

Sundays at the Beatnik – Plant parenthood

SB Regional Council on Aging – comment on services – Thursday, Feb 13 at 2:00 pm.

YV Senior Center

SB County Dept of behavioral health – 11-12 on Feb 12th at Santa Fe Social Club

Tomorrow: Canvassing for Chris Bubser in Yucca

ADJOURN: Gary Biggs moved and Paula Durrant seconded that we adjourn at 11:55 a.m. The motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Durrant

Club Secretary