

Democrats of the Morongo Basin
 General Meeting Minutes
 10:00 a.m., August 12, 2023
 Online using Zoom &
 Jorge's Place, CMC Campus



Today's Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the July General Meeting were distributed to the membership before the meeting.

Club President Jo Ann Bollen called the meeting to order at 10:00.

<u>Board members present:</u>	<u>Club members present (in person)</u>	<u>Club members present (Zoom)</u>
Jo Ann Bollen	Cody Briggs	Deb Bollinger
Liz Neff	Matthew Mark Campos	Helen Bright
Carrie Williams	Mark Chappell	David Brown
Dianne Markle-Greenhouse	Patti Domay	Julie Brown
Deborah Dunaway	Rich Mettling	Ellen Welch
Paula Durrant (Zoom)	Gary Neff	
Rico Nadjar (Zoom)	Debra Gail Savitt	<u>Guests</u>
	Joan Scott	Ray Kennedy
	Norman Scott	Sadaf Rahmani
	Jennifer Rendon	David Weiner

The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our Guest Speaker, Sadaf Rahmani of Planned Parenthood, gave us a good overview of what the organization does, and what it's up against, even in California. Please give generously to <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/community-action-fund-planned-parenthood-orange-and-san-bernardi>
 Thank you, Sadaf, for joining us!

Matthew Campos moved and Gary Neff seconded approval of the Agenda as presented. *Unanimous.*

Cody Briggs moved and Rich Mettling seconded approval of the July meeting minutes. *Unanimous.*

Treasurers' Report: \$3,236.00 in the bank plus \$139 (-\$90 breakfasts + \$48) in the cash box.

Correspondence: Rich Mettling membership check. P.O. Box invoice (\$248/year); Chamber of Commerce membership invoice (\$115/year); CADEM Insurance invoice (\$561/year); website form software invoice (\$79/year). Letter of thanks from Women of Color Global 29 for the Club's assistance with the Juneteenth celebration in 29 Palms.

David Weiner, our AD47 CADEM E-Board Rep, asked if we wanted to bring anything up at E-Board, and Deborah mentioned that State Treasurer Fiona Ma, 5th District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr, San Bernardino City Mayor Helen Tran, and Redlands Council Member Denise Davis (all Democrats) are listed on Dawn Rowe's Endorsement page on her website. There was some discussion about this topic, including the Progressive Caucus's recent attempt to change the CADEM Bylaws so there are actual consequences to Democrats for endorsing Republicans (particularly when there are electable Democrats in a given race, or endorsed Democrats!). The Board will send a letter to Ms Ma, via David Weiner.

Committee Reports:

Environmental policy: Attend the MDLT Joshua tree information meeting coming up. Debra got Joshua tree protections on the Hi-Desert Water District meeting agenda.

Other Items

- Chamber of Commerce membership: would someone like to attend events on the Club's behalf? Cody Briggs and Debra Savitt agreed to share attendance at these events.

- Endorsement panel volunteers: Matthew Campos, Rich Mettling, and Dianne Markle-Greenhouse.
- Deborah spoke briefly about the District 3 Board of Supervisors race (Dawn Rowe). There are three candidates, who will attend our September 9 General Meeting.
- We asked members to keep Derek Marshall in mind, and to let us know of events that he might wish to attend.
- Volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway program: Cody Briggs to lead. Jennifer Rendon, Deborah Dunaway, Jo Ann Bollen, Rich Mettling will volunteer.
- We acknowledged Deb Bollinger's great Letter to the Editor re: SCOTUS.

Announcements:

1. Social Dinner at Las Palmas, Sunday August 20, 4-7 pm.
2. Birthday Party/Drag Show/Fundraiser for Christy Holstege August 23, 5-7 pm at Toucans in Palm Springs! Buy your ticket on ActBlue: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/chaug23>
3. Next Board Meeting: September 3 at 2:00 pm, email DemocratsMB@gmail.com for zoom link
4. Next General Meeting: September 9, 10:00 am, Zoom and in person
5. Basin Wide Foundation Honors August 24 will honor the Morongo Basin Healthcare District.
6. August 26-27 from 8:30-Noon at Mil-Tree: community garden cleanup. Also, August 26 at Taylor Junction, 5:30 - 8:00 will be the art exhibit for the kids' summer camp.

Gary Neff moved and Mark Chappell seconded adjournment at 11:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dunaway
September 6, 2023