

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Date: April 30, 2012
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 778 Steuben Drive, Sunnyvale

Directors Present: Vimala Balan
Claude Nahum
Margaret Okuzumi
Mike Serrone
Nancy Smith
Carol Weiss

Directors Absent: Kohl Gill

Call to Order: Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Okuzumi moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Executive Board meeting.
Mr. Serrone seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: Ms. Smith distributed and explained a sample of an item tracking page. The March general membership meeting, at which Congressman Honda conducted a meet and greet, was debriefed.

- **Action Item** – Ms. Smith will scan in the list from the March meeting.

It was noted that henceforth the Club needs to schedule time for committee breakout sessions and reports (10 minutes).

Ms. Weiss moved, and Mr. Nahum seconded:
The official policy for a candidate who wishes to speak to the DSC but is not in the Sunnyvale area is to allow that candidate five minutes to address the club but make it clear that there will be no endorsement given by the DCS.
This motion was unanimously adopted.

- **Action items** for the May 19 membership meeting:
Ms. Okuzumi will check on the availability of outside speakers on the topic of the Lawrence Station Development Area. She will post meeting details on Facebook.

Ms. Weiss will check with the city clerk as to when city employee pensions will come before the city council. Ms. Weiss will also reconfirm with Mike Aydalott for the May 19 meeting.

Mr. Serrone will post meeting details on the meet-up group and on the DCS website.

Time will be left on the meeting's agenda for elections.

➤ **Action item** – Ms. Smith will contact Jim Griffith with Input for the Nominating Committee, of which he is the Chair.

➤ **Action item** – Mr. Gill needs to update the membership List before the next general membership meeting. Ms. Okuzumi will contact him in this regard.

There is a need for someone to make public announcements about upcoming meetings of the DCS at the Sunnyvale City Council.

Planning for the future: Jill Cody will work with the incoming President on organizing for the club's growth and involvement.

Upcoming meetings:

Possible topic for August: Sunnyvale creating its own municipal utility.

September meeting: League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale will be conducting a pro-con forum on the November ballot propositions.

Vice President's Report: Because of the confusion surrounding the eight delegates chosen for the endorsement process of CDC, Mr. Nahum will speak with Ms. Gatfield. Clarification is needed as to how CDC decided who would be voting in the endorsement process. CDC's main contact should be the DCS Vice President.

Democratic Central Committee (DCC) Report: Richard Kolber sat in on all the Endorsement meetings for the DCS. He will attend the DCC meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2012, in place of Ms. Smith and Mr. Nahum.

DCS Committees:

The Bylaws Committee should have a timeline to report to the Executive Committee, but other committees can report directly to the general

membership, unless there is a request for funds. (item for discussion with Jill Cody)

New Media Committee:

Mr. Serrone is starting a new media committee. He will make a pitch for members at the next general meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Balan noted that there are some invoice issues, namely some members not paying dues. There was a question about when to voice or cancel a membership. Mr. Nahum and Ms. Balan will meet every few months on this issue. Amount in the DCS account as of April 30, 2012 is \$2224.11.

P.R. Report:

Ms. Okuzumi showed the Executive Committee a ¼ page ad for the DCS to appear in the ad book for the Jefferson Jackson dinner.

➤ **Action Item:** Ms. Smith will contact Jim Griffith about seats at a Sunnyvale table for this dinner.

Ms. Okuzumi also reported that the Club has new signs.

Adjournment:

Ms. Weiss moved to adjourn and Ms. Okuzumi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Weiss