



Marsh Creek Dems

MINUTES

1-20-19

- I. **Call to Order at 2:07**
- II. **Introductions of New Attendees, New Members and Elected Officials**
 - A. **Annette Lewis, County School Board Member and Mark Foley, BART Board Member were in attendance.**
- III. **Quorum Call – 42 Members in Good Standing – 20% for Quorum = 9 members required – 16 members in attendance + 3 guests**
- IV. **Adopt Agenda – Adopting the agenda was moved by Carolina Villaseca and Mark Foley. It was passed without objection**
- V. **Approve Minutes of December 16th meeting – Don asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Upon hearing none, he asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.**
- VI. **Club Elections - January 20th - Valerie Thurston explained that only one intent to run was received for each office by January 6th. Barbara Coffman moved and Mark Foley seconded that the officers be elected by acclamation. It was so passed.**
 - A. All 2018 dues paying members who are registered Democrats are eligible to vote
 - B. Intent to Run received – Received by January 6th
 - President – Don Smith Vice-President – Shannon Skinner
 - Treasurer – Linda Soliven Secretary – Linda Smith
 - Directors at Large (2) Anthony V. Hailey and Carolina Villaseca
- VII. **Reports**
 - A. **Officers – Each of the officers was introduced and gave a short presentation on their goals for the year.**
 - B. **Women's March – Jan 19th – Shannon reported on her experiences at all 3 of the women's marches she attended including this year's in Walnut Creek. The Marsh Creek Dems had a booth which was staffed the entire time. Marsh Creek Members attending included Barbara Coffman, Carolina Villaseca, Harry Thurston, Valerie Thurston, Ellie Householder, Susana Williams, Don Smith, Linda Smith, Thuy DaoJensen, Troy Jensen and Mark Foley**
 - C. **Membership Chair – Thuy DaoJensen reported that 2019 membership dues are payable by February 17th and encouraged all attendees to renew or join. Her committee will be working on increasing membership.**
 - 1. Dues - 2019 due on January 1 of each year and payable by the February meeting
 - 2. Membership Renewal Application
 - D. **Publication Committee Chair – Carolina Villaseca talked about her vision for the publications committee.**
 - E. **Issues, Endorsement & Legislative Committee Chair – Anthony V. Hailey. Anthony passed out a vision paper for his committee.**
 - F. **Community Outreach Chair – Linda Soliven shared her ideas for community outreach.**

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VIII. Old Business

A. How You Can Help? Volunteers Needed (Handout) – Linda

1. Bob Coffman has volunteered to write down on the flip chart all new events that are not on the Agenda.

IX. Guest Speaker – Harry Thurston – *Making our Voices Heard: How Marsh Creek Dems fit in the State and County Democratic Structure* – Harry gave is a great overview of the county and state democratic structure and what opportunities there are for everyone to participate. He also talked about the different activist organizations in the County and how they are different from what we do. He said that having precinct captains throughout the East County would make a huge difference in elections, whether it was registering people to vote, hearing their concerns, or becoming a friendly face in the neighborhood. He volunteered to chair our Precinct Captain Task Force. He also sent us a copy of his presentation.

X. New Business

A. New Alternate for DPCCC – Shannon – Although Linda Smith would like to find someone interested in taking her place, John Hall said that we need to do that next June.

XI. Open Forum - Share your thoughts and aspirations for Marsh Creek Dems

A. Where do we go from here? - Who do you like for President? – Most important issues: local - state - national – Postponed til next meeting

XII. Announcements

- A. Congressman Jerry McNerney cancelled his Open House in Antioch due to his need to be in Washington during the Government shutdown.**
- B. Bryan Scott shared how our fire district is underfunded and puts residents in a potentially dangerous situation**
- C. Brentwood City will be going from an at-large election to an election by District**
- D. CC County Census 2020 Steering Committee –Application due Jan 23rd
<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/6999/Census-2020>**
- E. Future Meetings – 2:00 the 3rd Sunday of each month: Feb 17th, March 17th and April 14th (note change)**

1. Karen Rarey, Brentwood City Council Member, will be our February 17th guest speaker.

XIII. Door Prize Drawing – The winners were Joe Ely and Thuy DaoJensen

XIV. Adjournment at 4:03