

## **Minutes for the May 2015 Monthly Meeting of the Democratic Club of Vista**

The meeting was held at the Pantry & Pie Shoppe at 945 S. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083.  
The meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month,  
May 9, 2015 from 10:00 am until 11:50 am.

16 people were in attendance.

### **Joe Dusel, Vice President- Presiding**

President Sue Alderson was absent.

The meeting was called to order.

New members were welcomed, and all members of the club introduced themselves.

**The minutes from the last meeting were approved.**

**The Agenda was approved.**

### **President's Report:**

The state is working on the auto-registration of voters through the DMV. New voters would be enrolled as non-partisan. People can opt out. This should increase the voter base, and they can be contacted later to ask if they would like to be enrolled as Democrats.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nanci Oechsle, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$621.01.

### **Committee reports:**

Audrey Murphy distributed a printed voter registration report. The next farmer's market voter registration table will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Molly Lockwood will help with setup at 7:45. Members may volunteer for any portion of that time. The table is run every last Saturday of each month. Audrey discussed reaching out to other organizations to help run the farmer's market table, and possibly increasing the frequency to other Saturdays. People re-register after moving, and the presence of the table reminds them.

Erubey Lopez reported on the City Council meeting. The city is considering a re-coding of the downtown area to allow for three or four stories instead of a maximum of two. This could result in new housing proposals and better amenities, but it could also result in increased costs and higher rent, and could make the area anti-apartment. Some want Vista to remain more affordable. Erubey also spoke about how Oceanside's developers are no longer required to help with affordable housing, or to pay the fees instead. What would happen in Vista if the same situation occurred? He also discussed the school district, which will decide whether or not to redistrict.

### **New Business:**

Nanci Oechsle reported that sections were added to the bylaws in order to be compliant, which describe the club's endorsement process. Nanci provided the amended bylaws on paper; it will

also be emailed. In June, it will be voted on. Every club has the right to elect delegates to attend the Caucus (one per twenty members), and the bylaws must be correct to do this.

**Announcements:**

Club member Roberto Rodriguez was congratulated for winning the Union of the Year Award for Sweetwater.

Francine Busby congratulated the club for participation in the Roosevelt Dinner.

We are looking for a committee of people to look for possible new meeting sites. The club may eventually outgrow the space at the restaurant.

The club is planning movie nights to watch political documentaries. June 13<sup>th</sup> is the date of the first proposed movie night. Nanci Oechsle will arrange an online survey in order to choose the movie. Members are encouraged to send movie suggestions to Nanci.

The club will consider choosing two events per year to participate in. Examples could include the Vista Strawberry Festival or a parade. Members should send suggested events to the board.

Club minutes and reports are available on the website at [demclubvista.org](http://demclubvista.org).

**Guest Speaker:**

Francine Busby is the guest speaker for May. She is the chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party. Busby is a former member of the school board in Cardiff, CA, and she has been a democratic candidate for Congress. She is also the executive director of Run Women Run, an organization that trains, mentors, and supports women candidates for elective office. Francine spoke about the success of the Roosevelt Dinner, which drew nearly 800 guests. She talked about the success of endorsed candidates, and the Democratic Party's priorities for the county, including voter registration and education. Busby discussed other goals of the Democratic Party including communications, coordination, candidate training, and social media, and spoke briefly on the presidential race.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:50.