

Minutes for the February 2015 Monthly Meeting of the Democratic Club of Vista

The meeting was held at the Law Office of Erubey Lopez at 635 S. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083.

The meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month,
February 14, 2015 from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

14 people were in attendance.

Joe Dusel, Vice President- Presiding

President Sue Alderson was absent.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The Agenda was approved.

There was discussion about how to become a bigger and better organized club. More members would result in more dues collected, a greater ability to support candidates, and more ideas and input from members.

It was suggested that there should be more evening events, because some club members are unable to attend the monthly meeting.

Elections:

Elections took place during the February meeting. Jackie Feitler-Ferguson of the Nominating Committee provided printed ballots with candidates and write-in spaces. The election resulted in the board remaining the same, with Sue Alderson as President, Joe Dusel as Vice President, Nanci Oechsle as Treasurer, and Johanna Chambers as Secretary.

It was mentioned that there needs to be an amendment to specify when officers' terms are up for renewal.

Treasurer Report:

Nanci Oechsle, Treasurer, provided the printed budget for the club for 2015, which she worked on with Audrey Murphy and Katsuyo Fukuyama. She projected a membership of 35-40 people, and an income of \$1050.

The budget was approved.

Announcements:

This marks the one year anniversary of the Democratic Club of Vista.

The viewing of the movie "Healthcare" has not yet been scheduled.

Guest Speaker:

February's guest speaker, Dan McAllister, was elected San Diego County Treasurer and Tax Collector in November 2002. A second-generation San Diegan, Dan holds a Bachelor's degree

(BA) from California State University, Fresno, and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from United States International University. Mr. McAllister spoke about the importance of grassroots political involvement and volunteering. He discussed the progress and changes made by his office in recent years. He provided brochures with general information on property taxes, and explained where property tax dollars go. He discussed the economy in general in San Diego County. Mr. McAllister also spoke about the importance of treating taxpayers as customers, and the importance of considering the diversity of those customers in order to serve them better. The website for his office is at www.sdtreastax.com.

He then welcomed questions.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:00 noon.