

**Minutes for September, 2017 Monthly Meeting
Of the Democratic Club of Vista**

The meeting was held at Universidad Popular Community Center, 1234 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, 92083

The meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month,
September 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

40 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:07.

No minutes from the last meeting which was a candidate forum.

The Agenda was approved (with addition of Cody).

Welcome New Members, guests and candidates:

We have new members, Marilyn B., Norma C., Cynthia H.

We have guests: Donna Penney; Alan Geraci; Deborah Cunningham-Skurmik.

Happy Birthday to Jackie Feitler-Ferguson.

Alan Geraci is running in Dist. 75 against Marie Waldron (R). He would work on legislation to protect the vote and protect against banks.

Sue speaks for Elizabeth Warren who is running in Dist. 76 against Rocky Chavez and can't make it due to injury.

Corinna Contreras is running for Vista City Council, Dist. 1. She cares about people in district 1 and would like to represent all the people of Vista. She supports Community Policing as opposed to current Sheriff's policies which cause fear among Vista residents.

Cody Campbell speaks about the Vista initiative to legalize Medical marijuana dispensaries which has 8000 signatures and will be on the ballot in a special election. Over 60% of residents are in favor, but we must get them out to vote and encourage mail in ballots. It will raise 2-3 million dollars in tax revenue.

President's Report:

Sue Alderson, president, discussed:

Vista Neighbors In Action are working on community issues including school transportation which is a concern for VUSD parents. There will be a picnic on October 21. Ask Vicki Henry or Kathleen Lambert if you would like to join.

City Council meeting on 9/12 at 5:30. We would like people to attend and discuss the Sheriff's Department and Councilman Franklins' disrespectful statements to Corinna Contreras when she was discussing the recent Sheriff's shootings. We will post a video of Franklin's comments to our Facebook.

Resolution regarding DCCC's plan to endorse anti-abortion Dems in red states. The Resolution for Choice states that we will support only pro-choice candidates. It was drafted by Progressive Democratic Club and East Area Caucus. We will table it until the next meeting, giving us a chance to change the language. Cynthia H. volunteers to work on the wording.

We will be at our new location at least until January and hopefully permanently.

We need to work with VUSD about immigration issues of students, train teachers to protect kids in the community and to go to City Council meetings to represent the kids and support DACA. Joe Green will meet with us on 10/5 re: welcoming city resolution, but it seems unlikely to make it to a vote. Nikki Leeds, Harold, Donna Penny and Don Anque volunteer to work on this.

Fundraising committee for local races, we need to figure out how much money we will need to raise for each candidate and how best to raise funds. Jane M., Vicki M. and Don A. volunteer for committee.

Changes to Bylaws which will include 2 year terms for officers instead of 1 year terms, goes into effect after February elections, for more stability, Heather moves, Audrey 2nds, motion carries.

Pre-endorsements – Deborah Cunningham-Skurmik, Regional Director, Region 18, CA Democratic Party spoke. On 1/27/18 at San Juan Capistrano Community Center there is a meeting to pre-endorse democratic candidates for elections including the 45th, 48th, 49th and 50th. Delegates must live in the district and vote for the candidates agreed to by our club. They are still figuring out how many representatives our club gets. The club will decide if we even want to pre-endorse.

Treasurer's Report:

Our treasury contains \$2,600 and we have 110 members in good standing.

Committees Reports:

Were sent in as written reports

Education- has completed the flyer: "How prepared are we for the next election?" Michelle Gomez requests copies and we will also link sources in our Facebook page.

Fredi Avalos is the Speaker:

She is a Professor of Communications at CSUSM and a Media Activist. She teaches the history of communications in the U.S. because the background is needed to speak truth to power. Free press and educated populace are pillars of democracy. Our children need to be media literate so they know how to recognize propaganda. The market was allowed to determine what we watch and it is all based on commercials. The FCC has little control after the Fairness Doctrine was eliminated in the 80's and deregulation of the media in 1996. You can look at files of radio and TV stations, as they are public records. You can also call and fax TV and radio stations. Freepress.net has a media toolkit which we can use to influence the press. Broadbent, Women's Media is a group formed by Kathleen Lambert, Vicki Henry, Sue and Ali to combat these media issues and confront groups like Sinclair and KUSI.

Our next meeting is October 14 at 1234 Santa Fe. Sheriff's candidate Dave Meyers and DA candidate Genevieve Jones-Wright will be our guests.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55.