

Minutes for July, 2018 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,

July 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

34 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

The Minutes from June meeting were approved (Mary Elizabeth moved; Cindy seconded)

The Agenda was approved. (Mary Elizabeth moved; Nanci seconded)

Welcome guests and new members: New Member Beth ; guests are Letha McWey and Angela Chunka from Vista Schools.

President's Report: Sue Alderson, president, discussed:

Vista City Counsel meeting on June 26. 48 people spoke in favor of California Values Act (SB 54), not 1 person against. John Franklin placed this on the agenda with no mention of Trump lawsuit. After we spoke he and Amanda Rigby voted to join lawsuit; Joe Green voted against the lawsuit; John Aguilera was planned absent; Judy Ritter abstained. They cleared the chamber after Franklin called participants a mob; They took a revote and Ritter voted for the lawsuit. We need to organize against Franklin!

Flip the 49th, Harold spoke - we can't bash Mike Levin on our Facebook page. The Levin eleven charges were dropped. He may be willing to talk to our club, though it doesn't seem he will apologize for Levin eleven. We want him to sign a pledge.

Food Insecurity in Vista- VUSD has a summer food program. Letha McWey is cafeteria manager at Vista High. She explained parents must fill out forms for free and reduced lunch program, if they don't the application will lapse and students get alternative meal; Students who are ineligible for free and reduced program who don't pay get alternative meal. Alternative meal includes fruit and veg and is nutritious. Summer program is "feed all" and 9 schools will be "feed all".

Nanci moves to donate the \$121 set aside to feed Vista for summer feed program and send home backpacks of food. Mary Elizabeth seconds the motion. Motion passes. We will continue to raise money and bring food and diapers for food pantry.

Treasurer's Report- We have \$2649.05 cash on hand and 83 members in good standing.

Announcements:

Non-violent direct action meetings on Friday nights at Oceanside LBGTQ Center at 6:00 - Reading from "Beautiful Trouble". Ideas include holding candidates feet to the fire on taking money from private prisons; embarrassing J. Franklin in public; engage the public.

Flip the 49th - will connect with down ballot races and issues, schedule of events, August 18 canvass in Vista.

Climate Action Plan meetings in Vista at Civic Center, Planning Commission 7/17; public meeting 7/19.

Bylaws Committee:

Will meet before next meeting, draft bylaw changes and discuss at next meeting. Members can be Democrats or NPP, no Republicans. Endorsement votes can only be cast by Democrats.

Endorsements:

Each candidate gets 7 minutes to speak, will leave the room and have speakers for and against. All members in good standing get paper ballots which are publicly tallied.

Carol Herrera School Board area 2 speaks and takes questions. She leaves the room. Nanci, Rich and Letha McWey speak in her favor, Pat and Donna speak against her. Votes tallied: 21 to endorse; 5 no endorsement.

Mustafa Nizam City Council District 4 speaks. He leaves the room. Nikki and Kat speak in his favor. Votes tallied: 28 to endorse.

Corinna Contreras City Council District 1 speaks. She leaves the room. Nanci speaks in her favor. Votes tallies: 28 to endorse.

Our next meeting is August 11 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.