

**Minutes for January, 2019 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,
January 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

26 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:02.

The Minutes from last meeting were approved (Mary Elizabeth moved; Harold seconded)

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

Welcome guests and new members: Laura Cunningham from Carlsbad, Meg Ley

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

Harassment policy- We need a committee to address harassment and bullying, especially on social media (Facebook). Do we remove harassing posts and ban from our page? Progressive Dems and Dems for Equality have written policies. We will get those policies from other clubs and committee will discuss them.

Community Organizing Committee will address these issues to include crises and emergency preparedness and other non-partisan issues such as CCE and green issues. Committee will go out in the community and drop literature and speak to neighbors. Nikki, Sue and Rebecca volunteer for committee.

Fundraising- T-shirts are a great way to make money, we will revisit. Kathleen L. will work on t-shirts; Adam, Vince and Donna are on fundraising committee. Mary Elizabeth will sell raffle tickets at meetings, may raffle off items. We will get money to pay for space, lit and events. Coffee and donuts aren't making money and we should all pitch in.

VCAP - next meeting is Sunday, 1/20 at Backfence. We need to speak at City Council Meeting to get them to hire a staff person for the CAP. Lynn M. will investigate how much the salary of a CAP staff person is. They have them in S.D., Chula Vista, La Mesa, Carlsbad. We need people to come to the next City Council meeting on 1/22 and address this.

Education Committee- Heather and Cindy are moving to Wisconsin in June, so we need new committee members. The voting/education brochures they made are still available.

Political Action Committee will focus on Dist. 3 on finding and training a candidate. We need to challenge Amanda Rigby. Joe Green is also up for election in 2020. We need to go through clubs/groups of activists we know and find someone in Dist. 3. We will canvas and give full support to Dist. 3 candidate and also for school board. Amanda will be hard to unseat in her district. Marvin Mizell is exploring whether to run.

Rapid Response - Ways to help immigrants, at the shelter, Rapid Response warning them of ICE sightings. Sign up volunteers, get money for shoes.

Membership- Kat is resigning as membership chair, so we need a new volunteer for position. Nanci or Kat will train new chair in keeping membership info. 16 members have renewed.

Budget Committee - Nanci, Sue and Mary Elizabeth

We need to get people at every City Council meeting. Rebecca will email membership with info on next City Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report- We have \$1,381,65 cash on hand and 89 members.

Candidates and Announcements:

Martha Alvarado - there is a budget crisis due to a miscalculation because 600 students left to charter schools or other places. There is a meeting on Wednesday 1/16 at 3:00 p.m. to deal with the issue. Our schools are more segregated than they were in the 70's. Martha will send info out to members.

Cory Schumacher - is now on staff for Tasha Boerner Horvath and will give us updates. Tasha is the assistant whip to Todd Gloria and is on various committees including Veterans Affairs, Sustainability, prosperity and equality. She has an office in Oceanside. Her phone number is (760) 433-7601. Cory will come to Vista meetings to keep us informed.

Marvin Mizell is looking into running in the 3rd Dist. He is an attorney for the Department of Justice. He has been studying Amanda Rigby. Dist. 3 is majority Democrat, but Rigby is liked. People are unhappy about growth and development. Club will give resources if he decides to run.

Deborah Skurnik explains the ADEM elections. The 76th delegate elections are Sunday, 1/27 from 11:30 to 2:15 at Oceanside Library. Deborah is the convener. Vote for up to 14 people, 7 female, 7 male. They will be delegates for May and November conventions.

Candidates for ADEM spoke-

Laura Cunningham has been life long Democrat lives in Carlsbad is on the Progressive Democrat, Spirit of 76 Slate.

Mustafa Nizam is running for Executive Board and ADEM on the Progressive Spirit of 76 Slate and explained the process and jobs of ADEM.

Megan Ley is running on the Spirit of 76 slate. She lives in Oceanside and is for Green New Deal and Medicare for All.

Jim Henson is on the Spirit of 76 Slate and wants to bring down the high rate of poverty in California and is for Medicare for All.

Nikki speaks for Marge Kealey who is on the Spirit of 76 Slate and has been a progressive since before most of us were born.

NCSD Women's March Rally is on Saturday, 1/19 at Oceanside Library. We have entertainment and speakers including young recently elected women.

Our next meeting is February 9, 2019 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.