Minutes of the Davis Democratic Club Board Meeting

Tuesday January 5, 2021

Place: Meeting on ZOOM

Davis, CA 95616

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Stephen Souza

This meeting was held as the US Senate election was taking place. The two Democrats were to eventually win the two seats to tie the senate between parties and making Vice President Harris the tie breaking vote.

Quorum was 9 board members

Members Present: 13 board members were present at the beginning of the meeting. There were 16 board members in attendance at the end of the meeting.

President Stephen Souza

Vice President Rick Gonzales -

Treasurer Ameer Alsawaf

Recording Secretary G Richard Yamagata

Corresponding Secretary & Publicity Giles Giovinazzi

Membership Chair Saira Delgado

Newsletter Editor Carl Schmid

Past President Bob Bockwinkel

Board Members present: Jan Agee, Bob Marr, Jonathan Howard, Dave Griffin, and Linda Deos

Ex-Officio present: YCDP Chair Bob Schelen showed up to the meeting at 7:30 PM. He had previously e-mailed the YCDP report of activities for that report portion of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: These rules are not in effect during the COVID19 Pandemic

The by-laws state that an individual cannot miss 3 meetings in a row. It also states that a person cannot miss 3 meetings in a 5 meeting reporting period. This is to prevent members from showing up every other meeting or 50% of the time.

Board Members absent: Tom Dowling, Francois Kaeppelin, Dillan Horton (on sabbattical), Alan Hirsch (on sabbattical)

Ex-Officio members absent: The College Dems president Aurora Schunemann, Bill Julian -– no attendance requirement

There were 6 guests present. They were Luba Schmid, Marie Bockwinkel, Tom Cronin, Sean

Raycraft, Gary Hopkins, Don Gibson.

A quorum is 9 board members. A Quorum was present at the meeting with 13 board members attending at the end of this meeting.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented to the board by the President, Stephen Souza.

MOTION/VOTE

Carl Schmid made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted with no changes. Bob Bockwinkel seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objection and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes from January 1 had been uploaded to the server and an e-mail sent out to the board. Carl Schmid made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted with no changes. Bob Marr seconded the motion. The January 2021 minutes were approved with no objection and they passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment from the visitors.

DDC PRESIDENT REPORT

President Souza commented that the Georgia US Senate race was on going as we were meeting. The club donated more money to the US Senate race in Georgia under the powers granted by the board to the DDC President. A report on how much money was given to the Georgia US Senate race will be made in the DDC Treasurer's Report.

COLLEGE CAMPUS DEMS

The College Dems president, Aurora, was not able to make this meeting. Christian Monsees also was not present at this meeting.

YOLO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The YCDP county chair, Bob Schelen, was not present at this meeting at this time, but he did e-mail the report of the meeting to the DDC Board. Bob reported that the YCDP has been involved in raising money for the Georgia senate election and making phone calls in support of the Democratic Senate candidates. Bob also reported that the previously scheduled January meeting of the YCDP was being postponed and split into two meeting. The first meeting was/is to elect/choose supervisor district representatives and state delegates and the second meeting was to elect the 2021 officers for the YCDP. The YCDP will be holding a "do away with debt" fundraiser with more details to be announced. Bob Schelen will be stepping down as YCDP chair after a decade of occupying this office. Linda Deos and Dillan Horton have both expressed interest in being elected as YCDP chair. The central committee wants the chartering membership information from the DDC to determine the number of delegates that will represent the club at the pre-primary caucuses. This information must be prepared and given to the YCDP in March. President Stephen Souza has volunteered to file this report with the YCDP. That concludes the report e-mailed by Bob Schelen. Bob did come late to the meeting at 7:30PM or half way through the meeting.

INDIVISIBLE YOLO

Linda Deos reported that Idivisible Yolo had been extremely busy in phone banking for the Georgia Senate race, trying to elect candidates other than the Republican candidates. She does not have the final numbers, but there have been a substantial number of phone banking calls made. The last phone banking was done just this morning, ending at noon, the day of this board meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

Ameer Alsawaf gave a report on the funds in the club treasury. He e-mailed bank statements to the board for November. The club started December with $3066. The club deposited $1595 received in December with another $656 received through Act Blue. The total should be 5317 in Federal Account, but River City reports that there is only $4615 after they took out their fees of $702, Ameer will discuss more about these fees next month. There is $4615 in the Federal Account and $363 in the State account for a total at the end of December of $4978 at the end of December minus bills and expenses. The club received an additional $91 from Act Blue so far for January. So, the total to date should be @$5069.

There were no other questions about the treasurer's report.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Board membership chair Bob Bockwinkel nominated Sean Raycraft and Gary Hopkins. Bob stated that they both volunteered at the Davis Yolo County Headquarters for the November 2020 election. Bob reiterated that Gary also worked at the Davis Farmer's market and worked as a precinct captain in Ohio.

Don Gibson's name was also submitted to be voted upon. So, there are three nominees to the board. Don Gibson declined membership to the board.

Rick Gonzales gave testimonial both to Sean and Don Gibson as UCDavis students that participated in the DDC as volunteers.

Gary and Sean were being considered and Carl asked them to tell more about their background and what they plan to do to add to the club's activities.

Gary worked as the head of a municipal water plant in Ohio for his vocation and he was a precinct captain in Ohio. He said that he looked to volunteer as a Democrat once he moved to Yolo County. He said that he volunteered to work distributing material as the Davis Farmer's Market. He wants to do things that let him get to know other Democrats in Yolo County.

Bob stated that they sold 125 signs at the Davis Farmer's Market and took in $300 to $400.

Sean Raycraft told about his past activities and he is working at generating material for the DDC Facebook page and DDC social media pages. He gets from 6000 to 10,000 hits from the Facebook page for each of his posts. He picks very interesting material to post that gets eyeballs.

MOTION

Bob Bockwinkel had nominated Sean Raycraft and Gary Hopkins to the board. Carl Schmid seconded the nominations and asked for a single vote on the two candidates to be added to the board as a unanimous consent vote.

VOTE

President Souza called the vote and they were both elected to the board by unanimous consent. .

SABBATICALS

Dillan Horton (on sabbatical) and Alan Hirsch (on sabbatical) both had requested sabbaticals from the board. Alan had requested a sabbatical because the pandemic was not making him effective at volunteering and distributing material at the Davis Farmer's Market. He said that he would step away until January 2021 and would either ask for another extension or step away from the board or rejoin the board as an active volunteer at the Davis Farmer's Market.

Dillan Horton had asked for a sabbatical because he was running for the Davis City Council, He asked for a sabbatical to be extended to January to give him time to recover from the Davis City Council race.

Jan Agee asked if they have been informed. They have not shown up for the past 10 months. They were told that the sabbatical would end. President Stephen Souza stated that he would send them an e-mail to ask them to reapply to the board.

If they are removed our quorum requirement will remain at 9. We will not have a problem with reaching a quorum.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITEE

Membership Chair Saira Delgado reported that the DDC had 112 memberships renewed so far this year. She said that she would get a list of the sponsors to Carl. She said that she does not plan to drop anyone this year if they have not yet send in their donations for 2020. Since last year was impacted by Covid 19, she is not dropping people because of the difficulties that the year presented to the club not having general meetings and fundraisers, and/or problems with dealing with the stress of isolating because of Covid 19. She stated that she suspects that people are having financial trouble in this day of Covid 19 or just are depressed to the point of non-action. She said that she has given lists of the people that did not renew last year to Bob and Rick, and she hopes that people will return to the fold once they are contacted by Bob and Rick and that they renew this year with double the amount they donated last year. She said that a number of members have already donated and renewed for this year, many of whom were attending the virtual board meeting. She stated that Bob Bockwinkel and Rick Gonzales are doing fantastic work in getting people to renew and to donate at above the $50 level.

NEWSLETTER

Carl Schmid, editor of the DDC Newsletter, stated that first there were a number of things, three points that the board should know about the newsletter. The first thing is that he can no longer upload the newsletter to the web site. Dave Griffin and more to the point, his wife, helped with uploading the PDF file to the web site.. Carl will work with Dave and his wife. Point two, Carl stated that he will go over the donors list with Saira and correct the DDC sponsors list in the newsletter and post the names of the people at the various sponsorship levels Point three is that the next newsletter will have an article about the Yolo County and the City of Davis response to COVID19. The Yolo County part of the article will be by Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza and the City of Davis part of the article will be by City of Davis Mayor Gloria Partida. The newsletter should be coming out in two weeks.

Rick Gonzales mad the suggestion that the donor list include the names of the people that donated last year, along with the names of the people that have donated so far this year. Carl explained that is how the names are handled. The donor list will go back to 2019 and list all of the donaors.

G Richard Yamagata stated that he keeps getting e-mail from members that are asking what the club did in Georgia. President Souza stated that he would write the article. Bob Bockwinkel stated that members have called to state that they were donating money specifically to be spent in Georgia. Bob Bockwinkel said that he would send the information about how many club members have donated money through the club to be spent in Georgia for the Senate race.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The club is sponsoring a virtual inauguration party on inauguration day. This event is being worked upon by Bob Bockwinkel, Rick Gonzales, Linda Deos, Bob Marr, Tom Cronin, Sean

Raycraft, Gary Hopkins, and Don Gibson. For a donation, the club will get sparkling wine to club members that donate money and participate in the virtual inaugural fundraiser. Bob gave the report on what is happening. Wednesday, January 20th and will take place with sparkling wine, wine flutes, and croissants delivered to each household depending upon how much the people donate to the club. Bob and Rick will telephone the members. There will be 100 calls apiece by Bob and Rick. Don Gibson came up with a flyer that will be modified. Rick went over each category and how much is being delivered for each level.

There was micromanaging of the flyer and a virtual mock-up was created and viewed and fine tuning took place. President Souza let this continue until it started to drag down the progress of the meeting.

The end result for the e-mail and flyer:

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" These are events that were announced that board meeting.  If you have been a past Davis Democratic Club member, you can attend this virtual event.  There are special rewards to all DDC members or past members that renew their DDC memberships.  In any case, please join us!

This e-mail is from DDC Vice President and chairman in charge of DDC Club events:

JANUARY EVENT

January 20, 2021  Virtual Biden Inaugural Party

Hello All Democrats

The Davis Democratic Club (DDC) is putting together a Fundraiser Membership drive to toast the Biden-Harris Inauguration Celebration that will take place on Wednesday, January 20th at 5 pm in a Virtual Zoom meeting. There will be a follow up phone call to this email so that orders can be delivered to your homes before January 20th. Bottles of local wine, flutes and croissants will be delivered. Checks for your 2021 DDC Membership Dues can be made out and sent to: Davis Democratic Club, PO Box 73014, Davis, CA 95617 or ACT Blue on our website: <http://www.davisdemocraticclub.org.> All who contribute will be listed in your monthly DDC Newsletter at the amount that was contributed.  Your names will also appear at the DDC website. The Newsletter will describe all of the activities that the DDC is involved in. Currently Virtual Zoom meetings are held at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Any member can contact a Board Member (all are listed in each Newsletter) to get access to the ID number and password to join our monthly meetings. Thank you for participating in this Fundraiser endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rick Gonzales

To see the invitation flyer and to see the sponsorship/membership levels go to:

<http://yvm.net/vme/democrats/minutes/DDC-Inaugural-Flyer-v4-1.docx>

**Call Bob at 530-219-1896 or Rick at 530-758-2331 for information or questions.**

**Link for Zoom for January 20th 5PM event will be emailed 72 hours before event to those who RSVP or are current Davis Democratic Club members.  All DDC Members past and present are invited to attend.”**

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The above text was e-mailed through the DDC announce list. Carl Schmid agreed that we should not traumatize the newsletter e-mail list, potentially causing people to unsubscribe from the newsletter list..

Giles Giovinazzi was to e-mail the Davis Enterprise an announcement to invite the public to the Virtual Inauguration on-line event.

Carl stated that he wants to make sure that the phone calls will be made to promote this event, not just an e-mail, which he stated will more than likely be ignored.

President Souza said that the noon hour may not be a good time for the sparkling wine virtual get together. Bob Marr, Rick Gonzales and Saira all agreed that noon is not an appropriate time. Most people will watch the inauguration live and will not want to attend a zoom meeting. The essence is to get people to commit to donating the money to get the sparkling wine and flutes.

A concensus of the board agreed that 5PM was a better time than noon to have the Zoom party. So, the time was changed. Stephen outlined the road to success being the phone calls to the members, the e-mail to the members and the press releases to the Davis Enterprise and posts on social media.

President Souza stated that with the Senate race results coming in and other things that need to be worked on by him and others, the rest of the agenda will be dropped:

FINISHED/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEB SITE

We will proceed to Kudos.

Carl Schmid gave Kudos and thanks to Stacy Abrams for making it possible for the Democrats to be able to make the President of the Senate, Kamala Harris, the tie breaking vote between Democrat and Republican party issues before the senate.

Stephen Souza thanked Bob Schelen for all of his years of serving as Chair of the YCDP and ably leading the organization. This was seconded by Bob Bockwinkel, Carl Schmid, Jan Agee and many, many more on the board. Bob Schelen thanked the board for the kudos and kind words and for the support from the DDC and the DDC Board during his tenure as chair for all of these years.

No other kudos or announcements were made at this time.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We will continue to meet using ZOOM, the first Tuesday of each month until June 2021 Meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Carl Schmid made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bob Bockwinkel. The board voted to adjourn with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by G Richard Yamagata March 1, 2021.