

UNAPPROVED

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB GENERAL MEETING

October 30, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

In Person at the Winn Room, Coronado Public Library

1. **Call to Order** - by President Susan Marrinan at 11:02 am
President Susan Marrinan urged everyone to dive in, pay attention to local issues, and support democratic values.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - led by President Susan Marrinan
3. **Moment of Silence** - in memory of the approximately 732,000 people who have died from COVID
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – approved as presented.
5. **Introduction of Elected Officials and Candidates**
 - Chris Ward, California Assembly member from our 78th district, spoke of the issues he is working on: COVID relief housing, behavioral health and climate change. He is representing the State at the climate summit in Scotland. Please send ideas for legislation to his office.
 - Zaneta Encarnacion, candidate for mayor of Chula Vista, introduced herself as a first-time candidate with extensive experience in constituent services and community engagement. She urged us to get involved and run for office.
 - Alexia Palacios-Peters, candidate for CUSD School Board is running in the November 2022 race. Spread the word about voting for her.
6. **Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2021** – approved as distributed
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – presented by Patrick Callahan
 - Please renew early. We have \$8809 in the bank.
8. **Standing and Special Committee Reports**
 - Membership team – Don Fink presented: 2016 we had 103 dues paying members, today we had a new member – we have 223 members today. He gave the following statistics:

In 2011, voter registration in Coronado was:
Republican 49.27%

Democratic 24.50%
Independents 22%

As of Sept 20, 2021, registration in Coronado was:
Republican 37.65%
Democratic 30.91%
Independents 24.69%

In ten years, Coronado has gained 1,559 voters.
Democrats gained 1,127 voters
Independents gained 657 voters
Republicans lost 582 voters

In the Presidential Election in 2016, the results were:
Trump 47.99%
Clinton 45.97%

In last year's Presidential Election, I don't have the figures from the Registrar of Voters but Susan Marrian said Biden won Coronado.

In the Governor's Recall election, Newsom won with 51% of the vote.

Patricia Leahy presented new members present today.

President Susan Marrinan presented: We have a family membership for \$30 which includes everyone in the family as a member. The Battle of the Bay is coming up which is a coed softball tournament in late February/early March. looking for players, volunteer umpires, and fans. Please speak with Vice President Brian Trotier to sign up.

- Bylaws – presented by Judy Bambace
 - Chair Judy Bambace found the club have a quorum present. The changes in the bylaws were the result of the Board deciding to streamline the club.
 - There was discussion of committee members not being able to vote in the executive board meetings to consider before voting.
 - Call for a vote –amended bylaws approved unanimously.
 - President Susan Marrinan noted that we need to turn in new bylaws, minutes from this meeting, an up-to-date membership list, and a check from the Treasurer.
- Technology/Outreach – Judy Bambace presented on the behalf of Laura Wilkinson Sinton who was not present

- The newsletter continues to evolve, they will have a quote on rebuilding it and making it more user friendly in the next few weeks.
 - We recently participated in the Coronado HS Feminist club clothing donation drive
 - We have contacted the CHS Dem Club and will work on events and volunteer activities with them.
 - Hospitality – presented by Jenna McIntosh
 - Thanked people for snacks and coffee for today’s meeting.
 - The next event is the Holiday Happy Hour on December 9, 2021.
 - Go Team - President Susan Marrinan presented on behalf of Frank King who was not present
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in days of action on the recall vote
 - Thank you to those that worked on letter writing and other campaigns, including the VA gubernatorial race
 - According to the ROV canvass, SD County had over half of people vote on the recall. Coronado had over 70% vote on the recall. Contact Gail Bardin if you want to join the letter writing.
 - Delegation – presented by President Susan Marrinan
 - Last August 2021, we turned in our club’s roster. We are allowed 1 delegate for each 20 members for the pre-endorsement conference. This year, the conference is supposed to be around February 12. We are going to pass around a sign-up sheet for those interested in being a delegate. We have to elect and/or appoint our delegates by January 2022.
 - Strategic Planning – presented by Judy Bambace and Gail Bardin
 - There were 6 stations at the Strategic Planning session. All the notes were gathered by the facilitators and placed into actionable now and aspirational categories. We are now looking at prioritizing low hanging fruit or top 3 priorities and approve the proposals. Then all members will get an email that outlines the things we are going to do in that area.
 - Scholarship committee - presented by President Susan Marrinan
 - She recognized Courtney McGowan and Lois Dorn who are on the committee.
9. **Program** - SAFE Harbor presentation by Georgia Ferrell and Julie Lai
- The organization is a local nonprofit that tries to create emotionally healthy, resilient youth in the community. Ferrell outlined the low-cost counseling, parenting and youth programs, and community education sessions that Safe

Harbor runs. She cited statistics that show a substantial portion of Coronado's young people experience anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

- Safe Harbor Coronado tries to reach youth before their problems get to the crisis stage. Adults can help by making connections with young people and modeling responsible behavior. In addition, talking about mental health in the community and erasing the stigma associated with mental health problems can create stronger young people.
- Ferrell and Lai gave us a gratitude challenge. Citing research that shows expressing gratitude increases mental health, we were urged to express gratitude to someone who has had an impact on our lives.

10. No unfinished business

11. No new business

12. Announcements

- Date for the Blue Wave Brunch – Feast and Fairway on March 19, 2022. This is a general meeting where we have elections. President and VP positions are open. Please let us know if you are interested in these positions. Nominating committee will be appointed in January 2022
- President Susan Marrinan presented for Michelle Krug. There is an upcoming CA Dem party Board meeting November 15-21. Go to caldem.org to get info on the 19 caucuses and 8 standing committees. All sessions are free and this is a rare opportunity to attend since it is on Zoom.

13. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexia Palacios-Peters, Secretary