

**APPROVED**

**CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB BOARD MEETING**

**April 24, 2021, 11 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

- **Call to order-** President Susan Marrinan at 11:00 a.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – presented by Donovan Peters (ASL) and Eva Peters
- **In Memoriam** – President Susan Marrinan presented
  - 576,265 people have been lost to COVID. We need to be cautious, hopefully everyone is getting vaccinated. Barriers to vaccination seem to be reluctance.
- **Introduction of elected officials, candidates, and guests**
  - Doug Case presented, Political Affairs Director for Senator Toni Atkins
    1. State budget must be approved by June 15<sup>th</sup>. It looks different this year.
    2. Here is the link to the Senate's budget proposals: [https://sd09.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd09.senate.ca.gov/files/pdf/build\\_back\\_boldly\\_senate\\_democrats\\_budget\\_priorities\\_1.pdf](https://sd09.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd09.senate.ca.gov/files/pdf/build_back_boldly_senate_democrats_budget_priorities_1.pdf)
  - Kent Lee, candidate for SD City Council
    3. Running to represent District 6
    4. Thanks everyone for having me! I'm Kent Lee, and I'm running to represent San Diego City Council District 6 in order to build a stronger, more compassionate, and more inclusive San Diego. You can learn more about my campaign at <https://kentleeforsd.com>. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/kentleeforsd>.
- **Unfinished Business:** Announcement of 2021 JFK Scholarship recipients
  - Patti Flores-Charter presented the scholarship
    5. Scholarship winner is Elizabeth De La Torre
  - President Susan Marrinan presented: the other scholarship winner will join us in June
- **Program:** The Tijuana River Sewage Crisis Update- Congressman Scott Peters and Mayor Serge Dedina of Imperial Beach
  - Vice President Brian Trotier– introduced Congressman Scott Peters, Mayor Serge Dedina (Imperial Beach mayor)

Congressman Peters/Mayor Dedina presented: Spoke about how to reduce emissions, work with private and public sector. Our Congressional delegation was able to get \$300M for our area. This issue has been ongoing like many other issues – homelessness, gun violence – but this one has exponentially become worse because of increase in population in Tijuana, increase in people

connected to the sewer system, total lack of investment in maintaining the sewage treatment in Tijuana. If a pump or pipe breaks in Tijuana, they don't try to divert that somewhere else. They just let it go into the Tijuana river. There is no penalty for that and so this has gotten worse and worse.

They estimate that if we spent most of the money on diversion on the US side to diverge that pollution from Tijuana, we can fix the flows. There is additional money through the wastewater fund that the EPA has to help Mexico make repairs. But it is Mexico's problem to fix their pipes. Mexico has money to fix it, but they have made a strategic decision to not fix it because they know the US will.

Tijuana pumps sewage about 6 miles south of the border, raw and untreated; and cartels are dumping bodies there (not kidding).

How do we fix that? – Mexico is talking about upgrading the sewage treatment plant; putting a collection south of us to collect the sewage.

- 1) Fix our side
- 2) Help Mexico fix their side with minimal of our money; reuse their water
- 3) Have Mexico fix their discharges

Get EPA to do emergency measures now to stop the temporary flows. Make sure EPA is spending money on US side. County Dept of Environmental Health needs to step up and do something as well.

President Susan Marrinan presented: Recording will be available to everyone. Vice President Brian Trotier will send a link to Congressman Peters' staff.

- **Approval of the Agenda:** Frank King moves to approve, Patti Flores-Charter seconds. No discussion. No votes in opposition. Agenda approved.
- **Approval of the Minutes of March 13 as distributed:** Mercy Mandelbaum moves to approve, Ronald Mandelbaum seconds. No discussion; no votes in opposition. Minutes are approved as distributed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Patrick Callahan presented– club continues to operate in the black. Has had a surplus for many years thanks to active participation of members. \$10,990.72 is the balance. Represents dues received since March 3. Expenditures have been SurveyChimp giving the club a voice to issues. \$250 check to Coronado Chamber of Commerce is still outstanding. Net available is \$10,740.72.
  - President Susan Marrinan noted: the \$250 check was a donation to provide lunch to the volunteers at the Coronado vaccination center. Community outreach for next month is the compost community garden. Members, please to donate or volunteer for that effort.
- **Membership:** Mercy Mandelbaum presented– gained 4 new members since last meeting. 211 total members.
- **New Business:**

- Michelle Krug presented: April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, April 27<sup>th</sup> is Denim day; the Democratic convention is April 29-May 2, 2021
- President Susan Marrinan presented: Michelle Krug received an award from the district
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Legislative:** Alexia Palacios-Peters presented – the next meeting is May 3 or 17<sup>th</sup>; will add the Tijuana issue and come up with some action items.
  - **Strategic Planning Committee:** Judy Bambace presented – thank you to everyone who responded to the membership survey. They received 85 responses. Next step is for the data to be analyzed and tabulated. Drawing for 1 of 2 gift cards for the first 25 responses –Lee Lawless and Joanne Palmer won gift cards.
  - **Special events:** Patti Flores-Charter presented – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm is the 100 day celebration. Contact Patti for more information. They are planning a July event regarding housing and discrimination over the years in our county as well as the current situation with discrimination. Always looking for new members for the committee.
  - **Scholarship Committee:** Patti Flores-Charter – We are always looking for new members for the committee. Yahir Ybarra is the other scholarship recipient who will be at the June meeting.
    - 6. President Susan Marrinan presented: the club has usually marched in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Unsure if it will happen but please participate if you can.
  - **Outreach:** Laura Wilkinson Sinton presented – the community garden is being built up with CUSD. It is between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. Please visit [coronadogardens.com](http://coronadogardens.com) where you can buy specific things for it. It teaches the kids sustainability and composting. We encourage all of the members to send names of nonprofits that club members can support in future months.
- **Announcements and Open Mic**
  - President Susan Marrinan presented
    - 7. Jenna McIntosh created a 2020 scrapbook. Laura Sinton Wilkinson scanned it and there is a link in the last newsletter. It will be posted online.
    - 8. The May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled because of conflict with Memorial Day.
    - 9. We invited the SD Democratic party talent winner, Katie Moreno, to come to our May 14<sup>th</sup> celebration. She will sing Breathe from Lin Manuel Miranda's new musical. Katie Moreno is a Coronado person.
  - Donna Manning presented –CDC phone banking team which is 17 strong. AZ failed to pass an omnibus bill that would have purged their voter list (20,000 calls

were made). What they do works. Join them. They provide training, mentoring. You can email [donna.w.manning@gmail.com](mailto:donna.w.manning@gmail.com) to join.

- Luke Serna presented – follow up on phone banking. He has done text banking. Quick way to get a hold of people and can send thousands at a time. Engage people familiar with that technology. Also, consider Emerald Keepers to monitor landscaping overwatering.
- Michelle Krug presented – if they do the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, can we do a Zoom so people not comfortable going can participate.
- **Adjourn** – President Susan Marrinan adjourned the meeting at 12:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alexia Palacios-Peters, Secretary