

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB GENERAL MEETING

January 29, 2022

Monthly Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

In Person at the Winn Room, Coronado Public Library

1. **Call to Order** – by President Susan Marrinan at 11:03 a.m.
President Susan Marrinan urged everyone to “Renew your dues” and “Vote BLUE in ’22.”
Appointment of Judy Bambace as Secretary pro tem in the absence of Alexia Palacios-Peters.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by President Susan Marrinan.
3. **Moment of Silence** – in memory of the approximately 800,000 people who have died from COVID. We are thankful to be together today and grateful to our health care providers.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – approved as presented.
5. **Introduction of Elected Officials and Candidates**
 - Whitney Antrim, CUSD Trustee, was not present but sent her gratitude for club members’ letters and support – keep them coming! There will be several open Trustee seats in 2022 for any interested candidates.
 - Kiley Taitano, Democratic candidate for 50th Congressional District, challenging Rep. Scott Peters in the primary.
 - Adam Schindler, another Democratic candidate for 50th Congressional District challenging Rep. Peters in the primary.
 - Dave Myers, Democratic candidate for San Diego County Sheriff.
 - John Moot, Democratic candidate for Chula Vista City Attorney.
 - Frank Rivera, Democratic candidate for Chula Vista City Council.
 - Alexia Palacios-Peters, club member (not present), has announced her candidacy for CUSD Trustee.
6. **Program** – Presentation by Steph Johnson, CEO and Creative Director of Voices of Our City Choir. Voices is a non-profit organization that “changes the experience and perception of homelessness, helping San Diego’s unsheltered neighbors reconnect with hope and housing through the healing power of music, individualized care, and advocacy.” Program Chair Brian Trotier introduced Steph, a musician and jazz vocalist, who talked about the positive impact of music on those experiencing homelessness. More than 80 have found housing. Steph proudly mentioned that the choir auditioned on the season premiere of America’s Got Talent and received the Golden Buzzer for their performance and showed a music video called “Sounds of the Sidewalk,” written and performed by members of the choir. She answered questions, and expressed her appreciation for our support.

7. **Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2021** – corrected CalDem.org to CADEM.org, and otherwise approved as distributed.
8. **Treasurer’s Report** – presented by Patrick Callahan
 - This is the Annual Report: income consists mostly of member dues plus donations earmarked for the club’s annual college scholarship; expenses include website hosting and administration.
 - Current balance is \$7,509.
9. **President’s Report** – President Susan Marrinan announced that our club had been nominated for Club of the Year 2021 (the annual recognition by the San Diego County Democratic Party’s Council of Clubs). Communications Chair Laura Wilkinson Sinton presented the PowerPoint submitted on behalf of the club that highlighted our many outstanding accomplishments. The award went to the AAPI (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) Club and we came in a close second.
10. **Committee Reports**
 - Communications – Laura Wilkinson Sinton presented our new and improved website, which is still being revamped.
 - Scholarship – Committee Chair Patti Flores-Charter introduced the members of the Committee, who will select the winners of the club’s 2022 Malala Yousafzai Scholarship. The Committee will read Southwest Community College students’ essays in March and make its selections for two \$1,000 scholarships. Three club members personally donated to this fund. The Committee will also hold an essay contest at CHS, with a \$300 and \$200 prize for high school students who show civic engagement in ways that reflect Democratic values.
 - Social – Brian Troitier encouraged everyone to attend the CHS Boys’ Basketball game on the evening of February 4 to show our respect and support for these student-athletes.
11. **Unfinished Business**
 - The Pre-endorsement Conference will take place in February (virtually). The following eight delegates from our club have been nominated: Caroleen Williams, Lois Dorn, Patricia Leahy, Rebecca King, Frank King, Joan King, Stephanie Kaupp and Howard Somers. A motion was made to approve these delegates and it carried unanimously.
 - The California Democratic Party Conference will be held in March in Los Angeles (in person).
12. **New Business – none**
13. **Announcements:**
 - Club member Marti Emerald encouraged support for Dave Myers’ candidacy for County Sheriff. She will host a virtual fundraiser.
 - Next general meeting will be in the evening – on February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Winn Room. City Manager Tina Friend will be our speaker.
 - Membership Chair Tom Bernitt announced we currently have 239 members. New members were acknowledged and thanked.

- The March annual meeting will be the Blue Wave Brunch at Feast and Fareway on March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Elections for President and Vice-President will be held, and Rep. Scott Peters will be the featured speaker.
- It's time to pay your dues if you have not already done so.
- Sign up for Battle of the Bay, the softball game with other Dem clubs. We still need players.
- Mentors are available for anyone thinking about running for public office.
- GO Team training will take place on March 12 in the Winn Room.

14. **Meeting Adjourned** at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bambace, Secretary Pro-tem