

APPROVED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB
19 November 2022

- 1. Call to Order:** The November 19, 2022 general meeting of the Coronado Democratic Club was called to order by President Marely Ramirez at 11:00 a.m.
- 2. Agenda:** The proposed agenda was approved.
- 3.** The President thanked all who worked so hard to get out the vote for the November election with special acknowledgement for the club GO Team.
- 4. Electeds and Officials:** **Douglas Case**, Senator Atkins' Political Affairs Director, reported that as a result of the general election, all of California's constitutional officers' positions are now held by Democrats. In San Diego, the CA Senate district seat #38 was flipped to Democrat, 48% of the CA senate is now female, and that CA is the first state to claim 10% of its elected legislature is LGBT. The State budget is facing a \$25 billion dollar short-fall.. **Carrie Downey**, newly elected Coronado City Council member received a round of applause. **Hannah Cohen** and **Marie Laguna**, co-founders of CHS Activism Club addressed the meeting and advised regarding the Holiday Book drive. **Whitney Antrim**, Trustee CUSD, announced that the swearing in of the newly elected trustees will take place December 16, 2022. **Alexia Palacios-Peters**, CUSD Trustee elect, spoke about the CUSD's needs in 2023.
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Pat Callahan reported a club bank balance as of October 31, 2022 of \$3,215.07. He urged all members to renew membership for 2023.
- 6. Minutes:** The minutes of September 10, 2022 were approved as distributed.
- 7. Committee Reports:**

Go Team: **Chair Frank King**, reported that his team knocked on over 1420 doors; he made special mention of the efforts of Donna Manning and Chloe Berk, our super canvassers. They reached 3078 voters.

Scholarship: The scholarship Committee is raising funds for student scholarships. Please see the attached for information and please donate. [\(link to article\)](#).

Community Outreach: **Maureen Polimadei** spoke about the San Diego Food Bank and hunger related issues. The SD Hunger Coalition estimates that there are about 900,000 San Diegans with hunger issues. Donations are encouraged.

Membership: There are currently 203 members, including 5 new members plus two renewals for 2023. If you haven't renewed, now is the time to do so. Renew on line at <https://coronadodemocrats.com>.

Hospitality: Jenna McIntosh, Chair, announced the Blue Wave Brunch will be on April 22, 2023 at Feast and Fairway and our Holiday Happy Hour will be December 9, 2022 at the home of Gail and Bob Bardin.

Program: Chair Brian Trotier introduced Kevin Ashley who spoke on **Coronado's Hidden Black History**.

Kevin has been researching this topic for years and is instrumental in the soon-to- be published book The Other Side of the Fence: Life on both Sides of the Color Line by Cynthia Hudgins. This memoir is the story of a family with Coronado ties. It will be published in February 2023. To read more of Kevin's research visit his blog at https://kevinashley.substack.com/p/coronados-hidden-african-american?s=w&utm_medium=web

8. **Announcements:** The Board is looking for new chairs for the Program and Go Team Committees. Interested members should contact President Marely Ramirez.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Pro Tem