

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
January, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GENERAL MEETING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
Winn Room, Coronado Public Library  
640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118

AGENDA

Call to Order @ 4:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Dawn Richards

Introductions: Elected Officials, Guests: running for Congress, Dr. Timothy Bilash, Democrat, Doctor/Scientist/ encouraged people to research before voting. Cynara Kidwell, Chair, Council of Clubs.

Approval of the Agenda with change to have the program first. Moved, Second, Approved.

Approval of the November, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes as distributed  
Corrections: none. Moved to approve. 2nd, Approved.

PROGRAM: "How to Talk Politics." Our guest is Marc Meyer, Director of Operations at the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC), presented a thought-provoking program on civil discussions of political issues. Introduced Robin Z, and Mr Meyer, his father, a Republican. Program was recorded. Marc had us role play the process of listening with respect and curiosity.

Take aways: Tips for Dialogue

- Let go of believing that you own the only truth about the situation.
- Ask yourself: how can I say what I want to tell them in a way that they can hear it?
- Work on trying to be thoughtful instead of trying to prove you are right.
- Do what you can to really listen to the other person. As much as possible, show genuine curiosity about what let them to their opinion of the situation.
- Take time to ground yourself before talking to the person.

Candidate guests: (March 5th primary)

Jodi Cleesattle running for SD County Superior Court Judge Seat 41

Koryn Sheppard running for SD County Superior Court Judge Seat 43

Cynara Kidwell, running for SD Dem Party Central Committee, talked about the importance of the endorsements given by the Central Committee.

Whitney Atrium encouraged us to write thank you notes to our Library Staff.

Treasurer's report: None

#### Committee Reports:

1. Programs: none
2. Hospitality: Jenna McIntosh said Thank you to Annette Bigger and Carol Grimaud for snacks.
3. Membership: Luan Troxel We have 60 members who have forgotten to renew for 2024. But we have 30 new members since Oct. Currently 260 members.
4. Public Policy: Susan Marrinan. Rebecca King shared the need for volunteers to attend City Council meetings. She has a sign up app. After City Council meeting alert Jean Seager if any unanticipated or new issue came up during the public comment section.
5. Go Team: Patti Flores-Charter March Primary is critical.
6. Scholarships: Patti brought a QR code to give to the scholarship fund. Any amount is welcome.
7. Communications: Stephanie Kaupp

#### Unfinished Business

None reported

#### New Business

Late December our beloved member Lois Dorn passed. Her last words to Judy were that we continue our fight for democracy and clean water, clean air.

#### Announcements:

1. The Nominating Committee is reviewing candidates for the Club officer positions of President and Vice President.
2. Website upgrade
3. Black History Month – Celebrating Women of Color in leadership roles - Breakfast. Saturday, February 3rd. See website for details
4. Reproductive Freedom Rally – Oceanside Civic Center – Saturday, January, 20<sup>th</sup>. Marely will give a speech at the rally.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, February 10,<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 4pm in the Winn Room

Adjourn @ 5:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Doyle