

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

February 10th, 2024

GENERAL MEETING

Approved Minutes

Winn Room, Coronado Public Library
640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118

AGENDA

Call to Order @ 4pm by Sue Marrinan standing in for Club President Marely Ramirez

Quorum has been reached.

Pledge of Allegiance Chuck Charter

Approval of the Proposed Agenda Moved. 2nd. Approved.

Approval of the General Meeting Minutes for January, 13th, 2024

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Treasurer's report. from Edry Goot \$4488.10.

Expenses: \$2695.38

Donation earmarked for CHS Scholarship \$500

Loan from members to secure date for Blue Wave Brunch
\$2195.38

Therefore, current Balance \$1792.72

Elected/Special Guests

Carry Downey gave us a brief update on ATT Phone issues coming for those of us with landlines. Encourages us to contact her to join her in fighting this move.

Dr. Fern Nelson shared about new exhibit at Coronado Historical Society. Called An Island Looks Back, covering our Black Community's history in Coronado. She reminded us there were over 400 Black community members in the 1940s. Exhibit will be opened at least until May 2024.

Doug Case from Toni Atkins office shared an update. Legislature currently working on budget deficit expected in CA this year. Senator Atkins terms out but will be a candidate for Governor in 2026. Challenge is to get her more well known throughout the state.

Danny Avithia from San Diego Dem Club Committee, running for SDCDP Central Committee. He asks for our support.

Alexia Palacios Peters, CUSD Trustee, new President of School Board. Gave us update of flood damage at Village Elementary School, Middle School and EDEC school. She reminded us two seats coming up; Antrim and Cavanaugh's seats.

Rep from 55th district also shared briefly.

Ryan Trabuco San Diego Democrats for Equality who led protest of Awaken "Church" trying to get started in Coronado spoke briefly.

Program: Introduced by Carol Sandiford

Jeanne Weidner of League of Women Voters to discuss: Threats to our Democracy and the pros and cons of Prop. 1, The Mental Health Bond which will be on the March 4 primary ballot.

Jeanne Weidner gave us a brief review of the origins of the League of Women Voters, followed by an informative slide show outlining the current challenges to our Democracy and where the LWV is currently focusing.

From here: Minutes kept by volunteer Luan Troxel using recorded meeting for notes. Summary follows, but more detailed account follows.

Committee Reports

1. **Membership:** Luan Troxel. Report:
 - a. 248 members in good standing for 2024
 - b. 40 new members from October - January
 - c. All new members have received invitation to small group events.
2. **GO Team:** Patti Charter-Flores. Report: Handed around sign up sheet. Points out that this is also election year in Coronado – school board and council - and will be another fight. Training is required.
3. **Scholarship:** Patti Charter-Flores. Report: Enough donations to fund two \$1000 scholarships for SW college students. Need volunteers for process. Meet on Valentines Day to review process. Winners announced 4/12. They will be announced to club and introduced in May. More on CHS Scholarship in May.
4. **Public Policy:** Susan Marrinan. Report: Very active committee dealing with many issues including teh sewage crisis. In addition, the committee put out a recommendation for candidates for the SDCDP Central Committee.

5. **Communications:** Stephanie Kaupp. Report: postponed until 3/23 meeting
6. **Nominating Committee:** Susan Marrinan, Frank King, Howard Somers, Stephanie Kaupp, and Marely Ramirez. Susan's Report:
We are working on a slate for our election of officers on March 23rd. Please contact one of the nominating committee members if you are interested in being an officer of the club. (See transcript at end for more verbatim details)

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements

Susan and Mike and Marely will be taking any donations for the Youth Assistance Coalition (YAC).

Adjourned @ 5:26pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Doyle

Luan Troxel

Transcript of minutes recorded at 5pm when Secretary had to leave, and Luan Troxel began to record:

Remainder of Minutes

Finishing up LWV:

One key aspect of it is that it's going to shift approximately 140 million of the annual mental health funding currently available to counties that they use for community based mental health services. And that would be transferred to the state to help support its mental health services and build facilities for them.

Several questions and clarifications.

So they estimate that the bonds would pay for building 6800 treatment beds and new facilities and under 4300 housing units, and half of these would go to veterans experiencing homelessness. Support for the measure comes from the governor of course and of course our most of our legislators who voted for it. And they state that this is going to pay for needed housing who are for people who are chronically unhoused and people with mental or behavioral challenges. It will be used for construction and rehabilitation about other facilities

for these people. And they claim that it provides treatment over incarceration. The opposition to it claims that it reduces local funding for community and evidence based research and they feel that this has been accessible and effective. They feel that it would also forced treatments that are not effective and that are associated with a higher suicide rate. They believe that this money will be borrowed simply to build new facilities. We could actually have some of the problems that we had, when we had we had a lot of institutionalization of the mentally, mentally ill several decades ago, and they felt that they feel that these housing units would have minimal impact on reducing homelessness.

Question about forced treatment. Speaker clarifies that her wording is taken directly from the state.

So you will see this question on your ballot. Should a greater share of the Mental Health Services Act funding be used and new bonds issued to build treatment facilities and housing for people with mental illness? And yes, vote means that these bonds should be issued and the money should be shifted until about means sanctions essentially stay the way they are with the current funding that we have for these mental health problems. So I don't know if I should stop there. i i And most of you are not probably in in the city of San Diego. Anyway, there's only one measure for San Diego and it's pretty straightforward. So okay, thank you very much.

Chair Susan Marrinan thanks speaker and adds that LWV has a good website; encourages everyone to vote in the primary March 5 and November 7 & 5.

Changes order of Committee Reports saying that Carol will send around a sheet for programs so that people can add ideas and suggested speakers.

Danny, from Council of Clubs, adds that the council keeps a list of suggested speakers.

Carol Stanford, nominating committee. Hands out sheet; adds looking for volunteers as the committee has no chair.

Skips ahead to Nominating Committee update:

Describes the work of the committee which this year is to elect president and vice president in even years. IN odd years, treasurer and secretary.

Pitch to volunteers:

“So we have two openings and the nominating committee has was appointed in January. And we have worked very hard to develop a slate for you. But it occurred to us we really don't know all of you, particularly the newer members who we haven't had a chance to talk to her say What are you interested in? You know, are you a CPA who would like to buy the Treasury room Treasurer's Report. And so there's, we really hope that those of you who are new or new ish, and those of you who have been around if you're interested in being an officer of this organization, and you have skills that you have to offer and we are all volunteers that you let us know that you contact Frank who's here you contact me and say, Well, you know, I I'm interested in this, what happens here or I think I could be a pretty good secretary. So put me

down for consideration. Maybe I'll think about it next year when that office is open. So the office of president is the duties are in our bylaws, and the office of president and twelves being the face of the club, the president can go to the Central Committee meetings as an associate delegate, can attend the south area caucus, as a delegate, and we support grass roots. And you're gonna hear from our grassroots share and then the country means grass roots organization. These are people on the ground who are working hard to do what to elect Democrats and to support democratic principles and values. And that's the whole point of this club, which is a political club. We are a 527. So you might think, Well, gee, I don't know how to fit out but I'm here to tell you that Marelly Ramirez was not on the board before she became president. Bill singer was not on the board became before he became president. I knew one person when I walked into this room, and 2017 or 18, somewhere around in there. And I was asked to be on the nominating committee, and I thought, well, I don't know anybody. But they want me to do that but okay, they asked and I had the time. The next thing I knew, I was writing, I was on the slate to be Secretary. He said, Would you mind leaving the room and I came back. They said, Well, we think you should be secretary. And so that was my history, and I didn't know anybody. I knew one single person in this whole club. So don't be shy. Don't be shy at all. The Vice President's duties are to stand in for the President. Like today. And to attend the council had meetings.”

Committee must present slate to the board by end of February and if Board approves, it is presented to the membership for election March 23.

So, if you are interested or if you are interested in any of the standing committees, we want to hear from you.

Membership Committee:

248 members fully paid for 2024; 40 new since October; emails going out about small group events

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Public Policy: Susan. Good committee. Lots of members. Lots of issues. Sewage. And we support candidates as well.

Unfinished business: none

New Business: none

Announcements

Adjourn time:5:26