

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

October 26, 2024, General Meeting

Coronado Library Winn Room

Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was opened by Vice President Patti Flores Charter at 10:32 AM.

A quorum was present.

Gail Bardin led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of August 17, 2024, General Meeting were moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Minutes of August Zoom General Meeting were moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

CANDIDATES – Patti called for a two-minute statement from our local candidates.

- Laura Wilkinson Sinton thanked everyone for their support and said she has been endorsed by Scott Peters.
- Christine Mott thanked everyone for their support and said she will fight for civility in our elections.
- Shawnee Barton Merriman sent a letter that Patti read thanking everyone for their support and telling a little about her campaign so far.
- Carie Downey, current member of the City Council expressed her hopes for election of our endorsed candidates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Patti gave a big shout out to all the members of the Go Team. This election the GO Team canvassed every registered Democratic home in Coronado. First time ever.

DAY OF ACTION – Frank King is organizing this event on Saturday, November 2nd, to do a door to door walk to contact all registered Democratic voters who have not voted yet. They will meet at 9AM in Spreckles Park to get assignments.

PARTISANSHIP – Patti walked us through the history of our Democratic Club. We are the oldest Democratic club in San Diego. She told us about Reform California, a Republican organization that is attempting to influence our local elections in San Diego. She reminded us about We the Parents, an off shoot of Reform California, and the chaos they brought to Coronado School Board meetings in 2022 and the verbal attacks and threats they made against Whitney Antrim, current member of the School Board. Patti reminded to be aware and be proactive to condemn vitriol and vicious attack politics.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE – Rebecca King reiterated the importance of our club to have a presence at all our local City Council meetings. A sign-up sheet was passed around for folks to volunteer to attend and all the meeting slots were filled.

Rebecca explained that if John Duncan is elected mayor, he will be vacating his current seat on the City Council, which will mean the council Republican majority will be able to choose who to appoint to the vacated seat.

MEMBERSHIP – We now have over 300 members in our club. To date 70 of them have renewed their membership. There will be a party at the home of Edry Goot in November to celebrate membership renewal. More to come on that.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Patti lifted up the proposed 2025 Budget for membership approval. The budget was unanimously approved.

By-Laws– Judy Bambace presented a proposed change to the club by-laws. This would move our election of club officers back to January to allow incoming officers to acclimate before being installed in March. The proposed change was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

ELECTION STORIES – Patti concluded the meeting with a couple of humorous election season stories to brighten the atmosphere. A couple of attendees also contributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Grimaud
Secretary