

Pass Democratic Club
General Membership Meeting
May 15, 2019, 6:30pm
Banning Women's Club, 175 Hays St., Banning, CA

Officers Attending: Kathy Katz, Sylvia Carrillo, Dianne Anderson, DeniAntionette Mazingo, Blanche Teague, Pelton Teague, Jackie Atwood, Betty McMillion, Doris Foreman, Howard Katz

Speaker: Due to time constraints, Socorro Donadio/Saki, Retired Border Patrol Agent, spoke prior to the opening of the meeting.

Call to Order: Howard Katz called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Howard announced that the meeting was being recorded and no one objected.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests and Local Officials: Kathy from Lake Elsinore has joined the club.

Reports:

President, Nancy Sappington: Howard attended the President's Meeting for the eastern part of the county today. George H.W. Bush signed the American's with Disabilities Act including recommending that documents being read by members should be at 14 point font size. RCDP announced our charter has been approved. Discussion followed regarding updating the Bylaws. Jackie moved and Colleen seconded that the agenda be amended to include Old Business and New Business. The agenda was approved as amended. Vote by Mail ballots have missing signatures and addresses 23% of the time. Governor Newsom has allocated 80 million dollars for upgrading voting systems. Lanny Swerdlow is now the Recording Secretary for RCDP. DHQ Newsletter of the Desert is publishing its 1800th edition. As of 4/29/19, Registrar of Voters has published 396,600 Democrats and 343,282 Republicans but 330,000 Others which vote in the same ratio as Democrats to Republicans which means that we have a slim margin and cannot falter in our efforts to register. Postage for ballots will now be paid for by the state. Banning Council member, Colleen Wallace McFrazier, has been recognized by various organizations for her valuable contributions and efforts in support of women.

1st Vice President, Kathy Katz: Kathy reminded us to use the microphones to speak in the meeting. Kathy reported 141 members. Pelton inquired on how to get names/numbers and Howard will follow up with LeeAnn.

2nd Vice President, Sylvia Carrillo: Sylvia acknowledged Colleen Wallace McFrazier being honored as a Rising Star by Women of the Desert. She also acknowledged Lanny Swerdlow's election as Corresponding Secretary for RCDP. Kris Goodfellow, candidate for CA Senate 23, will be speaking at the June meeting. Sylvia reported on voter registration efforts in being able to do so at cannabis collectives. 5 voters were registered in May at Village Fest. DeniAntionette Mazingo is in charge of RCDP voter registration and will begin focusing efforts on events to engage non-registered voters.

Treasurer, LeeAnn McLaughlin: LeeAnn was not present but provided the report for members. Howard commented on good income for May. Howard congratulated Betty McMillion on her work on the Scholarship Fundraiser.

Secretary, Dianne Anderson: Minutes approved as written.

Corresponding Secretary, Remy Altuna: Remy was not in attendance.

Programs, DeniAntionette Mazingo: Kris Goodfellow will be speaking at the June meeting and please inform your friends to attend. July speaker will be from Riverside County to discuss trafficking.

Fundraising, Political Activities, open seat: no report. Howard encouraged members to consider this position.

Communications, LeeAnn McLaughlin: LeeAnn was not in attendance.

Media Relations, Clara Wooten-Thomas: Clara was not in attendance.

Scholarships, Blanche Teague: Betty McMillion reported for Blanche. Remy Altuna is one of the Beaumont recipients.

Parliamentarian, Pelton Teague: Pelton presented on parliamentary procedure. Motions should be put in writing. Bylaws are meant to protect the membership and it is important to follow them. Sylvia volunteered to be on the committee.

Old Business: Jackie read the past meeting motion. The Pass Democrats Bylaws do not address this issue. Jackie read the RCDP Guidelines and Howard clarified why those guidelines were established. Pelton asked that we table the motion and present it as a Bylaw change for next meeting. Discussion followed. Jackie requested we follow through with the vote on the motion. Motion passed 18 for; 1 against.

New Business: none

Announcements: DeniAntionette announced she is running again and kick-off will be May 25 at 10 a.m. at Four Seasons Beaumont. Lanny announced that delegates to the state convention are invited to visit the Brownie Mary Democrats hospitality room. Sylvia announced that National Gun Violence Awareness Day will be June 7, 2019. Howard announced the E-Board meeting will be June 5 and the membership meeting will be June 19.

Adjournment: Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Anderson