

Canyon Democrats General Meeting 2/18/2020

Call to order at 7:00 pm, at the Murray Center

Introductions – Scott Rhinehart; Jasmine, DCCC; Barbara Schulman, SVUSD Board

Quorum met

Consent Calendar – Agenda, Minutes from Oct. meeting, and approval of Constitution and By-law changes and additions that are required by the DPOC to operate as an Official Democratic Club. The Primary changes are addition of a Code of Conduct preventing harassment and retaliation and new procedures for removal of a member.

*** Cathy Udovch moved to approve the Consent Calendar which includes the Agenda, the Prior Meeting Minutes and the changes and additions to the Constitution and By-laws. Seconded by Ted Perle. Motion passed.

Chair Report – Louise thanked all the volunteers and provided information about how not to engage with shouters at meetings and events. She also noted that our Website: www.Canyondems.org, has information about candidate recommendations.

Field Team – Fay introduced her team, Judy, Walt, Melora, and Sarah, and reported that volunteers have reached 4000 voters since Jan 1st and Judy's VR at MV Mall secured 8 registrations. Post cards have been mailed to 3200 voters. Walt noted that he has VR forms in the back of the room to hand out to those that want to pursue VR on their own as he has been very successful in this regard.

SPEAKER – Justin Berardino, from OC Registrar of Voters office provided an overview of the new Vote Centers and changes to the ways in which we can now vote and the reasons this is a more secure method.

Ted noted that Katie Porter will be the speaker at our March meeting.

Committee Reports

Political Action – Vivien reported that her team delivered Valentines from our Club to Katie Porter and Mike Levin, and then wrote Valentines to Vets while at Katies office. She also noted that the Andy Thorburg Rally was a success. Vivien had cards for Adam Schiff and Nancy Pelosi for members to sign. She reported that there will be a Sign Making Party at the DCCC in Irvine. Check the website for more info. She requested that folks sign up to be part of the Rapid Response Team.

Communications – Amy noted that her team will be starting to send text messages for short and topical information to members. Member will receive no more than 2 texts per month and a meeting reminder will be one of them.

Education Bonds – Janet spoke about the three School Bond Measures on the ballot. Measure M for SVUSD, Measure I for CUSD, and Measure H, also for CUSD. She noted the importance of these Bonds to keep our schools up to date. She also explained that the Bond Measures will have a Citizens Oversight Committee. These Bond Measures require 55% voter approval to pass.

Membership – Ann reported many renewals and some new members this evening. Raffle secured \$180.

Community Outreach – Ann thanked everyone for donating socks tonight and noted that after delivering 4 carloads of cloths to Working Wardrobes last month, they had a huge fire and everything was lost. They now have a new temporary location and are desperate for more cloths. In March our collection will be items for Working Wardrobes.

Fundraising – Martie reported the Swag items for sale. She noted that we now have 53 sustaining donors and to date have collected \$3605. The Annual Holiday Brunch will be on Saturday, December 12th at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club.

Treasurer – Ken reported an end of January balance of \$27,334.48

Announcements – Two Central Committee Candidates spoke, Martie reported activities for Scott Rhinehart, Shannon reported an over the freeway Banner Drop to support Mike Levin 2/27, 4-6 pm, Barbara Scheinman reminded everyone about the Planned Parenthood luncheon on 2/27, tickets still available. Judy reminded everyone of Great American Write In on 3/21, UCI law is doing a n extended education seminar that is open to everyone on Gun Violence. Bill Stephenson reminded everyone of the first of the month meetings at Peppinos on Lake MV starting at 4 pm. Barbara C. asked everyone to contact those family and friends that live in other states and get them involved and help them find clubs and organizations that they can participate in. Folks were reminded to check the website and/or Facebook for more information

Adjournment – Walt move to adjourn meeting at 8:43 pm. Seconded by Heather. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Alexander, Secretary

Next Board Meeting – SECOND Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm at Andee's house

Next General Meeting – Tuesday March 17th at 6:30 pm at Murray Center