

Canyon Democrats General Meeting (Zoom)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfn4nvbk1MU>

January 19, 2021

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum met: 83 on Zoom, 9 on YouTube, 92 total

Chair Report: Louise reflected on the historic events of January 6, 2021. On the same day that Democrats Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock were elected as Senators from Georgia, the President of the United States incited an armed insurrection and violent invasion of the United States Capitol Building. Democracy prevailed and Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were affirmed as the President and Vice-President Elect of our country. In response to the storming of the Capitol, Nancy Pelosi drafted one Article of Impeachment against Donald J. Trump. Louise also noted that over 400,000 lives have been lost to Covid-19. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris led a beautiful candle light memorial at the Washington Memorial which is the first time we have had a moment of national mourning for the lives lost to Covid-19.

Report from Nominating Committee and Election of Offices

Walt Lawson announced the slate of candidates for Club Officers for the 2021-2022 term:

Louise Adler, Chair

Janet Henry, Vice-Chair

Ken Johnson, Treasurer

Cathy Palmer, Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor.

****Heather Gilbert moved, and Melora Kloekner seconded, to accept the slate of candidates. Motion passed 60-0.

Adoption of Consent Calendar consisting of Agenda, Minutes from November meeting, and approval of Executive Board Motion to **donate \$2100.00 to Katrina Foley's campaign for Orange County Board of Supervisor District 2.**

****Consent Calendar was adopted by membership 58 for, 1 against.***

Review of Full Board Membership for 2021

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| Four Officers | Chair | Louise Adler |
| | Vice Chair | Janet Henry |
| | Secretary | Cathy Palmer |
| | Treasurer | Ken Johnson |
| Nine Committee Chairs | Candidate Recruitment and Support | Janet Henry |
| | Communications | Allison Huke |
| | Community Outreach | Ann Owens |
| | Field Team | Judy Fike |
| | Fundraising | Martie Lubetkin |
| | Membership | Ann Owens |
| | Political Action | Andrea Alexander |
| | Program | Annie Krinsky |
| | Small Business | Cathy Udovch |
| Past President | | Gary Kephart |
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| Four At Large Members | | Ted Perle |
| | | Walt Lawson |
| | | Heather Gilbert |
| | | Fay McIntosh |

SPEAKER: Annie Krinsky introduced Norberto Santana, Jr., the founding publisher of the non-profit digital newsroom, the Voice of OC. Santana spoke about the challenges of covering local government, with a focus on the Orange County Board of Supervisors response to the Covid-19 pandemic in our local communities.

Committee Reports

Candidate Recruitment: Janet Henry reported that Democrat Katrina Foley is running for Orange County Board of Supervisor District 2 to replace Michelle Steele who was elected to Congress and Gary Prichard is running for OC Board of Education District 5. The OC Board of Education election will take place in June, 2022, so we are getting an early start on electing him.

Communications: Allison Huke is looking for volunteers to help with the many responsibilities of the Communications Committee, which include managing the club's website, facebook, twitter, google drive, and mailchimp accounts.

Community Outreach: Ann Owens collected donations from club members for South Coast Outreach in honor of National Day of Service. Ann would also like Laguna Hills residents to write letters of support for low-cost housing in the Laguna Hill Mall project. Interested members can contact her at annowens@cox.net for more information.

Field Team: JuTedy Fike is taking over from Fay McIntosh. She will lead members in all areas of voter outreach and contact.

Fundraising: Martie Lubetkin and Melora Kloeckner will co-chair.

Car Parade: The next car parade will take place on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, from 3-5. A donation of \$50 gets your loved one a personal parade in front of their house and a heart-shaped box of chocolates. Sign-up on the club website to be part of the parade or to honor your sweetheart.

Sustaining Donors: The sustaining donor program raised over \$10,000 in 2020.

Volunteers: Anyone interested in joining the Fundraising Committee should contact Martie or Melora.

Membership: Ann Owens reported that we had 449 members in 2020. 158 members have renewed in 2021 and there are 46 new members in 2021 for a total of 204 members. 245 2020 members need to renew. There are multiple ways to renew membership.

Political Action: Andrea Alexander outlined the focus on local community issues such as promoting low-cost housing and Community Choice Energy to our City Councils. Lake Forest has made significant progress in these areas thanks to the efforts of the Lake Forest Focus Group. Patty Ebel will lead the Rancho Santa Margarita Community Focus Group. Walt Lawson will assist with the Mission Viejo Community Focus Group.

Programs: Annie Krinsky is always looking for suggestions for interesting speakers and topics.

Small Business Group: Cathy Udovch's group has been relatively dormant during our remote meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Johnson reported a beginning balance of \$11,655.60 on 12/1/20 and an ending balance of \$10,870.55 on 12/31/20.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Palmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: February 2, 2021, 7 pm via Zoom (Groundhog Day)

Next General Meeting: February 16, 2021, 7 pm via Zoom