

CANYON DEMOCRATS CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FINAL

Zoom Meeting

YouTube recording: <https://youtu.be/ZBqxSek-0ew>

Feb. 16, 2021, 7 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **QUORUM MET: 76 attendees (70 on Zoom, 6 on YouTube)**
4. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** – New members used the chat function to introduce themselves.
5. **The Consent Calender (53 yes to adopt the Consent Calendar items marked with X).**
 - a. **AGENDA**
 - b. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, Jan. 2021**
 - c. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. 53 votes by members to approve donation of \$2000.00 to Gary Pritchard's campaign for Orange County Board of Education.
 - ii. Members approved 2021 Revision of Constitution and Bylaws.
 - d. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - i. Preliminary report on the membership survey: The Executive Board will begin review of the responses to the 2021 membership survey.
 - ii. Break-out rooms: Members will be able to join break-out rooms organized by their city of residence at the end of the meeting. The purpose of the break-out rooms is to identify and work on local issues at the city level.
6. **PROGRAM:** Susan B. Parks, President & CEO, United Way of Orange County
Susan Parks gave an overview of the programs that Orange County United Way provides to assist citizens of Orange County. Emphasis is on Education, Financial Security, Housing, and Health.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Candidate Recruitment, Janet Henry, candidate@canyondems.org
Janet reminded us to tell our friends and family who live in OC Board of Supervisors District 2 to vote for Katrina Foley.
 - b. Communications, Allison Huke, communications@canyondems.org
No report
 - c. Community Outreach, Ann Owens, outreach@canyondems.org
Canyon Dems and OC United Way are co-hosting a virtual Homelessness 101 seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at 6 pm.
 - d. Field Team, Judy Fike, fielddirector@canyondems.org
No report.
 - e. Fundraising, Martie Lubetkin, fundraising@canyondems.org
Valentine's Day car parade raised \$150.00.
Sustaining members have contributed \$2375.00 so far this year.
Upcoming event: Vernal Equinox Wine Tasting via Zoom for \$65.00/household on March 20, 2021 from 4-6 pm. Tickets and more information available here: <https://canyondems.org/event/wine-tasting-on-the-vernal-equinox/>
 - f. Membership, Ann Owens, membership@canyondems.org

273 Total Members in 2021

211 members renewed.

61 new members.

189 members have not renewed.

- g. Political Action, Andrea Alexander, action@canyondems.org

63 messages were left for the Lake Forest City Council on the topic of Community Choice Energy.

Andee gave an overview of the purpose of Community Focus Groups.

- Provide a forum to discuss local issues
- Identify community leaders on local City Councils and Boards
- Attend meetings in person or virtually
- Draft resolutions for consideration by Canyon Democrats
- Keep group members informed on ways to take action
- Keep the Club informed about important local issues
- Search for potential candidates for City Councils and Boards
- Have fun doing all of the above
- To participate, email the lead for your city:

City	Contact Person	Email
Rancho Santa Margarita	Patty Ebel	Gardenprincess22@gmail.com
Laguna Hills		
Mission Viejo	Walt Lawson	wclawson@cox.net
Lake Forest	Andrea Alexander	Andreaalexander12@yahoo.com

- h. Programs, Annie Krinsky, programs@canyondems.org

March's Program: Dr. David Snow, UCI Professor Emeritus, will give a presentation on extreme poverty and homelessness in Orange County.

- i. Small Business Group, Cathy Udovch, business@canyondems.org

No report.

8. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Vice-Chairs Report (Janet Henry, vicechair@canyondems.org)

No report.

- b. Secretary's Report (Cathy Palmer, secretary@canyondems.org)

No report.

- c. Treasurer's Report (Ken Johnson, treasurer@canyondems.org)

1/1/21 Balance: \$10,879.55

1/31/21 Balance: \$11,285.65

9. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Schulman announced that she is running for re-election to the Saddleback Valley School Board in 2022. She thanked members for all of their support and for the support they have given to local candidates.

10. Community Focus Group Breakout Meetings

Members joined Breakout Rooms based on their city of residence.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM

The Executive Board made up of the officers and committee chairs meets on March 2, 2021.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IS TUES. MARCH 16, 2021, 7:00 PM

For more information about the Canyon Democrats Club, please visit us on Facebook or our website:
www.canyondemocrats.org

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Palmer, Canyon Democrats Secretary