

**CANYON DEMOCRATS CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Zoom Meeting

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April 20, 2021

- A. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm**
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. **ANNOUNCE QUORUM: 65 on Zoom, 2 on YouTube**
- D. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**—New members used the chat function to introduce themselves.
- E. Note items marked with will be approved when the agenda is adopted unless a member requests that the consent item is pulled for consideration later in the meeting.
- F. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS: Consent Calendar adopted by a vote of 45 yes to 1 no.**
  - i. **AGENDA**
  - ii. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 2021**
  - iii. **New Business if raised from the floor of the meeting: No new business raised**
    - Louise noted that former Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, was found guilty on all three counts for murdering George Floyd.
    - The Club will begin meeting in person at the Murray Center on May 18, 2021. All attendees **MUST** wear masks, remain socially distanced, and are encouraged to be fully vaccinated.
  - iv. **Motion to adjourn**
  - v. **Treasurer's Report (Ken Johnson, [treasurer@canyondems.org](mailto:treasurer@canyondems.org))**  
**Balance as of 3/1/21: \$13,657.10**  
**Current Balance: \$15,498.95**
- G. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - i. **Candidate Recruitment**, Janet Henry, [candidate@canyondems.org](mailto:candidate@canyondems.org)
    - a. **Joe Kerr, retired fire captain, is going to run for the OC Board of Supervisors District 5 seat** to replace Lisa Bartlett, who is termed out. Lisa Bartlett has tried to get rid of term limits before, and may try again.
  - ii. **Community Outreach**, Ann Owens, [outreach@canyondems.org](mailto:outreach@canyondems.org)
    - a. Canyon Democrats are partnering with Saddleback Hospital **to sponsor a blood drive** during the month of July. This will provide visibility for the Club in the larger community.
    - b. Ann encouraged all members to **support the inclusion of low-income housing in the Laguna Hill Malls project** at the Laguna Hills City Council Meeting on April 27, 2021 at 7 pm. Show support by writing a letter, showing up at the meeting, and bringing a sign.
  - iii. **Field Team**, Judy Fike, [fielddirector@canyondems.org](mailto:fielddirector@canyondems.org)
    - a. The Field Team is piloting a program to make bilingual calls to Hispanic voters. The purpose of the calls is to inform voters about the Canyon Democrats, ask registered voters to help with registering friends and families, and keep voters engaged. **Bilingual volunteers are needed.**
    - b. Canyon Democrats **delivered over 3000 Thank You for Voting postcards** to Democrats in our area.
  - iv. **Fundraising**, Martie Lubetkin, [fundraising@canyondemocrats.org](mailto:fundraising@canyondemocrats.org)
    - a. Join fellow Canyon Democrats for a virtual craft beer tasting on Saturday, May 1, from 4-6 pm. Cost is \$50.00 for 5 craft beers.
    - b. The Canyon Dems will host a pop-up booth on Saturday, April 24, from 9-3 pm at Portola Plaza. Volunteers are needed to set up, sell merchandise, and take down the booth.
  - v. **Political Action**, Andrea Alexander, [action@canyondems.org](mailto:action@canyondems.org)
    - a. The Political Action committee is looking for students who are interested in an internship with the Club. High school students can earn community service for assisting with voter registration. Interns will work with one of the Club's committees and will gain valuable experience that will enhance their college applications and job resumes.
    - b. Members are encouraged to become active in the Community Focus Groups for their city or unincorporated area.

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vi. **Programs**, Annie Krinsky, [canyondems.org](http://canyondems.org)

- a. Annie reminded everyone that the Canyon Democrats are hosting a virtual Earth Day event on Friday, April 23, at 7 pm on Zoom. Speakers will focus on the use of toxic chemicals in landscaping and plastic recycling.
- b. The speaker at our May 18, 2021 General Membership Meeting is Dr. Peter (Pete) Simi, Chapman University professor of sociology. (<https://www.chapman.edu/our-faculty/pete-simi>) He will speak on political extremism, domestic terrorism, and hate crimes.
- c. Our excellent speaker for the evening was Michele Goodwin, UC Irvine Law Chancellor's Professor of Law, who shifted the focus of her remarks from government authority in the time of a pandemic to the history of policing in the United States in light of the conviction of Derek Chauvin, former Minneapolis police officer, for the murder of George Floyd. Her talk was enlightening and extremely timely.

**H. Membership discussion time**

**I. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm**

**The Executive Board made up of the officers and committee chairs meets on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IS TUES. May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at the Murray Community Center. Note that no snacks or drinks will be provided. Members are encourage to bring their own water bottles.**  
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