

May 18, 2021 7:00 p.m.
CANYON DEMOCRATS CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Norman Murray Community Center

- A. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 pm**
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Walt Lawson**
- C. **QUORUM Met: 93 members present**
- D. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**—3 new members welcomed.
- 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. Louise Adler led members in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- G. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**
- i. ☐ **AGENDA**
 - ii. ☐ **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 2021**
 - iii. **New Business was removed from the consent calendar.**
 - iv. ☐ **Motion to adjourn**
 - v. ☐ **Treasurer's Report (Ken Johnson, treasurer@canyondems.org)**
4/1/2021 Balance: \$15,498.95
4/30/2021 Balance: \$20,278.52
- H. Committee Reports
1. **Candidate Recruitment: Janet Henry, candidate@canyondems.org**
Janet stressed the importance of allowing our Democratic Candidates a clear field and not recruiting other candidates for a position that already has a Dem running. We do not want to split the vote. Currently, we have two Democrats running for local offices:
 - Joe Kerr, OC Board of Supervisors, 5th District, joekerr.com
 - Sherine Smith, OC School Board, 5th District, voteshherine.com
 2. **Membership and Community Outreach: Ann Owens, members@canyondems.org**
 - We have 345 members. Ann's goal is to reach 400 members.
 - Canyon Democrats are sponsoring a Blood Drive at Saddleback Memorial Hospital. To schedule an appointment:
 - Call 949-452-3158
 - Email: Christie at cdraper@memorialcare.org
 - Online: memorialcareblooddonor.org
 - Support low-cost housing as part of the Laguna Hills Mall project. Email annowens@cox.net for details.
 - Support the inclusion of low-cost housing in the Mission Viejo 6th cycle Housing Element. Members who live in Mission Viejo are urged to submit comments to the MV City Council Meeting on June 8.
 3. **Field Team: Judy Fike, fielddirector@canyondems.org**
 - Club sponsored a pop-up booth at the RSM Pride event at the RSM City Hall on May 22, 2021.
 - Club members delivered 3400 Thank You for Voting postcards.
 - Waiting for information from the State to determine when we start to campaign to counter the Recall Newsom effort.
 4. **Fundraising: Martie Lubetkin, fundraising@canyondems.org**
 - Sustaining donors have contributed \$4260.00 so far this year
 - Red, White, and Bleu Wine Tasting
 - Our (hopefully) last Zoom Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 4-6 pm.
 - \$50.00 for two bottles of French wine.
 - One event planned for each month from now until the end of the year.
 5. **Political Action: Andrea Alexander, action@canyondems.org**
 - Andee explained what the Political Action team does and then introduced team members and spoke about what they are currently working on in their cities. She encouraged people to sign up for their City Focus Groups and reminded folks of the Clean LF event and the LGBTQ Rally in RSM on Saturday, May 22, 2021.
 6. **Small Business Group: Cathy Udovch, business@canyondems.org**
 - Canyon Dems are proud to support the local businesses of our members. Local small businesses are crucial to our community. Our members are great people with good values and we can't think of anyone better to do business with. If you're a member and would like to see your business in this directory, email us at info@canyondems.org.
- I. **PROGRAM: Annie Krinsky, programs@canyondems.org**
- Our program in June will be about the O.C. Board of Supervisors. The presenters will be Lulu Hammad and Karen Hernandez.
 - Annie introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Pete Simi, Associate Professor of Sociology, Chapman University. Dr. Simi discussed racism and domestic terrorism in the U.S. He shared his experiences living inside white supremacy groups, as described in his book "*American Swastika: Inside the White Power Movement's Hidden Spaces of Hate.*"

J. **Membership discussion time**

K. **□ ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Board made up of the officers and committee chairs meets on June 1, 2021, 7:00pm.
THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IS TUES. June ¹⁵, 2021, 7:00pm at the Norman Murray Community Center.
For more information about the Canyon Democrats Club, please visit us on Facebook or at our website:
www.canyondemocrats.org