

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting,
March 12, 2011

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:32 AM**.

Enough members were present to form a **quorum**.

The membership recited the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Approval of Minutes:

Chris Nava moved to approve the minutes of the February, 2011, General Meeting minutes. Rick Moore seconded the motion, which was passed.

Executive Board Actions:

Paul McNamara informed the members that the Board had agreed to sponsoring a "Working Families Summit". Pat Drinan would organize the event, probably in August. Pat noted that this would help in meeting the goal of finding good candidates for local office, and would involve other groups including organized labor and the Interfaith Community.

Paul announced that the San Diego County Democratic Party annual Roosevelt Dinner would be held on April 16th at the Holliday Inn at the San Diego harbor. Chris Nava, Vice President for Political Action hoped that enough members would sign up from the club to support two tables of ten.

Report of communications received/acted upon:

No communications were received.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Jeff Griffith made his report, with assistance from Butch Norwood.

Vice President for Political Action Report:

Paul McNamara noted that the volunteer recognition had been difficult to schedule at a General Meeting, and would (as V.P. for Political Action, Chris Nava concurred) be held as a special function. Paul noted that Pat Drinan was the volunteer in charge of completing the EDC goal for finding and grooming candidates, but that the club still needed volunteers to fulfill the goals of raising activism, increasing EDC membership, and involvement of the EDC in community issues.

Vice President for Membership Report:

On behalf of V.P. for Membership, Jason Everitt, Paul McNamara reminded members to pay their dues. He reminded members to please check the membership roster to make sure the information we had on each member was current and accurate. He reiterated the need for a volunteer to head up membership recruitment.

Vice President for Communication's Report:

Paul McNamara said that V.P. for communication, Rick Moore, was working to update the clubs Logo. Rick spoke briefly about what went into good logo design. Members were encouraged to make their suggestions about logo design to Rick.

Report of the President:

Paul McNamara noted that Margaret Liles had attended the Council of Clubs meeting, and that several members would be attending a forum that was being put on by the S.D.C. Central Committee today, in the afternoon.

Chris Nava, noted that the City Council was considering shifting H.U.D. funds from neighborhood programs and activities to code enforcement programs, such as graffiti removal. She said the City Staff would report to the City Council about how such a change could occur at the April 6, City Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Paul McNamara noted that at the February General meeting there had been an approved motion to have the EDC take a position on the proposed AAA Baseball Park in Escondido. He requested that a motion be made to table such a discussion for the April meeting. Members moved and seconded such a motion which passed.

Items brought forth by the membership for the good of the Order:

Chris Nava announced that there would be an on-line training session for people who wished to help fight the war on poverty.

The business meeting **adjourned at approximately 11:15 am**, and was followed by a presentation by Escondido Mayor Sam Abed and his plans and aspirations for the city.