

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting,
July 9, 2011

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:35 AM** .

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

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

Minutes: A member moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2011 meeting. Jason Everitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Board Actions:

President Paul McNamara called upon the Director for Candidate Recruitment and Development, Dr. Pat Drinan, to report on the upcoming Working Families Summit that he had developed. Pat announced that the summit would be held on the afternoon of September 24, 2011, at the Escondido Public Library. He notified the members of his committee for the event that he would have an organizational meeting before the next general meeting of the EDC, at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2011, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Report of communications received/acted upon:

Paul McNamara read a letter he had received from Jess Durfee. The letter noted that the endorsement of two prominent Democrats, Dave Roberts' and Mary Sessions' endorsement of Republican Bonnie Dumanis for San Diego Mayor, would not go unnoticed by the County Democratic Party, and that Roberts and Sessions would not be receiving any endorsement from the County Democratic Party in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul McNamara presented the report that had been prepared by Treasurer Butch Norwood. A copy is included with these minutes.

Vice President for Political Action Report:

Citizens Charter Coalition: VP for Political Action, Chris Nava, asked the Director for EDC Action in Community Affairs, Jason Everitt to report on this coalition. Jason noted that the EDC had played a leading role in initiating this new group. He reported on the two meetings that had been held by the group to date. He stressed the need for public input as asked members to get involved, and get other people involved as well. He explained that the current action of the group would be to stress the need to delay putting the City's Charter on the Ballot until the Nov. 2012 election, stressing the extra cost involved in putting it on the Ballot before that time. Jason asked members to attend the Mayor's upcoming July 12, Town Hall Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Mitchell Room at City Hall, as well as the City Council meeting the following day.

Chris Nava reminded members about the Big Blue BBQ, and asked them to buy tickets for the event. She also noted that volunteers were needed to help with the event.

Michelle Anne Mareck reiterated the need for people to go to the Mayor's meeting and the City Council meeting.

Vice President for Membership Report:

Paul McNamara reminded members to pay their dues.

Vice President for Communication's Report:

VP for Communications, Rick Moore, informed the members that some initial new logos for the EDC had been drawn up by a MiCalifornia professional artist. He advised the members that the Board would be deliberating on possible logos, and that it would probably be two months before a choice of new logos would be presented to the members.

Refreshment Committee:

Paul McNamara explained that the Refreshment Committee Chairs, Dan and Robin Buse had been unable to attend the meeting, and that Butch Norwood had graciously provided refreshments for this meeting. Paul suggested that perhaps a member might be interested in becoming an Assistant Refreshment Committee Chair.

Report of the President:

Paul McNamara noted that no member had been able to attend the June Council of Clubs meeting. Butch Norwood would attend the July meeting.

Paul asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee for the EDC Board election coming up in October. Butch Norwood agreed to chair the committee.

Member Harold Polesetsky asked Paul if he knew of anything that the Central Committee or any Democratic entity was doing to address the actions of Congressman Darrell Issa. Margaret Liles noted that the Courage Campaign had a "Issa Watch" campaign.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

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

Chris Nava asked the members to donate any old cell phones they might have to the Coronado Democratic Club's "Cell Phones for Vets" drive.

Miranda Griffith described a project that she is starting with the Easter Seals of Escondido and the City of Escondido to clean up graffiti. The project will begin the week of July 25, 2011. Miranda and other Escondido High School students will be painting fire hydrants and painting over graffiti at the Escondido Creed bike trail. She asked the members for volunteers to supervise the students during their volunteer work.

Joanna Welch announced a "Rebuild the Dream Campaign", (a MoveOn.org movement) event that she had organized for Saturday, July 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Chalice UU Church, 2324 Miller Ave., Escondido, CA.

Andrea Seavey spoke of the newly organized Future of Escondido group, that was formed to fight the cutbacks the current City Council was making to recreational activities, library hours, etc. She encouraged members to join the group and bring others along.

Michelle Anne Mareck again reminded members that attending the Mayor's meeting and the City Council meetings was important.

Nancy Lee Bradley announced that she and Ed were moving to Northern California. She told the club that they had really enjoyed their experience with the EDC. She also noted that the citizens of Escondido were beginning to wake up to the problems that the City Council was creating in Escondido, because the actions were affecting not just a certain group, but the average citizen.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:05.

Following the meeting Oceanside City Councilwoman Esther Sanchez spoke about her fight against the City Charter that passed in Oceanside. She encouraged Escondido Citizens to form a PAC as soon as possible in order to solicit contributions for a no campaign against the charter proposed by the current Escondido City Council.

Addendum:

Treasurer's Report:

Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances	5/31/2011 :	\$3,631.88
Receipts		
Donations	\$49.65	
EDC Fund Raising	\$11.50	
Membership	<u>\$165.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$226.15
Expenses		
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$25.00)	
Education and Outreach	\$0.00	
Political Action	(\$85.00)	
Membership	\$0.00	
EDC Fundraising	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>(\$110.00)</u>
Net Cash Flow		<u><u>\$116.15</u></u>
Closing Account Balances	6/30/2011 :	\$3,748.03



Treasurer's Report:

YTD Cash Flow vs Plan

	6/30/2011 YTD	6/30/2011 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$155.65	\$0.00	155.65
EDC Fund Raising	\$160.50	\$625.04	(464.54)
Membership	\$615.00	\$692.04	(77.04)
Total Receipts	<u>\$931.15</u>	<u>\$1,317.08</u>	<u>(385.93)</u>
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$682.50)	(\$591.58)	(90.92)
Education and Outreach	(\$125.00)	(\$364.06)	239.06
Political Action	(\$85.00)	(\$37.50)	(47.50)
Membership	\$0.00	(\$50.02)	50.02
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	(\$125.00)	\$125.00
Total Expenses	<u>(\$892.50)</u>	<u>(\$1,168.16)</u>	<u>275.66</u>
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$38.65</u>	<u>\$148.92</u>	<u>(110.27)</u>



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