

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting, February 13, 2010

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:33 am**.

Tracy Emblem spoke to the members briefly.

Paul McNamara noted that long-time valued member, Dave Bell, had died.

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

The membership recited the **salute to our flag**.

Rick Moore moved that the **minutes of the January General Meeting** be approved. Steve Slane seconded the motion which was passed by the membership.

Report of communications received/acted upon: no communications were reported.

Report of the Treasurer:

Ed Bradley reviewed the Monthly and YTD cash flow statements. These statements are included as an addendum to these minutes.

Report of the Vice President for Political Action:

Vice President Chris Nava encouraged members to call their representatives to urge them to pass health care reform--with a public option. She emphasized that it was especially important to call Senator Feinstein as she was receiving a lot of call from folks who were against this reform.

Chris also presented the The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to the members. The Board had voted to ask Escondido's Mayor Pfeiler to sign on to this agreement. The members would be asked to vote on this issue at the next General Meeting. A copy of this agreement is the second addendum to these minutes.

Chris noted that The Standing Rules for Candidate Endorsement and Standing Rules for Club Resolutions had been completed and were posted on our web site for members to read and comment upon. Also, there was now an immigration page on our website.

Chris announced that she was going to revive the movie nights that had been popular with members in the past. The first would be in one month (March 21-27) and the movie "Crude" an expose of Chevrons activities in South America would be shown.

Report of the Vice President for Membership:

Vice President Jason Everitt reported that he had e-mailed a survey form to all members that morning. His reason for the survey was to determine what the membership's interests were and in what sort of activities they would like to participate. He will report the results of his survey to the membership at the next meeting. He also encouraged all members to please pay their dues on time.

Report of the Vice President for Communications:

Vice President Rick Moore thanked members for the submissions he had received for the TAGLINE project. The Board will try to pare the number down to a short list which will be presented to the membership.

Rick noted that we now had a video segment on our website. He demonstrated how members could navigate the site to get to links with newspapers to send in letters to the editor, or get to various background pages for various issues.

Report of the President.:

President Paul McNamara talked briefly of his experience at the Council of Club and Central Committee meetings, and expressed his thanks to Rick Bova for helping him at those meetings.

Paul reminded the members that there was a North County Candidate Forum where Democratic candidates for Lt. Gov. & Atty. Gen. will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 in the Arts Building at Cal State University, San Marcos

Report from the Central Committee

Rick Bova noted that elections for the Central Committee were coming up. He stated he was not going to run to continue his membership on the Central Committee and encouraged the members to run for that office. He would be glad to talk with any members her were interested.

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

Joanna Welch announced that on Wednesday, February 17, the Progressive Democrats of America would hold a "brown bag" meeting at Congressman Brian Bilbray's 50th District office in Solana Beach to ask the Congressman to support health care reform.

Solana Beach Councilman Dave Roberts asked the membership to call their state representatives and insist they stop "stealing" from cities to balance the state budget.

Charles Cleveland encouraged the members to see the Jade Buddha that was now in Escondido.

Voter Registration Committee Chair, Allison Marks, announced that she needed members to volunteer to help her register voters especially for the upcoming Esc. Street Faire which she would be unable to attend.

Next Meeting:

Paul McNamara announced that the next meeting would be on Sat. March 13, at 10:30 AM at the East Valley Community Center.

Paul McNamara **adjourned** the meeting at 11:30 AM.

The meeting was followed by a speaker program on health care presented by **Sylva Hampton**, Health Care Committee Chair for the San Diego County League of Women Voters and **Paul J. Friedman, M.D.**, Professor of Radiology at UCSD, and expert on European health care systems.

ADDENDA

Treasurer's Report: Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances 1/1/2010 : \$4,633.78

Receipts

Donations	\$151.00	
EDC Fund Raising	\$24.00	
Membership	<u>\$360.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$535.00

Expenses

EDC Operating Expenses	(\$104.56)	
Education and Outreach	\$0.00	
Political Action	\$0.00	
Membership	\$0.00	
EDC Fundraising	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>(\$104.56)</u>

Net Cash Flow \$430.44

Closing Account Balances 1/31/2010 : \$5,064.22

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Treasurer's Report:

YTD Cash Flow vs Plan

	1/31/2010 YTD	1/31/2010 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$151.00	\$0.00	151.00
EDC Fund Raising	\$24.00	\$16.67	7.33
Membership	<u>\$360.00</u>	<u>\$323.33</u>	36.67
Total Receipts	<u>\$535.00</u>	<u>\$340.00</u>	195.00
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$104.56)	(\$77.50)	(27.06)
Education and Outreach	\$0.00	(\$20.84)	20.84
Political Action	\$0.00		0.00
Membership	\$0.00		0.00
EDC Fundraising	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(\$104.56)</u>	<u>(\$98.34)</u>	<u>(6.22)</u>
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$430.44</u>	<u>\$241.66</u>	<u>188.78</u>

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The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (As endorsed by the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, Chicago, 2005)

A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;

B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that 1) includes clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and

C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution