

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting,
June 11, 2011

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

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

Francine Busby announced a seven-day "Set Sail for Victory" Mexican Riviera cruise. Democrats from California and across the country are invited to join the cruise that begins on December 3, 2011. She also announced that the 2012 California Democratic Convention would be held in San Diego on the weekend of Feb 10 - 12. She also encouraged the members to support the Big Blue BBQ

At 10:40 AM, Paul McNamara interrupted the meeting to allow the speaker, Lorena Gonzalez, CEO and secretary-treasurer of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, to make her presentation, as she needed to leave early. She spoke of the current attack on working people and the middle class by Republican leaders throughout the country. The attack, she believes, is a well orchestrated one, designed by a Washington D.C. conservative think tank.

At 11:27 AM, Paul McNamara reconvened the meeting.

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

Minutes: Paul McNamara noted that minutes for two meetings, April and May, needed to be approved. Butch Norwood moved that the minutes for the April meeting be approved. Chris Nava seconded the motion which passed. Butch Norwood moved that the minutes for the May meeting be approved. Mark Skok seconded the motion, which also passed.

Executive Board Actions:

Paul McNamara informed the members that at their June Board Meeting, the Board had voted to spend up to \$200 to cover the initial costs of the group forming to develop a "citizens" city charter to counter the charter that the current Escondido City Council wishes to place on a November, 2011, ballot.

Paul also advised the members that the Board had recommended that the members approve spending up to \$150 to cover the cost of a children's entertainer at the July Big Blue BBQ. However, Chris Nava told the members that there had been some discussion by the North Area San Diego County Democratic Central Committee, of whether to have an entertainer or plan family activities such as a three-legged race, or perhaps members might volunteer to entertain the children. Rick Bova thought it would be good to have both an entertainer and family activities. Charles Cleveland moved that the club authorize the \$150 expenditure, but leave it up to the EDC Board's as to whether or not, and how, to use the money. A members seconded the motion.

Michelle Anne Mareck said that her experience led her to believe that teens make very good entertainers for children. The motion passed.

Report of communications received/acted upon:

No communications were received.

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:

Volunteer recognition: Carmen Miranda presented awards to four teenage volunteers who had put in many hours during the 2010 campaign. Miranda Griffith, Bianca Ariano, Christina Griffith, and Elijah Miranda, were given certificates of recognition for their service.

Chris Nava spoke of the emerging "Citizens' Charter" group. The first meeting of the group had been held on June 4, 2011, and had been well attended. Jason Everitt had pulled the meeting together and had done a good job moderating the meeting. Although the EDC had initiated the movement, it was to be a non-partisan group, and includes several other community organizations. She told the members that the consensus at that first meeting was to develop an alternative charter to the one pushed by the City Council. The Council's charter was typical of one of the Republican strategies to weaken Unions. The charter developed by the new citizens group might include provisions for district elections, term limits, and absolute protection for Prop. S and Prop. K. Chris noted that the group strongly believed that any charter needed citizen input. The Council's proposed charter had been especially pushed by Councilwoman Marie Waldron in order to bolster her run for State Assembly. The Council's charter had been essentially copied from the one that had passed in 2010 in Oceanside. The next meeting of the Citizens Charter group will be June 25, 2011, the main Escondido Library at 10:00 AM.

Chris noted that the redistricting maps had put Escondido with Temecula and rural East County, a very conservative area.

Vice President for Membership Report:

Paul McNamara reminded members to pay their dues. He noted that the club rooster was being brought up to date. Margaret Liles noted that she had volunteered to send notices to members when their dues needed to be paid.

Vice President for Communication's Report:

Rick Moore informed the members that he had a new page on the EDC website that explained and provided information about city charters.

Rick had made contact with a professional design artist, and they were now working on a new Logo for the club.

Rick asked for volunteers for a small group that he could call on to write Letters to the Editor when an issue, such as the Charter proposal, arose. This way the EDC could coordinate a response to an issue.

Report of the President:

Paul McNamara said that Rick Bova had agreed to coordinate EDC representation at Council of Club meeting.

Paul said there had been a 300% increase in the number of EDC members present at the Memorial Day service at Oak Hill, that is, a total of 6 members attended.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Pat Drinan had made progress in putting together his Working Family Summit. He had established a date in September. He will have a report of who (prospective candidates) will participate at the July general meeting, and will have sign-up sheets at that meeting.

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

Dan Buse alerted members that the grocery workers might soon go out on strike, reminding them that should that happen, they should not shop at picketed stores.

Nova Morgan told members the Fresh & Easy stores had been guilty of several labor violations, and requested that members refrain from shopping there.

Harold Polesetsky said that the EDC must get their endorsements made much earlier than they had in the 2010 election cycle.

Andrea Seavey expressed her concern that the United States, and President Obama, were not supporting the United Nations enough.

Michelle Anne Mareck heartily endorsed the comments of Harold Polesetsky.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:10.

Addendum:

Treasurer's Report:

Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances	4/30/2011 :	\$3,858.38
Receipts		
Donations	\$19.00	
EDC Fund Raising	\$22.00	
Membership	\$10.00	
Total Receipts		\$51.00
Expenses		
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$152.50)	
Education and Outreach	(\$125.00)	
Political Action	\$0.00	
Membership	\$0.00	
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	
Total Expenses		(\$277.50)
Net Cash Flow		(\$226.50)
Closing Account Balances	5/31/2011 :	\$3,631.88

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Treasurer's Report:

YTD Cash Flow vs Plan

	5/31/2011 YTD	5/31/2011 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$171.00	\$0.00	171.00
EDC Fund Raising	\$72.00	\$604.20	(532.20)
Membership	\$850.00	\$576.70	273.30
Total Receipts	\$1,093.00	\$1,180.90	(87.90)
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$452.51)	(\$536.17)	83.66
Education and Outreach	(\$267.00)	(\$324.23)	57.23
Political Action	\$0.00	(\$31.25)	31.25
Membership	\$0.00	(\$41.69)	41.69
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	(\$125.00)	\$125.00
Total Expenses	(\$719.51)	(\$1,058.34)	338.83
Net Cash Flow	\$373.49	\$122.56	250.93

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