

Minutes  
Escondido Democratic Club  
General Meeting,  
May 14, 2011

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

At this time there were not Enough members were present to form a **quorum**, but enough members entered in the next ten minutes to form one.

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

**Executive Board Actions:**

As there had not been enough Board members to form a quorum at the May Board meeting, there were no Executive-Board actions to report.

**Report of communications received/acted upon:**

No communications were received.

**Award Presentation:**

Phil Hanneman, Director of the California Democratic Party Region 20 Central Committee, presented their Volunteer of the Year Award to Chris Nava, the EDC's Vice President .

**Vice President for Political Action Report:**

Chris Nava described the activities at the California Redistricting Committee Meeting/Hearing she attended on Friday, May 13, at Cal. State University San Marcos. Members Mark Skok and Margaret Liles had also attended the meeting, and they also gave brief reports of their impressions.

Paul McNamara reminded members that only one of the EDC's goals remained without a leader--and that was for the Political Action Goal to improve the level of activism of EDC members.

**Vice President for Membership Report:**

Paul McNamara reminded members to pay their dues.

Paul also thanked Robin and Dan Buse for taking over the meeting refreshment duties.

**Vice President for Communication's Report:**

Rick Moore said he was still looking for a professional graphic artist who would volunteer their services to design a logo for the EDC.

Rick asked the members who were on Facebook to "like" the EDC site.

Rick was pleased to announce that Nova Morgan, a member of the California Central Committee for the 74th Assembly District, had volunteered to help him with the website.

### **Treasurers Report:**

No treasurer's report was available this month due to the transition within that office.

### **Report of the President:**

Paul McNamara encouraged members to attend City Council meetings, and thanked Dollie McQuiston for keeping a close eye on the Council's activities. Paul reminded the members that the EDC should have a presence at the Memorial Day Activities in Escondido. Paul has attended these ceremonies in the past representing the EDC, and laying a wreath at the memorial in the Oak Hill Memorial Park.

### **Old Business:**

**Officer Elections:** President Paul McNamara reminded the members that at the April General Meeting, members had agreed to vote on changes to the Executive Board proposed at the April Meeting at this meeting. Rick Moore nominated Jeff Griffith to be the new Vice President for Membership. Christine Nava seconded the nomination. There were no nominations from the floor. The members then voted Jeff Griffith in as the new Vice President for Membership.

Mark Skok nominated Butch Norwood to be the new Treasurer. Michelle Ann Mareck seconded the nomination. Again there were no nominations from the floor, and Butch Norwood was voted in as the new Treasurer.

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

Charles Cleveland reported that the Governor and State Legislature were contemplating extreme cuts to education and social services. He encouraged the members to contact their representatives to protest these cuts. He suggested a great deal of state expense could be eliminated by taking non-violent offenders, such as drug users, out of the jails. He also encouraged members to support Home Boy Industries that helped keep boys out of gangs.

Rick Bova announced that the San Diego County Democratic would have a fund raising picnic on July 31.

Pat Drinan announced that he was organizing a Working Families Summit to be held this September. This will be an opportunity to develop possible candidates for local offices.

Mike Davis, responding to Charles Cleveland's report, noted that the USA had the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Rick Moore noted that there had been some good news in that the efforts of Roy Garrett and others had been successful in apparently changing the minds of the four City Council members who had voted to close the City Pools and the Skate Park according to the *North County Times*.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:15.

The meeting was followed by a presentation from Murtaza Baxamusa, an expert in public policy who serves as Director of Planning and Development for the Family Housing Corporation, a unit of the Building Trades Council. His presentation was on the

differences in California General Law Cities and Charter Cities. He also described some of the problems that the Charter, proposed for Escondido by Council Woman Marie Waldron, would create.