

SVDC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2019

(Approved by E-Board on July 24th 2019; revised July 30th 2019)

Headen-Inman House

Attendance

Club Officers:

President: Art Cohen

Vice-President: Jennie Hutchinson

Treasurer: William Barrett

Recording Secretary: Vinod Menon

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Sell

Vinod Menon

Members-At-Large: Catherine Williams, Belinda Stow, Ed Cobb, Jeff Orloff, Jeff Levin, Fred Rehhauser, Shalom Marquardt, **Kristin Rivers**

Absent: **Adia Hoag**, Michele Dauber, Linda Sell, Kristen Lyn, **Marika Krause**, Sita Stukes (resigned), David Donaldson (resigned)

Guest Attendees: Alan McLaren

(July 23rd 2019: Vinod: "I need to apologize again for the belated formal capture of Meeting Minutes, due to the unexpected relapse of severe back, shoulder hand pain crimping my ability to type; I have since recovered my ability to type almost fully, as of July 22nd")

Itemized Agenda Topics:

2. E-Board accepted the May 2019 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Vinod Menon, after requiring Vinod to make the following 2 edits:
 - 1) *Correspondence Secretary: TBD => Linda Sell*
 - 2) *Remove duplicate names from the list of Members-at-Large who were present at the meeting*

Revised May 2019 Meeting Minutes were sent out to E-Board on June 26th 2019
3. **<AI_Art -> Jeff Levin>** Include Kristen Rivers in E-Board email alias, obtain photo and bio to put on SVDC website
4. May's General Meeting, Meeting Committee feedback:
 - a. Agenda: Somebody else need to review, catch typos
 - b. **<AI_Linda>** Send "Get Well" E-card on behalf of SVDC to Art's wife who is recuperating from surgery
 - c. **<AI_Art>** Send WORD version of Agenda to Belinda to review prior to circulation
 - d. **<AI_Catherine>** Rotating post-meeting clean-up duties for general meetings:
publish rotating E-Board member task schedule

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- e. Guidelines / concerns that are applicable to General Meetings and Holiday parties:
 - i. Keep introductions short
 - ii. Speakers should be given same amount of time for Candidate Endorsement meetings
 - f. Data Management:
 - i. Jeff Levin: 10 Members whose emails are bouncing
 - ii. <AI_Jeff L>: Send list of 10 email bounces to Belinda, for follow-up
 - g. Microphone Management during Meetings:
 - i. Campbell facility Staff is available on call to test microphones, and perform "mike" checks
 - ii. <AI_Art> perform sound check, and 2 hand-held mike checks, and 1-lapel mike check prior to start of meeting
 - iii. <AI_Catherine> Contact **Katie** (of Campbell facility) to inform her about recurring malfunctioning microphones. SVDC is paying PA equipment rental fees
 - iv. <AI_Vinod> Vinod to inform Art whether the microphone volumes need to be raised/lowered, by listening at the back and sides of the hall, when Art performs the mike check
 - v. <AI_Jeff O> Due to ABC license issues, let us continue to provide cider instead of wine; Martinelli: Red, White, Blush ... cost \$57
 - vi. Food + Drinks costing \$185; suggesting donation of \$5 from those present to defray food and drinks' costs
 - vii. Use Paper cups, no single-use plastic cups
 - viii. <AI_Eboard, who?> Purchase or bring Igloo container loaded with drinking water, in order to avoid use of single-use plastic drinking water bottles
5. **Pre-endorsement conference allocations for SVDC:**
- a. Vote for local Democrats- Supervisors-Senate
 - b. SVDC has certain # of seats
 - c. <AI_Art> Read and resend Representatives information, 10 reps this year? – July 9th deadline
 - d. Side Topic:
 - i. Lezli Logan would like to rejoin E-Board, greatly interested in volunteering to perform Design Work
 - ii. Art opines that Hoi Poon, and many others may also be interested. **"We need to have a process for announcing E-Board vacancies when seats become available due to resignations"**
 - iii. <AI_Jeff Levin> Send out email to Membership, about new E-Board members upon being confirmed, including Bio
6. **Recognition for David Donaldson from SVDC, for services rendered to Club:**
- a. Proposed by Bill Barrett, seconded by Jeff Levin; unanimously approved, 0 abstentions
 - b. Questions: Who do we honor? And why?



d. Budget of \$40 to \$100?

7. Motion to change SVDC Mailing Address to Headman-Inman House with private mail slot, from Bill Barrett's home address:

a. Proposed by Art, seconded by Jeff Levin; unanimously approved, with 0 abstentions

8. Treasurer's Report:

a. <AI_Bill> Send Insurance coverage information for July 2019, to Art

b. Motion to pay annual insurance Premium, NTE \$700: proposed by Bill, seconded by Vinod. Unanimously approved, with 0 abstentions

c. Motion to pay Santa Clara Historical Society; \$170 for yearly rental for Rental Room was proposed by Bill, seconded by Vinod. Unanimously approved, with 0 abstentions

9. Club Events - Picnic Preparations:

a. <AI_Jeff O> Email list of tasks to be assigned to volunteers for helping with picnic

b. Suggestion from Jennie, that we raffle reusable SVDC-logo water bottles, raffle tickets at \$10 for 1 hotel stay at Marriott, or use the SVDC-logo water bottles as a giveaway memento for picnic attendees included in their \$50 ticket

c. Water Bottle Maker: Union-shop, family sitting in a circle making items as they work, quick Monterrey-based "Pacific" "they are amazing"

d. <AI_Kristin, Jennie > Volunteer to investigate Water Bottle project, delivery executable at reasonable cost within the Picnic Date deadline

e. How about having candidates like Cortese, Brandanini, who are candidates to sponsor tables at the picnic? Use donations from candidates, or table booking for candidate's volunteers

f. Almaden Park is not heavily shaded; no sink, no water service

g. Capacity of Park facility is limited to 136-170

h. Suggestion to move the Picnic time up by 1 hour from 4PM to 3PM - Vinod

i. Power outlets not available

j. <AI_Jeff O> Need to check on Loud Speaker usage guidelines

k. <AI_Jeff O> what is the food service price? Liquid refreshments?

10. No updates from Environmental committee

11. No updates from Programming Committee – Jennie

12. <AI_Jeff Levin> Promotion of August 3rd picnic on SVDC website

13. Recording following Motion made by Art and seconded by Fred:

"To accept President's appointment of Jeff Levin to Communications Chair role. On May 28th via email the motion passed with 14 voting yes, and 5 non-responses. Linda, Art, Jennie, David, Jeff O, Marika, Vinod, Belinda, Kristen, Bill, Ed, Jeff L. and Cathy voted YES. No response: Michele, Shalom, Adia and Sita.

14. Recording following Motion made by David Donaldson via email on June 9th 2019, and approved unanimously



"to appoint Kristen Rivers to the SVDC Executive Board as an at-large member to replace the remaining term of Sita Stukes, who recently resigned. Seconded by Jennie Hutchinson, and approved by all Board members on June 12th."

15. **Recording Motion made by Jennifer Hutchinson. Motion carries that SVDC Exec Board supports the following resolution. Seconded by Michele Dauber.** In favor: "Resolution In Support of Grassroots Resistance Organizations WHEREAS new grassroots resistance organizations formed to recruit, organize, and activate volunteers to protect our Democracy after the 2016 election; WHEREAS volunteers from Swing Left, Democracy Action, Sister District Project, Indivisible, and numerous other grassroots organizations all worked to empower and lift Democratic values while achieving significant victories for the Democratic Party; and WHEREAS opportunities for dialog, engagement, and cooperation exist between these organizations and our Party to meet shared electoral goals through more effective collaboration. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party recognizes and commends the impact of grassroots resistance organizations and coalitions in the 2018 election cycle; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will promote, uplift, support, and work in conjunction with these organizations to better advance shared electoral goals, including electing a Democratic President in 2020."
