

SVDC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 24th, 2019

Headen-Inman House

Attendance

Club Officers:

President: Art Cohen

Vice-President; Jennie Hutchinson (*Absent*)

Treasurer: William Barrett

Recording Secretary: Vinod Menon *Vinod Menon*

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Sell

Members-At-Large: Catherine Williams, Belinda Stow, Ed Cobb, Jeff Orloff, Jeff Levin, Fred Rehhauser, LezLi Logan, Shalom Marquardt

Absent: Adia Hoag, Kristen Lyn, Kristin Rivers, Michele Dauber, Marika Krause

Guest Attendees: Nicole Fisher (See Agenda Item #6)

Itemized Agenda topics

2. Motion to accept June '19 Meeting Minutes, submitted by Vinod Menon, was proposed by Fred, seconded by Jeff R, and voted yes on all Board members in attendance, except LezLi Logan (since she had not attended prior meeting)

After this Board the meeting, Vinod edited the following in the E-Board June'19 Meeting Minutes, and reissued them on July 30th 2019 with the following edits:

1. Corrected Kristin Rivers' first-name spelling,
 2. Corrected Campbell Heritage Center's Katie name spelling,
 3. Removed Adia Hoag's name that had been included incorrectly in both the Meeting Attendee list, and in the Absentee list; left it in the Absentee list
 4. Corrected Almaden Park Capacity from 102 to 136-170
3. **LezLi Logan was welcomed back on to the E-Board with all round resounding applause**
"Get well" cards for Michele Dauber, Kristin Rivers, and Art's wife Jackie were signed by the E-Board members present at the meeting
 4. **Update on Meeting Room Reservations by Belinda Stow and Catherine Williams:**
 1. Due to a Banquet Hall scheduling conflict, during September '19 and October '19 Meetings will be held in Roosevelt Room, ½ size of Banquet Hall, No Stage, Limited room for food set-up
 2. Outside signage on A-Frames to re-direct attendees
 3. Speakers need to help
 4. Includes Sound System and Screen
 5. Across from the Pool
 6. BYO Projector



7. Bathrooms are right outside room
 8. <AI_LezLi> Post Roosevelt Room map on Meeting Announcement
5. **Treasurer's report:**
1. <AI_Bill/Kristen> Income Details from Picnic, Wild Apricot reporting – QuickenBooks reconciliation
6. **Guest_Nicole Fisher, Vaccination Bill**
1. Bill to address low vaccination rates in certain school districts, that are purportedly enabled by “unscrupulous doctors” writing “fraudulent” vaccination exemptions; “doctors selling exemption letters, without even seeing patients”
 2. “Law is not going to fix the problem of low vaccination rates”
 3. Government oversight should not be in the way of “Medical Practitioner-Patient interaction”
 4. “State Bill SB 276- “Personal Belief Exemption to Vaccination, went away”
 5. PROPOSAL and Ask:
 - i. Educate the Public
 - ii. Get time on Politicians’ calendars <AI_Belinda>
 - iii. **Membership vote on Motion at Aug 19th meeting**
 - iv. **SVDC is not Anti-Vaccination, however do not want Government to interfere with Medical Practitioner-Patient interaction**
 - v. <AI_Jeff Levin> Help with crafting the Motion
 - vi. **Time-sensitive, since Assembly is moving on this bill on Aug 30th**
7. **August Picnic Update from Jeff Orloff:**
1. Food: Andy’s BBQ served food, at \$30/person; Buffet style, *not plated meals*
 2. Food for 50 people minimum = \$1,500
 3. Andy’s BBQ will deliver, present, and serve the food, and bring utensils, napkins
 4. Facility Rental: \$220
 5. 17 Tables X 10 per table =170, will be too crowded; so recommend 8 people seated per table = 136 total
 6. Parking on week-end is \$6 per car
 7. \$2 parking passes available for picnic attendees over 60 years old, from the Parking Office at Happy Hollow
 8. Jeff O will hold Parking Place for Andy’s BBQ Truck
 9. Table Cloths being brought by Jeff O
 10. PA System: <AI_Art> Check with Bill James regarding Audio Battery System Availability, and with Mike Sterrone of Sunnyvale Democratic Club
 11. It cost SVDC \$20 to change the Picnic Reservation Date
 12. Vegetarian Burgers – Andy’s BBQ is charging \$8 extra, per Veggie Burger Patty! We would need to insist that Green-banded Vegetarians would be the only one’s eligible for Veggie Burgers so that costs can be kept low
 13. <AI_Linda> Approach Congressman Ro Khanna’s campaign manager, to spread word about the SVD Picnic that Congressman Khanna will be a featured speaker on the Ro for Congress Facebook page



14. **Santa Clara County Supervisor-candidate Chu is known to present Certificates to Dem Club honorees**
 15. Is **Dave Cortese's** campaign booking a Table?
 16. Is **Jenny Bradanini's** campaign booking a Table?
 17. **No Water-Bottle Raffle giveaways are planned**
 18. **<AI_LezLi>** In lieu of Mercury News advertisements, use Facebook, set up click on Event and Invite Friends
 19. **Pride Event is scheduled on same day!**
 20. **<AI_LezLi>** Prepare Picnic Sign-up sheet for August Membership Meeting
 21. **PASSED Motion to spend NTE \$60 on SVDC Banner for Picnic, proposed by LezLi, seconded by Jeff Levin, all present in favor, no abstentions**
 22. **<AI_Linda>** Bring 10 X10 Canopy to Picnic
 23. **<AI_LezLi>** Vinod proposed that a reminder to picnic participants to bring hair covering (hats, caps) to protect heads and faces from sun, due to minimal tree-cover at Picnic
8. **Program Committee Updates: NONE**
 9. **Endorsement Committee Updates:**
 1. **No Endorsements at upcoming August General Membership Meeting**
 2. Speakers:
 - i. Sierra Club –Katherine Phillips Executive Director
 - ii. Hoi Poon and Mark Levine, US Congressman
 10. **Ballots needed for August Meeting?**
 1. **No election in August – only hand vote or badge vote on items**
 2. September: District 10 – Jenny Bradanini
 3. October: State Senator to replace Gerry Hill
 11. **E-Board Meeting Snacks: A BIG Thank you for Jeff Levin for chocolate-dipped fruits, and cut fruits, and tea;** LezLi signed up to bring snacks for December E-Board Meeting
 12. **Communication Committee Updates/ Website:**
 1. Jeff Levin brings experience, LezLi brings expertise on Communication responsibilities
 2. **Motion to ratify LezLi and Jeff Levin as Co-chairs of the Communications Committee made by Jeff Levin; passed unanimously with no abstentions**
 3. **<AI_Art & LezLi>** Art and LezLi to discuss Membership Chair role
 4. **<AI_Vinod>** Email prior SVDC Meeting Minutes to Jeff Levin for posting on SVDC website
 13. **Environment Committee Updates/ Volunteer Support for Picnic:**
 1. Climate Action: Non-politically, work with non-profits, out and climate change
 2. Speakers included: Dave Cortese, Ash Kalra
 3. **<AI_Linda>** prepare write-up on the Climate Action Event for SVDC newsletter
 4. **<AI_Art>** Issue a message from President of SVDC regarding Climate Action
 5. **Include event on FB Committee Page, SVDC Page, Progressive Partners' Calendar**

14. **Motion to update our codify our E-Board policy of distributing via email at least one day before our E-Board meeting to all members our monthly E-Board agenda and post all minutes of E-Board meetings online on our website.**

This policy will increase transparency of E-Board meetings to our over 400 paying members.

a) And to remind them that there is a board meeting that they can attend and participate if they have a question. There will be a protocol for this communication so that it is not disruptive to the meeting's agenda.

b) And this will make all members aware of activities and opportunities to volunteer. We should reach out more to members to help with activities and those that come to board meetings might be more open to participating.

c) This is in sync with our County party central committee meetings and fellow Democratic Clubs. Best to ping members via email than to hope they will come to our website to learn about events.

Presently, the automated email announcing upcoming E-Board meeting to SVDC members, does not include E-Board Meeting Agenda

PASSED Motion to enhance existing event notification link to blog to be created that includes E-Board Meeting Agenda. Proposed by Jeff Levin, 0 abstentions, 0 Nays.

Guests to E-Board meeting must be accompanied by an SVDC Member
Open Forum

15. **Ads for Picnic:**

1. **No SJ Mercury Ads for picnic**
2. Advertising was held back due to cancellation
3. **Dave Cortese will be back up for Ro Khanna**, in case Ro Khanna is suddenly unavailable; Dave is an SVDC endorsed candidate
4. Need to approve advertising \$150 for picnic.
5. Democrats: Zoe Lofgren, Ro Khanna, Anna Eshoo, Chu, have a host of FB followers, and mailing lists
6. Solicit Democratic Party registered voters who want to receive text; Kristin Rivers has a list
7. **PASSED Motion for spending \$50 in Facebook Advertising for August Meeting payment; Fred made motion, LezLi seconded. Passed unanimously 11-0, with no abstentions.**
8. Belinda suggested that we inform OCI of the SVDC August Meeting and Picnic
9. <AI_Communication Team_LezLi> Contact Celeste at OCI

16. **Central Committee Meeting Report: Fred**

1. There was no time for Club reports
2. Items pertaining to decriminalization got tabled to Aug 15th meeting
3. Reports on Bye-laws changes

17. **Women's Caucus Update:**

1. Oppose Victimization Resolution August 1st



2. <AI_Shalom> Prepare different Talking Points, contact Judy Pipkin (per Fred's recommendation)

18. **State Campaign on Clean Money Bill, contribute \$50?**

SB47; there are several State Bills, before we do consider make any contributions to State Bills campaigns, we should determine balance in State Fund to determine how much we can contribute

1. <AI_Bill/Kristen> Ascertain Sate Fund Balance and report to E-Board via email
2. **Fred shared that SVDC has historically been the Champion of Clean Money Campaigns**
3. <AI_Lezli_Jeff Levin> initiate Email conversation within E-Board to approve funding once State Fund balance amount is confirmed

19. **Motion to have E-board support SB-564: Not voted ON**

1. Some concern voiced as to why it is being considered to be limited to be a topic to be deferred to the Women's Caucus
2. **Deferred Motion to Email discussion by the E-Board**

20. **Motion PASSED July 19th Motion to support TJ Cox flyer communication support.**

Art motioned July 8th, Fred seconded. Voted in favor: Art, Fred, Catherine, Kristen Lyn, Marika, Michele, Belinda, Bill, Linda, Jeff L, Jeff O, Jennie

21. **Update on Pre-Endorsement delegates and process for SVDC:**

Art is not comfortable sharing the details, in writing for now, regarding appointments and alternates from SVDC, until he hears back from Central Committee

Update on Pre-Endorsement delegates and process for SVDC. Summary: Total 10 delegates and 10 alternates for ADEMs 24 (2), 25 (1), 27 (1), 28 (6) submitted to Regional Directors and SCCDP chair on July 9th 2019. 9 delegates reside in state district 15. Confirmation received from all Regional Directors that they received the suggested appointments and alternates from SVDC. **According to calendar provided by Central Committee: on or by August 21st, all delegate/endorsement lists will be finalized.**

22. **Schools and Communities First Initiative and Charter Schools Bill update:**

TABLED until Adia Hoag is back

23. **Membership Management Committee:**

1. **Motion to recommend to SVDC President to appoint LezLi Logan as Chair of Membership Management Committee, proposed by Linda.** Motion was voted on. 10 E-Board member attendees voted in Favor. **Art abstained, stating that the decision is his prerogative as President, and Art wants to give it further thought,** and that the E-Board meeting was already running over by 10 minutes.



